

MANAGEMENT UNIT 4C

Yanert River

MANAGEMENT INTENT

General. State land in this unit is retained in public ownership for multiple use management. The emphasis is on managing recreation and maintaining fish and wildlife habitat. Land disposals will be closed to mineral entry prior to sale. The remainder of state land in this unit is open to mineral entry.

Fish and Wildlife. Fish and wildlife habitat is designated a primary use in Subunit 4C2. The lower Yanert River Valley is winter range for the Yanert caribou herd. There is also prime- and important-rated raptor habitat along the Yanert and Nenana rivers (A-2 habitat; see Appendix A, *Glossary*).

Raptor habitat in this subunit should be protected through management guidelines.

Recreation. Recreation is designated a primary use in Subunit 4C2. The Alaska Range, Yanert Valley, Panorama Mountain, and the Nenana Canyon have high recreation values for hiking, skiing, dog mushing, and kayaking. These areas should remain in a natural condition for maximum enjoyment of their recreational values.

The Nenana River is recommended for designation as a State Recreation River (see also Management Unit 4R).

A trail head and parking area for the Yanert River Valley will be identified by the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation and be retained in public ownership. The Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation should also identify campsites close to roads that could accommodate overflow from Denali National Park. River access sites at the national park and McKinley Village should be designated.

Settlement. Settlement is designated a primary use in Subunit 4C1. Approximately 400 acres may be offered for private ownership.

Whitewater Homestead (4C1a) 400 acres

An area near the highway and the entrance to the Park should be recommended for exchange from the National Park Service. If the exchange occurs, the land the state acquires may be sold (300 acres).

Land Swap Subdivision (4C) 300 acres

A 100-foot buffer from the ordinary high water mark of the right bank of the Nenana River will be retained in public ownership in the Whitewater Homestead sale area.

Two areas in Subunit 4C1 have been offered for private ownership. The acreage offered may have been less than the maximum amount shown. A portion of the developable land may be available for additional offerings.

Village View Subdivision 200 acres

Village View Extension Subdivision 100 acres

Note. In the 1990 TBAP update, Montana Creek Homestead was renamed Whitewater Homestead to avoid confusion with a similar name in the south-central region of the state.

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 ¹	Prohibited ² Surface Us	Comments
4C1	Settlement	Public recreation Wildlife habitat	Closed prior to sale Closed to coal	Remote cabins	Plan map legend: 4C1a - Whitewater HS Past projects: Village View S Village View Ext. S Recommend land exchange from the Park Service
4C2	Public recreation Wildlife habitat	Forestry	Open	Land disposals Remote cabins	

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.