

# MANAGEMENT UNIT 6H

## *West Fork*

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### MANAGEMENT INTENT

**General.** State land in this unit is retained in public ownership for multiple use management. The emphasis is on recreation, maintaining fish and wildlife habitat, and protecting future agricultural development opportunities.

**Agriculture.** Subunit 6H1 may have potential for agriculture. Until the area is evaluated, it will be designated resource management and managed for multiple use.

**Fish and Wildlife.** Fish and wildlife habitat is designated a primary use in subunits 6H2, 6H3, and 6H4. These subunits are prime-rated habitat for black bears, furbearers, and moose (B-1 habitat; see Appendix A, *Glossary*). The Tanana River corridor has especially high wildlife values and recreational use.

**Forestry.** Forestry has been designated as a primary use in subunits 6H3 and 6H4. These subunits contain a wide variety of forest stands, all with feasible access and development potential. There is moderate value timber in Subunit 6H2, and forestry is designated a secondary use. The timber will be managed for commercial and personal use.

To avoid conflicts with traditional uses, forestry development will be designed, by using winter roads, to minimize summer access and creation of additional hunting pressure.

**Minerals.** Minerals has been designated as a primary use in Subunit 6H4. All state land in this unit is open to mineral entry.

**Recreation.** Recreation is designated as a primary use in Subunit 6H4. Recreation is designated a secondary use in Subunit 6H2 and recognized as an important resource in Subunit 6H1. The Tanana River will be managed to protect its high recreational values. Recreation access sites along the river will be reserved.

Specific sites on the Tanana Bluffs should be identified by the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation for the study of plant life during the last glacial era.

**Settlement.** No additional residential disposals are recommended because of the high number of disposals around Tok.

### 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.

**Tanana River Corridor.** A 300-foot corridor extending from mean high water on both sides of the Tanana River will be retained in public ownership and managed for recreation and habitat.

**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
6H1	High value resource mgmt. -agriculture -forestry -minerals -public recreation -wildlife habitat		Open	Land disposals Remote cabins	
6H2	Wildlife habitat	Forestry Public recreation	Open	Land disposals Remote cabins	
6H3	Forestry Wildlife habitat		Open	Land disposals Remote cabins	
6H4	Forestry Minerals Public recreation Wildlife habitat		Open	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.