

MANAGEMENT UNIT 3Q

Comma Lake

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 hunting and recreation opportunities. Land in this unit is generally poorly drained and inaccessible. All state land in this unit is open to mineral entry.

Fish and Wildlife. Fish and wildlife habitat is designated a primary use in all subunits. These subunits are important-rated habitat for grizzly bears. The uplands around Comma Lake in Subunit 3Q1 are important-rated habitat for several wildlife species, especially moose and furbearers (B-1 habitat; see Appendix A, *Glossary*).

Grizzly bear habitat will be managed primarily for hunting under wilderness conditions and secondarily for maximum hunter participation; therefore improvement of access to this area will not be encouraged.

Forestry. Forestry is designated a primary use in Subunit 3Q2, and a secondary use in subunits 3Q1 and 3Q3 because of timber values in the Totek Hills and along the Teklanika River.

Recreation. Recreation is designated a secondary use in subunits 3Q1 and 3Q2. Primary recreation uses are winter trails.

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.

Remote cabins. State-owned land in Subunit 3Q3 may be considered for remote cabin permits. An interagency team will determine areas to be opened and number of permits to be allowed, after a detailed evaluation and public involvement.

LAND-USE DESIGNATION SUMMARY MANAGEMENT UNIT 3Q: COMMA LAKE

| Subunit | Primary Surface Uses | Secondary Surface Uses | Subsurface ¹ | Prohibited ² Surface Use | Comments |
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| 3Q1 | Wildlife habitat | Forestry Public recreation | Open | Land disposals Remote cabins | |
| 3Q2 | Forestry Wildlife habitat | Public recreation | Open | Land disposals Remote cabins | |
| 3Q3 | Wildlife habitat | Forestry | Open | Land disposals | Low density settlement may be acceptable |

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

² 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.