# MANAGEMENT UNIT 7: Crosswind Lake

## Background

This management unit consists of Crosswind Lake and state land along the shore of the lake. There are many private parcels, many with cabins, located around the lake. The lake is used for fishing and water oriented recreation. Some cabins have been occupied year-round in the past. Access to the area is primarily by floatplane in summer and overland in winter. The U.S. Air Force is currently evaluating the area south and east of Crosswind Lake as a possible site for an Over-the-Horizon Backscatter Radar System.

## Management Intent

The lake (subunit 7B) itself will be managed for water oriented recreation, fishing, and fish production. The lake bed will be closed to mineral location to protect these resources.

The Crosswind Lake area will be managed as a general development lake (see p. 2-42). The state land around the lake can be made available for additional settlement, although any existing, commonly used shoreline access points should remain in state ownership. More than 50 percent of the shoreline may be sold to private individuals, although a few sites suitable for public use, including camping, will be retained in public ownership. Archaeological sites (one Ahtna village site has been identified) and the trail along the southeast shore of the lake should also be retained in public ownership. About 250 acres of land may be available for future land offerings. Land offered for settlement would be closed to mineral location before sale. Any state land not offered for sale will be managed for multiple use, particularly recreation and habitat. These lands also will be open to mineral entry except sites frequently used for recreation that may be identified in the land disposal planning process (such as commonly used shoreline access points mentioned above).

## Management Guidelines

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
Recreation, cultural, and scenic resources
Settlement
Lakeshore management
Public access
Wetlands management



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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 | | |
| 7A | State, small private parcels | Public recreation<br>Settlement | Wildlife habitat | Open. Disposal area closed to mineral entry at time of offering | Available for leasing | Grazing,<br>Remote cabins,<br>Trapping cabins in settlement areas | Estimated net land offerings - 250 acres |
| 7B | State, Crosswind Lake | Wildlife habitat<br>Public recreation<br>Water resources | | Closed to mineral entry | Available for leasing | Land offerings<br>Land leases | Includes only the lake itself |

* 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 7A | SUBUNIT 7B |
|---|---|---|
| Fish | salmon - s/r | salmon - s/r |
| Forestry | unsuitable | N/A |
| Historic-Cultural | high along shoreline | high along shoreline |
| Minerals | outside of known mineral terranes | outside known mineral terranes |
| Oil and Gas | low | low |
| Recreation | high - lakeshore | high - Crosswind Lake; fishing, boating |
| Settlement Suitability | moderate; existing cabins | N/A |
| Transportation | private airstrip | Crosswind Lake is navigable, floatplanes |
| Wildlife | A-1 habitat - trumpeter swan, caribou, osprey, eagles | A-1 habitat - trumpeter swan, |

Important Trails:
Subunit 7A: Trail that parallels east shore of Crosswind Lake.

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

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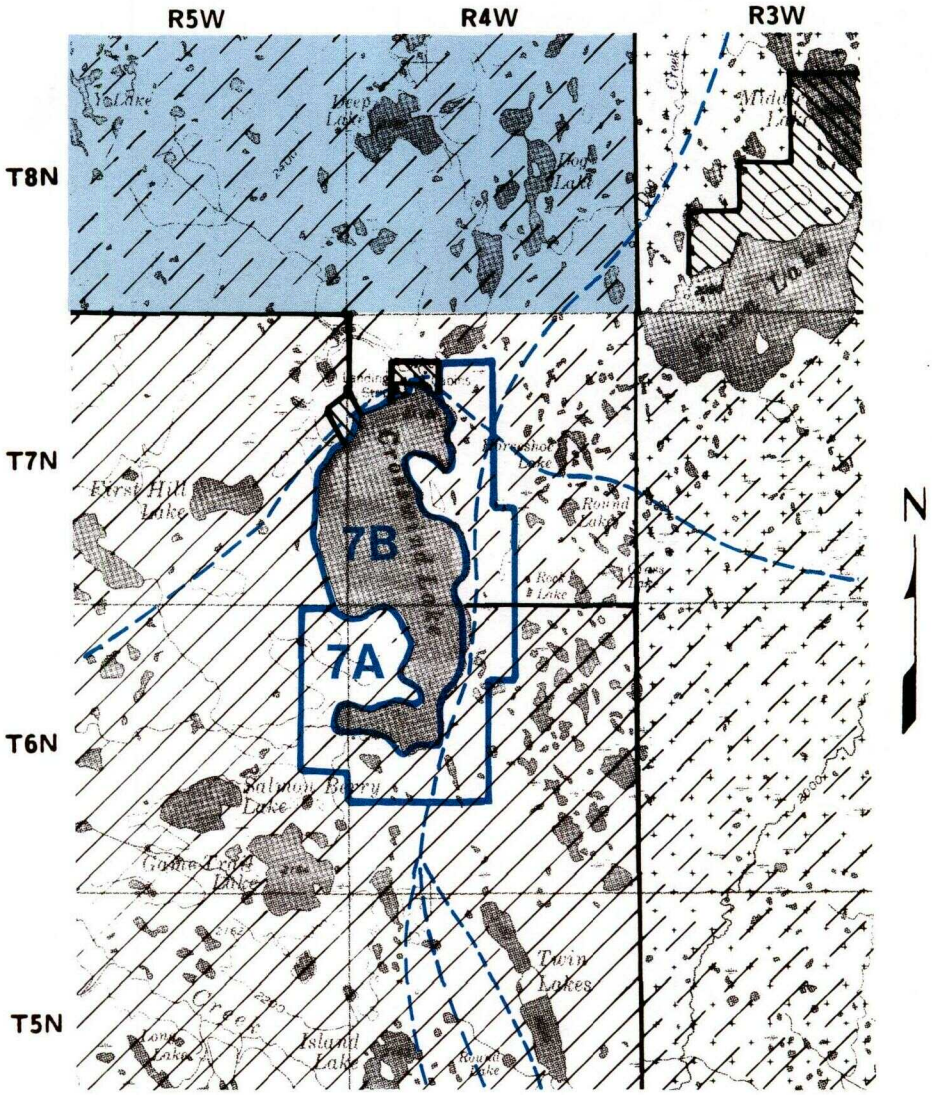
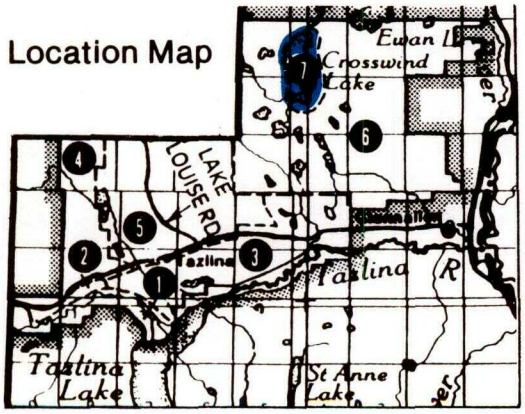



Location Map




U.S.G.S. Quads:
Gulkana

Map scale:
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- State Owned
- State Selected
- Native/Private Owned
- Native Selected
- Federal
- Trails on public lands
- Proposal Relinquishments

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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