

MANAGEMENT UNIT 7C

Tanana Uplands

MANAGEMENT INTENT

General. This unit will be retained in public ownership for multiple use with an emphasis on public recreation and forestry values. The unit is open to mineral entry.

A monitoring program of the patterns and impacts of use is recommended for the Goodpaster area, particularly for the Goodpaster Winter Trail (Subunit 7C1), see Chapter 4, Research and Monitoring.

Fish and Wildlife. Fish and wildlife habitat is a secondary use for this management unit.

Forestry. Forest use is a primary land use for this management unit. The Division of Forestry priorities for this unit are for access from the Richardson Highway through the Quartz Lake area to harvest timber in Subunit 7C1 and in the Tanana Valley State Forest Unit 9 Indian Creek area.

Recreation. Recreation is a primary use in this management unit. The Goodpaster Winter Trail shall be protected by a 100-foot buffer to allow continued traditional use (see Chapter 2, Trail Management Guideline B). The existing trail network shall remain available for traditional recreational access.

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 management unit. Special guidelines that apply only to this unit follow.

Access. Road use will be designed to minimize conflicts between logging trucks and recreational vehicles, particularly in the Quartz Lake area. Specific measures may include timing of use and higher road standards.

The Goodpaster Winter Trail is shown as the Fortymile-Big Delta Trail in the DOT&PF 1974 Existing Trail System. This trail may lie within an RS 2477 right-of-way. Until asserted as an RS 2477, and validity and management decisions made, the Goodpaster Winter Trail should be managed for winter-only use by road vehicles to minimize impacts on the scenic and recreational values of the Goodpaster River, and to maintain the roadless char-

acter of the river. DNR will adjudicate land actions, including timber sales, consistent with this intent. DNR will not upgrade this trail to an all-season road.

To minimize impacts on the scenic and recreational values of the Goodpaster River, and to maintain the roadless character of the river, winter roads in this unit will be designed and managed to minimize possible use by all terrain vehicles in the summer.

Public Notice. To continue involvement by groups concerned with development in the Goodpaster River area, DNR will consult with organizations on the Goodpaster Review Working Group in reviewing proposed timber harvest, access plans, and other activities requiring public notice. See Appendix G for a list of the organizations on this group; see Appendix A for a definition of consultation. The Division of Forestry will also send notice each year of the draft Delta Five-Year Schedule of Timber Sales to the Goodpaster Review Working Group members and to DPOR. DPOR will notify the Delta and Fairbanks Area Parks Advisory Boards of the review schedule. The Five-Year Schedule contains the proposals for timber sales, access, and reforestation in this area.

Visual Impacts. Development activities within Subunit 7C shall be designed to minimize the visual impacts to the scenic values of the Goodpaster River Corridor (Subunit 7D1).

For timber harvest:

- Cutting units will be located so they minimize impacts on the viewshed from the river.
- There will be no timber harvest within a 200' leave strip along the Goodpaster Winter Trail, except for the purposes of removing hazards.
- Cutting units and access shall be designed to blend into the natural landscape pattern. Type of harvest for cutting units will give consideration to topography and silvicultural requirements in meeting visual concerns. In the case of patch clearcuts, size and shape are recognized as primary concerns.
- Preliminary cutting unit design will be included in the Forest Management Report available for public and interagency review.

LAND-USE DESIGNATION SUMMARY
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Subunit	Primary Surface Uses	Secondary Surface Uses	Subsurface ¹	Prohibited ² Surface Use	Comments
7C1	Forestry Public recreation	Wildlife habitat	Open	Land disposals	

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.