



September 2, 2022

Dear Interested Community Members & Organizations,

In 2018, the Alaska Legislature passed [Alaska Statute 41.23.280](#) establishing the Jonesville Public Use Area (JPUA) to address concerns of safety and to provide a spectrum of public recreation opportunities while maintaining fish and wildlife habitat. The JPUA lies entirely within the Matanuska Valley Moose Range (Moose Range), Alaska Statute 16.20.340, that is managed through the [Moose Range Management Plan](#). The Moose Range was established to maintain, improve, and enhance moose population and habitat and other wildlife of the area, and to perpetuate multiple public uses of the area. The Moose Range Management Plan was adopted by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) in 1986.

Alaska Statute directs DNR to prepare management plans that include long-range guidelines and management practices for the JPUA and the Moose Range. Developing the plans concurrently will ensure compatibility and consistent management of state resources.

Much has changed in the 36 years since the original Moose Range Management Plan was adopted including the official establishment of the JPUA. In response, DNR is initiating a plan revision process. Planning is a way of sorting through concerns and the many possibilities for public use of the area while developing and ultimately adopting a management plan. Through this planning process, we will work to find alternatives with the greatest benefits for all Alaskans. Public involvement is essential to ensure that future actions are not only consistent with the agency mission and the enabling legislation of JPUA and the Moose Range, but also present a shared vision for the future for both.

You are invited to become part of this planning effort by assisting us in identifying the issues that should be addressed during this effort and again later by reviewing and commenting on draft documents. Public scoping open house meetings will be held to gather information and discuss issues. There are five (5) opportunities to attend a public scoping open house meeting:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Room 102 Robert B. Atwood Building 550 W 7 <sup>th</sup> Ave, First Floor	Monday, September 19 <sup>th</sup>	From 12-2 PM
Chickaloon Community Center Milepost 76.2 Glenn Highway	Monday, September 19 <sup>th</sup>	From 6-8 PM

Wasilla Middle School 650 E Bogard Road	Tuesday, September 20 <sup>th</sup>	From 6:30-8:30 PM
Sutton Elementary School 11672 Wright Way	Wednesday, September 21 <sup>st</sup>	From 6-8 PM
Virtual Open House via <a href="#">Microsoft Teams</a>	Wednesday, September 21 <sup>st</sup>	From 12:00-1:30PM

Written comments are encouraged during this initial scoping stage and can be submitted on-line or by mail:

Submit Comments [Public Comments System](#)

Mail Comments to: Jonesville/Moose Range Management Planning  
550 West 7th Ave, Suite 1050  
Anchorage, Alaska 99501-3579

Additionally, DNR has created a questionnaire to help inform development of this plan. To access the questionnaire visit: <https://arcg.is/0qbDWj>. Responses to the questionnaire and scoping comments must be received no later than October 31, 2022.

For more information and updates on the plan process, visit:  
<https://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/planning/mgtplans/jonesville-mooserange/>

Sincerely,



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