

MANAGEMENT UNIT 7F

Tanana River

MANAGEMENT INTENT

General. The Tanana River will be retained as a public and navigable waterway and is to be managed for its wildlife habitat, forest, and recreation values. Public access to and use of the river corridor will be maintained. This unit is open to mineral entry.

Waterways are a natural corridor for migratory animals. This unit provides a buffer to prevent the loss or disturbance of wildlife habitat, particularly for peregrine falcons, a federally protected endangered species. This buffer is also designed to protect water quality and prevent accelerated bank erosion. Certain portions of the Tanana are of key importance to the salmon fishery. Of major concern is the maintenance of water quality and quantity necessary for successful spawning and egg development and of streambank integrity at the immediate spawning sites.

Designation of the unit for habitat purposes will assure high quality game and fish habitat and in turn protect commercial fishing and hunting uses of the corridor. This unit will also be classified forestry. Personal use of timber or commercial harvest within this unit must be consistent with habitat and recreation values. Materials are an important resource, and its removal is an allowable use. However, negative impacts on visual characteristics, habitat value, water quality, or access should be avoided.

Fish and Wildlife. Fish and Wildlife habitat is designated as a primary use for this management unit. Protection of essential peregrine falcon habitat shall be afforded by following the Essential Habitat Land Policy for the Peregrine Falcon in Alaska, written by the Department of Fish and Game.

Forestry. Forestry is a primary use designation in the unit. Forest resource development shall not diminish the fish and wildlife value of the Tanana River unit.

Recreation. Recreation is a primary use in this management unit. Recreational use management shall be such as to ensure the maintenance and/or improvement of habitat. Commercial recreation development is allowed by lease agreement provided the uses are consistent with the primary management objectives.

Other Resources. Material sales may occur as long as these sales do not diminish fish and wildlife values. The Alaska Railroad extension shall remain as a reserved use corridor, 300 feet in width.

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.

LAND-USE DESIGNATION SUMMARY MANAGEMENT UNIT 7F: *Tanana River*

Subunit	Primary Surface Uses	Secondary Surface Uses	Subsurface ¹	Prohibited ² Surface Use	Comments
7F1	Forestry Public recreation Wildlife habitat		Open	Land disposals Remote cabins	

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.