

MANAGEMENT UNIT 6F

Robertson River

MANAGEMENT INTENT

General. Four areas are designated settlement and may be offered for sale. The remainder of state land is retained in public ownership for multiple use management. The emphasis is on recreation, forestry, maintaining fish and wildlife habitat, and protecting future agricultural development opportunities.

Agriculture. Small-scale agriculture or agricultural homesteads will be considered in the Tower Bluffs Homestead, Subunit 6F1 (see Settlement). If the area is found unsuitable for agriculture, fee simple homesteads will be offered.

Fish and Wildlife. Fish and wildlife habitat is designated a primary use in subunits 6F2 and 6F3. This unit includes prime-rated habitat for black bears, grizzly bears, caribou, moose, and furbearers (B-1 habitat; see Appendix A, *Glossary*). The Macomb caribou herd lives in the northern part of the unit. Subunit 6F2 should be managed to maintain the habitat and a sustainable level of human use.

Forestry. Forestry is designated a primary use in Subunit 6F2. There are timber stands along the highway and along many of the creeks. Timber will be managed on a sustained yield basis for personal and commercial use.

Minerals. There is mineral potential in much of this unit. Mining claims have been located on Berry Creek and on unnamed creeks draining north from Knob Ridge. Land disposals will be closed to new mineral entry prior to sale. The remainder of state land in this management unit is open to mineral entry. Berry Creek is recommended as a high priority for enforcement of water quality standards.

Recreation. Recreation is designated a primary use in subunits 6F2 and 6F3, and a secondary use in Subunit 6F1. Several lakes in Subunit 6F3 have high recreation value. Robertson Lakes has high potential for recreation development because of its location, views, and good highway access. Forrest Lake is recommended for a state recreation site.

Recreation is designated a secondary use in Subunit 6F2. A public recreation trail system along Knob Ridge will be designated to provide access from points on the Alaska Highway to lakes and high country.

Settlement. Settlement is designated a primary use in Subunit 6F1. Approximately 1,240 acres may be offered for private ownership.

Fireweed Homestead (6F1a)	240 acres
Robertson River Homestead (6F1b)	200 acres
Tower Bluffs I Homestead (6F1c)	200 acres
Tower Bluffs II Homestead (6F1c)	200 acres
Tower Bluffs III Homestead (6F1c)	400 acres

The Tower Bluffs Homestead area should not be offered until Fireweed Homestead reaches maximum capacity. Robertson River Homestead will remain closed until the Fireweed and Tower Bluff Homestead areas are at capacity and additional settlement land is needed. When Robertson River is offered, only sections 29, 30 and the north half of 32 will be offered for sale.

One area in Subunit 6F1 has been offered for private ownership. The acreage shown is the acreage available over-the-counter as of May, 1984, and may not be the maximum offering. A portion of the developable land may be available for additional offerings.

Tower Bluffs Subdivision	260 acres
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Note: The settlement density for Fireweed Homestead should not exceed the number of acres divided by twenty, as established in the 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.

Oil and Gas. Surface entry for oil and gas exploration and development will, to the extent feasible and prudent, avoid Robertson Lakes.

LAND-USE DESIGNATION SUMMARY
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Subunit	Primary Surface Uses	Secondary Surface Uses	Subsurface ¹	Prohibited ² Surface Use	Comments
6F1	Settlement	Forestry Public recreation Wildlife habitat	Closed prior to sale Closed to coal	Remote cabins	Plan map legend: 6F1a - Fireweed HS 6F1b - Robertson River HS 6F1c - Tower Bluffs HS Past project: Tower Bluffs S
6F2	Forestry Public recreation Wildlife habitat		Open	Land disposals Remote cabins	
6F3	Public recreation Wildlife habitat		Open	Land disposals Leases Remote cabins	Robertson Lakes Forrest Lake

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.