

MANAGEMENT UNIT 4F

Parks Highway Corridor

MANAGEMENT INTENT

General. A major portion of this unit has already been sold for settlement. Additional areas may be offered for sale. The remainder of state land is retained in public ownership for multiple use management. The management emphasis is on recreation, protecting future agriculture development opportunities, and maintaining fish and wildlife habitat.

Land disposals will be closed to mineral entry at the time of sale. The remainder of state land is open to mineral entry.

Agriculture. Agriculture is designated a co-primary use in Subunit 4F3. Approximately 10,830 acres may be offered for private ownership, in phases.

Chump I Agriculture (4F3a)	500 acres
Chump II Agriculture (4F3a)	500 acres
Kobe II Agriculture (4F3b)	1,830 acres
Kobe III Agriculture (4F3b)	750 acres
Kobe IV Agriculture (4F3b)	750 acres
Kobe V Agriculture (4F3b)	750 acres
Kobe VI Agriculture (4F3b)	750 acres
Windy I Agriculture (4F3c)	1,000 acres
Windy II Agriculture (4F3c)	1,000 acres
Windy III Agriculture (4F3c)	1,000 acres
Windy IV Agriculture (4F3c)	1,000 acres
Windy V Agriculture (4F3c)	1,000 acres

Soils may be too shallow for agriculture. Improved pasture grazing will be allowed. In Subunit 4F3, land may be sold fee simple (for settlement) if soils are not suitable for agriculture.

One area in Subunit 4F3 with co-primary designations of agriculture and settlement has 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.

Kobe I Agriculture	1,500 acres
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Healy Agriculture was found to have unsuitable soils for agriculture and was offered as a homestead (see Settlement).

Note. The 1990 TBAP Update could not locate Chump Agriculture (4F3a, 1,000 acres) on the map. This project should be reviewed in a future update and possibly dropped.

Fish and Wildlife. Fish and wildlife is designated a primary use in Subunit 4F2. The Parks Highway corridor is important-rated habitat for most fish and wildlife species and prime-rated habitat for moose, black bear, and furbearers (B-1 habitat; see Appendix A, *Glossary*).

The Nenana River is prime-rated raptor habitat in the foothills and critical-rated salmon spawning habitat where springs feed smaller creeks or enter the Nenana River.

Activities are intensive hunting, trapping, and wildlife viewing.

Forestry. There are limited forest values in this unit. Forestry is designated a secondary use in Subunit 4F2 and will be managed for local use.

Recreation. Recreation is designated a primary use in Subunit 4F2. High value recreation sites are the Nenana River, Kobe Summit, and the Panguingue Ridge, which provides views of the Alaska Range. The settlement pattern in this unit places the value of open space at a premium.

Brown's Crossing, Big Panguingue, and Bear Creek Access Sites will be designated. June Creek is recommended for a state recreation area. State recreation trails will be designated to the Kobe Summit and Panguingue Ridge in the surrounding high country. They will be managed according to guidelines in Chapter Two.

A trail leading to the lake within the Slate Creek disposal will be identified, marked by a trail head on the road, and retained in public ownership. Dry Creek and Otto Lake historic sites will be protected.

Settlement. Settlement is designated a primary use in Subunit 4F1. Approximately 1,300 acres may be offered for private ownership. Otto Lake Sub-division should be offered in three phases.

Otto Lake I Subdivision (4F1a)	75 acres
Otto Lake II Subdivision (4F1a)	75 acres
Otto Lake III Subdivision (4F1a)	150 acres
Slate Creek Homestead (4F1b)	1,000 acres

Nine areas in Subunit 4F1 have been offered for private ownership. A portion of the developable land may be available for additional offerings.

Anderson Subdivision	1,200 acres
June Creek Subdivision	1,115 acres
Panguingue Subdivision	827 acres
Rex Subdivision	43 acres
Bear Creek Homestead	400 acres
Healy Homestead	4,840 acres
Ridge Rock Homestead	400 acres
Southwind Homestead	1,000 acres
Windy Creek Homestead	4,000 acres

Acreage for Anderson, June Creek, Panguingue, and Rex subdivisions is that available over-the-counter as of May, 1984. Acreage for Bear Creek, Ridge Rock, and Windy Creek homesteads is that available as of April, 1984. Acreages shown may not be the maximum offering.

The acreage for Healy and Southwind homesteads may have been less than the maximum amount shown.

Note. The settlement density of Bear Creek and Ridge Rock Homesteads should not exceed the number of acres divided by 20, as established in this offering prior to the 1985 TBAP.

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.

Scenic Highway. Commercial developments on state land near the highway between mileposts 243 and 255 should be confined to areas recommended for development in the study "Scenic Resources along the Parks Highway" (DNR, 1980 - Unit 20). A 300-foot buffer from centerline on each side of the roadway should be managed to maintain or enhance scenic views along the highway. Development activities such as timber harvesting and land-use authorizations may be allowed within this buffer if the activity is designed to maintain or enhance the scenic values of the highway corridor, and to provide opportunities for viewing background scenery. This guideline will not preclude highway maintenance and improvement.

Gravel pits visible from the road should be reclaimed. South of Ferry, milepost 255 to 262, developments should be confined to the west side of the highway because good views are mainly to the east.

The remainder of the Parks Highway corridor should be managed according to the general guidelines in the highway study. It recommends limited development in areas where the view might be obstructed.

LAND-USE DESIGNATION SUMMARY
MANAGEMENT UNIT 4F: *Parks Highway Corridor*

Subunit	Primary Surface Uses	Secondary Surface Uses	Subsurface ¹	Prohibited ² Surface Use	Comments
4F1	Settlement	Forestry Public recreation Wildlife habitat	Closed prior to sale Closed to coal	Remote cabins	Plan map legend: 4F1a - Otto Lake S 4F1b - Slate Creek HS Past projects: Anderson S Bear Creek HS June Creek S Panguingue S Rex S Ridge Rock HS Southwind HS Windy Creek HS
4F2	Public recreation Wildlife habitat	Forestry	Open	Land sales Remote cabins	
4F3	Agriculture Settlement	Forestry Public recreation Wildlife habitat	Closed prior to sale Closed to coal	Remote cabins	Plan map legend: 4F3b - Kobe II - VI Ag 4F3c - Windy Ag Past projects: Kobe I Ag Healy HS
4F4	High value resource mgmt. -recreation -settlement -habitat		Open	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.