

Unit 18. Middle Mulchatna River Corridor, Keefer Creek to Koktuli River

Background

Land Status. Most of the unit is owned or selected by the state. Seventeen Native allotments are located in the unit.

Miles of River. The main channel of the Mulchatna River extends for 22 miles.

Access. The corridor is moderately accessible by motorboat and airplane. The unit is about a one-hour flight from Iliamna.

Existing Development. No cabins are documented in the unit. Two sites have been used as commercial camps near the Koktuli River; on one site the state intends to issue a lease for a commercial sport fishing facility.

Fisheries. The Mulchatna River provides important spawning and rearing habitat for king, chum, and coho salmon. Fishing opportunities for freshwater species are good.

Subsistence fishing use is low. Sport fishing use is low and is associated with floating and a commercial camp in the unit.

Wildlife. This portion of the Mulchatna River is braided and provides good winter range. Moose density is moderate to high. Caribou density is generally high in the fall and moderate to high in winter depending on snow depths.

Subsistence hunting use is high; the unit is a traditional fall hunting area for local residents. Sport hunting use is moderate and increasing.

Trails and Easements. None.

Other Values. Floating use is high and both guided and unguided. Scenic values are low because of low landscape diversity and constricted views. One cultural site is located in the unit.

Management Intent

Semi-primitive use experience.

Management Guidelines

Long-term Use (longer than 14 consecutive days at one site)

Permanent facilities	Prohibited.
Temporary facilities	May be allowed (case-by-case).
Trapping cabins	May be allowed (case-by-case).
Boat storage	May be allowed (case-by-case).
Airstrip development	May be allowed (case-by-case).
Docks: permanent	Prohibited
temporary	May be allowed (case-by-case).
Other uses	May be allowed (case-by-case).

Short-term Use (14 consecutive days or less at one site)

See Short-term Uses (generally allowed uses) in Chapter 2.

Other Guidelines Specific to this Unit

- U18.1 Long-term Uses Associated with Mineral/Oil and Gas Activity. For long-term uses associated with mineral and oil and gas exploration and development, see Chapter 2 guideline.
- U18.2 Siting Criteria. Long-term uses will be sited to minimize evidence of human use.

Public Use Sites

None.

Recommendations for this Unit

None.