

# MANAGEMENT UNIT 40

## *Mountains Southwest of Upper Wood River*

### MANAGEMENT INTENT

**General.** State land in this unit is retained in public ownership for multiple use management. The emphasis is on 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 401. It is critical-rated habitat as calving grounds for the Yanert caribou herd (A-1 habitat; see Appendix A, *Glossary*). The herd migrates only small distances between this area and the Yanert drainage to the southwest. Caribou migration corridors will be maintained.

**Minerals.** This unit is open to mineral entry. North of Grizzly Creek and the south fork of Dean Creek have high potential for gold-bearing and silver-bearing massive sulfide deposits. Miscellaneous use permits will be used to protect calving areas from conflicts between mining and habitat.

**Recreation.** Recreation is designated a secondary use in this subunit. There is a moderate level of recreational use.

### 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

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Subunit	Primary Surface Uses	Secondary Surface Uses	Subsurface <sup>1</sup>	Prohibited <sup>2</sup> Surface Use	Comments
401	Wildlife habitat	Public recreation	Open See text for guidelines	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.