

# MANAGEMENT UNIT 6B

## *Paradise Mountain*

### 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, forestry, and recreational values. An area may be offered for settlement after plan amendment. All state land in this unit is open to mineral entry.

**Fish and Wildlife.** Fish and wildlife habitat is designated a primary use in subunits 6B1, 6B2, and 6B3. This area is a winter range for the Fortymile caribou herd. It also has habitat values for black bear, furbearers, moose, and waterfowl. The area is a subsistence use area for local residents.

**Forestry.** Forestry has been designated a primary use in Subunit 6B2. This subunit contains primarily marginal hardwood and moderate mixed timber stands.

**Minerals.** There is moderate potential for mineral development. Mineral claims exist in the Cheneathda Hills. This management unit is open to mineral entry.

**Recreation.** Recreation has been designated a primary use in Subunit 6B3. A 640-acre site for a campground may be located near the road in the Northway area. If an additional campground site is needed, the lakes near the Canadian border should be considered first. Site location should be done in consultation with local communities and residents.

The wilderness values of Subunit 6B1 should be maintained.

**Settlement.** Approximately 200 acres may be offered for private ownership, in Management Unit 6B. A plan amendment will be required to designate settlement a primary use in Management Unit 6B.

Northway I Subdivision (6B) 100 acres

Northway II Subdivision (6B) 100 acres

The exact location will be determined in consultation with the Northway Village Council, the Northway Corporation, and local residents. The subdivision will allow for community expansion of Northway.

No other sales will be offered in the unit. Difficult access makes settlement potential low.

### 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 subunit.

**Alaska Highway Selections.** The plan recommends selecting blocks of land within Subunit 6B1. For further description, see Chapter 4, *Proposed State Selections*.

**Highway Buffers.** A 300-foot buffer from centerline on each side of the Alaska Highway 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.

**Remote Cabins.** State-owned land in subunits 6B1, 6B2, and 6B3 is open for remote cabin permits. The number of permits allowed will be determined by an interagency team after a detailed evaluation of the subunit and with public involvement.

**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
6B1	Wildlife habitat		Open		
6B2	Forestry Wildlife habitat		Open		
6B3	Public recreation Wildlife habitat		Open		

<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.