

# MANAGEMENT UNIT 3N

## *Toklat River Corridor*

### MANAGEMENT INTENT

**General.** State land in this unit is retained in public ownership for multiple use management. The emphasis is on maintaining fish and wildlife habitat and protecting future agricultural development opportunities. All state land in this unit is open to mineral entry.

Much of this management unit is poorly drained, inaccessible, and has no other known resources.

**Agriculture.** Approximately 4,480 acres in Subunit 3N2 may have potential for agriculture, although topographic maps suggest dunes. Subunit 3N2 is designated resource management and will be managed for multiple uses, especially agriculture and habitat, until the unit is reevaluated and the plan amended. Agriculture may not be feasible if there is a substantial increase in mineral development.

**Fish and Wildlife.** Fish and wildlife habitat is designated a primary use in Subunit 3N1 and is emphasized in Subunit 3N2 under the resource management designation.

The riparian and upland areas along the Toklat and Sushana Rivers are important-rated habitat for most wildlife species. Prime-rated habitat for moose and furbearers occurs along the river, and prime-rated

habitat for grizzly bears occurs in the uplands (B-1 habitat; see Appendix A, *Glossary*).

The Toklat River corridor south of the Toklat Springs spawning area has major grizzly bear concentrations. The Toklat and Kantishna rivers are a migratory pathway for chum salmon to reach Toklat Springs, and are important game corridors.

Access to Subunit 3N1 should be limited or discouraged to protect wilderness hunting experiences. Human activities will not be encouraged in the Toklat River salmon spawning area where grizzlies concentrate, to ensure public safety and protect the wildlife habitat. Areas upriver from Toklat Springs will be managed to maintain high water quality and minimize impacts on the Toklat Springs spawning area.

**Recreation.** Recreation is designated a secondary use in Subunit 3N1. Recreational uses of the Toklat River include hunting, floating, and winter trails. These uses should not compromise the quality of the spawning area.

### MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

Management guidelines that apply to all state land are listed in Chapter 2. Some or all of those guidelines may apply to uses in this unit.

**LAND-USE DESIGNATION SUMMARY**  
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Subunit	Primary Surface Uses	Secondary Surface Uses	Subsurface <sup>1</sup>	Prohibited <sup>2</sup> Surface Use	Comments
3N1	Wildlife habitat	Public recreation	Open	Air strips Land disposals Leases Remote cabins Trapping cabins	
3N2	High value resource mgmt. -agriculture -wildlife habitat		Open	Land disposals Remote cabins	

<sup>1</sup> Subsurface designations refer to locatable minerals. All areas are available for leasing for leasable minerals, except as noted for coal.

<sup>2</sup> Other uses such as material sales, land leases, or permits that are not specifically prohibited may be allowed. Such uses will be allowed if consistent with the management-intent statement, the management guidelines of this unit, and the relevant management guidelines listed in Chapter 2.