MANAGEMENT UNIT 2: North of Nelchina River

Background

This management unit includes land along the Glenn Highway north of the Nelchina River and south of Slide Mountain. Most of the unit is state owned although several privately owned parcels are located along the Glenn Highway. There are several homes along the highway including a small community near the Little Nelchina Lodge. To the north is the Nelchina Public Use Area.

Management Intent

The plan proposes that 500 acres of land be offered for private ownership. Land not transferred into private ownership should be managed for multiple use, particularly forestry and wildlife habitat. The area remains open to mineral entry, although land offerings would be closed to mineral location before disposal. The land offering should ensure that access is retained to Slide Mountain, which contains numerous paleontological artifacts and fossils. Land within 1/4 mile of the Nelchina River should be retained in public ownership to protect the integrity of the river corridor.

Management Guidelines

Settlement Area. The DNR Area Forester will work with the Division of Land and Water Management (DLWM) to identify commercial forest lands and avoid disposal of these stands to the extent possible. Access routes to areas south of the Nelchina River also should be reserved for future use.

Gravel Pits. Existing gravel pits and areas identified on the management unit map as having high potential for sand and gravel will be retained in public ownership.

The complete set of management guidelines is presented in Chapter 2. Any of the guidelines could apply to uses within this management unit; however, guidelines that are most likely to apply are:

Fish and wildlife habitat
Forestry
Settlement

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LAND USE DESIGNATION SUMMARY
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SUBUNIT	LAND OWNERSHIP (GENERALIZED)	LAND USE DESIGNATIONS				PROHIBITED SURFACE USE(S)*	COMMENTS
		SURFACE		SUBSURFACE			
		PRIMARY USE(S)	SECONDARY USE(S)	LOCATABLE MINERALS	LEASEABLE MINERALS		
2	State, some private	Settlement Forestry	Wildlife habitat Sand and gravel	Open, except disposal area closed before offering	Available for leasing	Remote cabins Trapping cabins	Estimated net land offerings - 500 acres

* 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.

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RESOURCE INFORMATION SUMMARY

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RESOURCE	SUBUNIT 2
Fish	none documented
Forestry	moderate conif.
Historic-Cultural	unknown
Minerals	outside of known mineral terranes
Oil and Gas	low
Recreation	low
Sand and Gravel	existing sites and potential areas
Settlement Suitability	low to moderate; very accessible
Transportation	along Glenn Highway
Wildlife	B-1 habitat

Settlement Area: Isolated small tracts of land in this unit have potential for low density settlement.

For definitions of ratings, see glossary. For more detailed information on any resources, see resource elements published under separate cover.

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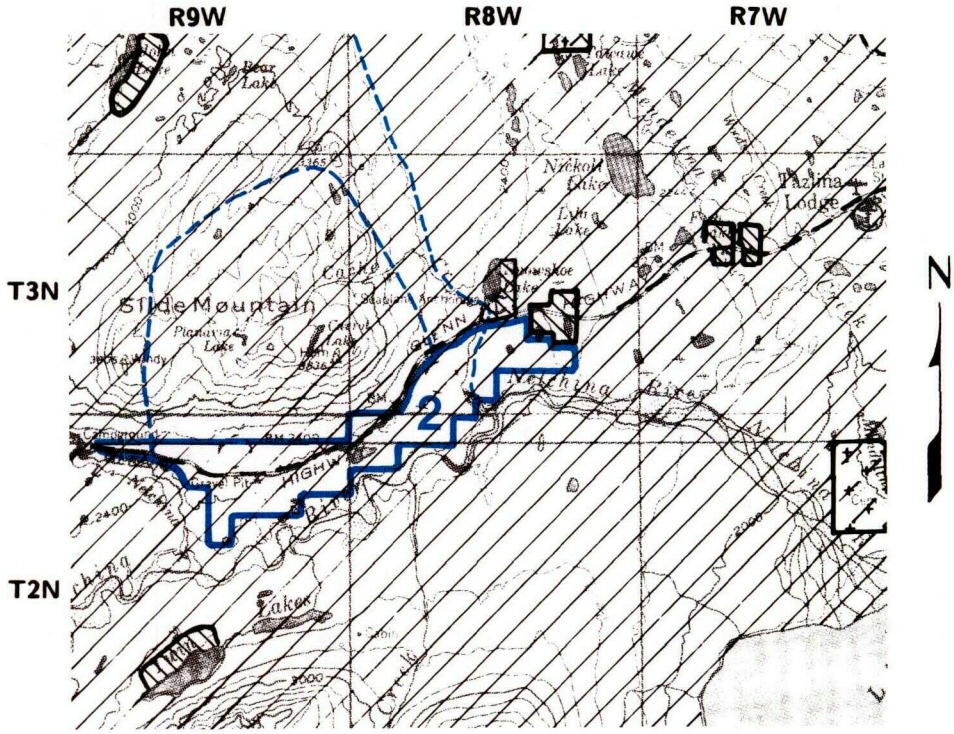
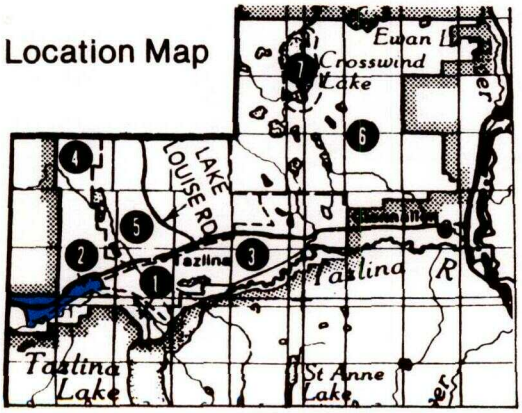


Location Map



U.S.G.S. Quads:
Gulkana
Valdez

Map scale:
1:250,000

- State Owned
- State Selected
- Native/Private Owned
- Native Selected
- Federal
- Trails on public lands

Map shows approximate location of easements to state land and major trails across state land. Portions of trails may cross private lands. See appendix D.

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