

MANAGEMENT UNIT 4E

Stampede Trail

MANAGEMENT INTENT

General. State land in this unit is to be retained in public ownership for multiple use management. The emphasis is on managing recreation and maintaining fish and wildlife habitat. All state land in this unit is open to mineral entry.

Fish and Wildlife. Fish and wildlife habitat is designated a primary use in Subunit 4E1. The western half of this subunit is extremely high value habitat as a calving and winter range for the McKinley caribou herd (A-1 habitat; see Appendix A, *Glossary*). The remaining area is prime-rated habitat for caribou, moose, grizzly bear, and furbearers (B-1 habitat; see Appendix A, *Glossary*).

Other important activities are big game hunting, trapping, and wildlife viewing.

Minerals. The area between Dry Creek and the Teklanika River has potential for coal bearing formations.

Proximity to Denali National Park may inhibit mineral development; however, mineral entry, coal prospecting, and leasing will be allowed.

Recreation. Recreation is designated a primary use in this unit. Important recreation sites include 8 Mile Lake and Stampede Road Historic Trail. Activities are backpacking, camping, and hunting.

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.

Subsurface Resources. This unit is open to mineral entry, but during the exploration phase of development, activities may be discouraged or prohibited in the caribou calving area between May 1 and June 10. During the development and production phases, disturbances to caribou and their habitat will be minimized.

This unit is available for oil, gas, and coal leasing. Impacts on caribou from exploration and development will be avoided or mitigated, especially during the calving season (May 1 to June 10).

Specific measures will be determined in the leasing process. Examples of mitigating measures are siting and consolidation of facilities, avoiding or minimizing activities during calving season, and allowing unrestricted movement of caribou through the lease area.

LAND-USE DESIGNATION SUMMARY MANAGEMENT UNIT 4E: *Stampede Trail*

Subunit	Primary Surface Uses	Secondary Surface Uses	Subsurface ¹	Prohibited ² Surface Use	Comments
4E1	Public recreation Wildlife habitat		Open See guidelines	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.