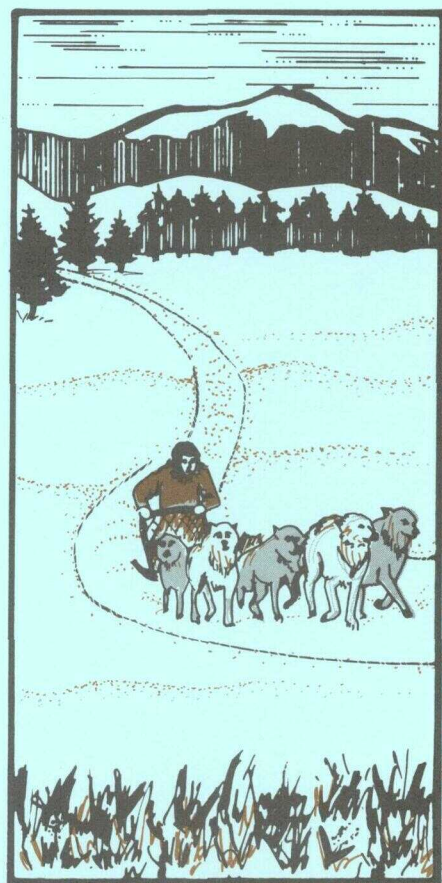


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## INTRODUCTION

Over the last two decades Alaska has experienced tremendous changes in land ownership and management. Many areas previously available for public use, may today be restricted or eliminated due to inclusion in a federal conservation unit, state legislatively designated unit, and often areas may no longer be available for public use because of conveyance to a Native corporation or other private parties.

This atlas has been designed to aid both the public user and the land owner or manager in dealing with a growing problem in Alaska, unauthorized use of land and resources. This use, for the most part, has been inadvertent because of a lack of easily understood and readily available current land status information. This atlas has been designed to provide this information by graphically portraying current land ownership and public access site locations, including identifications of any restrictions.

This atlas is not a legal document. It is a representation of official state and federal land records. Generally, information is shown to a section (one square mile) level. For accurate information refer to the official records in the public information offices of the state's Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

Private land is not open to public use or travel without prior permission from the landowner. Use or travel across private land or the unauthorized use of public easements may result in criminal trespass. If you have any questions concerning public use of an area, you are encouraged to contact the appropriate land owner or manager. A list of the names, addresses and phone numbers of corporate landowners is included within the atlas. Privately owned land may be located on detailed land status maps that are available at BLM and State DNR public offices. It is your responsibility to know what land and use restrictions apply and to obtain permission and any necessary permits in advance from the land owner.

Invasion of community and camp privacy is a concern of many rural residents. Therefore, please be sensitive to local concerns and customs. Do not take pictures of residents without permission or otherwise encroach on local use areas.

Trapping cabins, fishing and hunting camps and tent camps are essential to the livelihood of many rural residents. They should not be used by the public except in case of real emergency. Although they may appear abandoned, the owners will return and will need everything they left for the coming season. Early trappers and travelers established an honorable tradition of respecting cabins and campsites, a tradition that should be continued today.

## How to Use This Atlas

The maps in this atlas show where land has been conveyed to Native corporations and where land is within a federal conservation unit. The maps do not identify other federal public domain land (managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM)), state land, or private land. If the land status is not labeled on a map it is in one of these other land categories and if it is not private land it is generally public land available for general public use without a permit. Further information can be obtained by contacting an office of either BLM or the states' Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

This atlas also does not show parcels of private property, such as Native allotments, homesteads, trade and manufacturing sites, etc. You should be aware that they may exist in any area. Detailed land status maps which identify all private land is available at BLM and DNR land record offices.

Waterbodies marked as federally determined navigable on the maps are available for public use up to the line of ordinary high water (usually the vegetation line). Tideland areas are also available for public use up to the line of mean high tide. State law also provides that you can use any waterbody in the state for free passage without obstruction. This does not, however, give you authority to use the adjoining private land without permission. State determined navigable waters are so identified for a later review of their navigable status.

Public access routes and easements are also shown on each map along with a written description of their location and restrictions, if any. Although most of these easements are not marked on the ground, it is your responsibility to confine your passage and activities only to those areas and specified allowable uses. Only 17(b) easements, Omnibus Roads, and Federal Aid Highways are shown. R.S. 2477 right-of-ways will not be shown until determined valid by the courts or officially asserted by the state.

## Explanation of Terms

"Easement" is an interest in land which has been reserved for the public to use even though the land may be owned by a private individual or native corporation. An easement may be for a variety of specified purposes, such as a road, trail, camp site, airport, etc. Easements may also be restricted (i.e., width, types of use, seasons of use, and duration of use). Easements cannot be used for any other uses than those granted or reserved. For example, a site easement, reserved under the authority of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA), may only be used for temporary 24 hour camping. You may not fish, hunt or otherwise recreate on the site and you may not disturb the site in any way such as cutting trees or firewood.

An "IC" is an Interim Conveyance document issued to Native corporations under ANCSA which passes title to land from the federal government to a corporation.

"Navigable Waters" are those waterbodies that have been found or are capable of transporting people or goods and, as such, the land beneath them is owned by the state. These waterbodies extend up to the line of ordinary high water (usually the vegetation line). The adjacent uplands may be in private ownership, and not available for use without permission.

"Public Waters" are those waterbodies that are not navigable. Public waters may be used, without obstruction or interference, but the land beneath them and adjacent to them may be in private ownership, thus not available for use without permission.

| IC   | CORPORATION                | USGS QUADS   |
|------|----------------------------|--|
| 0206 | Ahtna, Incorporated        | Gulkana B3, B4   |
| 0209 | Ahtna, Incorporated        | Gulkana A3, A4, B3, B4, C3   |
| 0226 | Ahtna, Incorporated        | Nabesna D5, D6<br>Tanacross A5   |
| 0235 | Ahtna, Incorporated        | Gulkana B2, C1, C2, C3   |
| 0245 | Ahtna, Incorporated        | Gulkana A3, A4<br>Valdez D5  |
| 0346 | Ahtna, Incorporated        | Valdez C3, C5, D3, D4, D5  |
| 0350 | Ahtna, Incorporated        | Valdez C3, D3, D4  |
| 0442 | Ahtna, Incorporated        | Gulkana A2, A3, B1, B2, B3,<br>B4, C1, C2, C3, C4, D1, D2<br>Mt Hayes A1<br>Nabesna C6, D5, D6<br>Tanacross A5, A6, C2, C3, C4<br>Valdez B1, B2, B3, C1, C2,<br>C3, C4, D1, D2, D3, D4, D5 |
| 0471 | Ahtna, Incorporated        | Gulkana C2   |
| 0473 | Ahtna, Incorporated        | Nabesna D6   |
| 0564 | Ahtna, Incorporated        | Gulkana B2, B3, C2   |
| 0684 | Ahtna, Incorporated        | Valdez D5  |
| 0758 | Ahtna, Incorporated        | McCarthy C8  |
| 0887 | Chugach Native Corporation | Valdez A3, A4  |
| 0947 | Chitina Native Corporation | Valdez B1, B2, C1, C2, C3  |
| 0976 | Chitina Native Corporation | Valdez C1  |
| 1005 | Tatitlek                   | Valdez A3, A4  |
| 1021 | Chitina Native Corporation | Valdez B2  |
| 1052 | Doyon Limited              | Tanacross A6   |
| 1226 | Cook Inlet Region, Inc.    | Gulkana B6   |

| PATENT     | CORPORATION                | USGS QUADS                                      |
|------------|----------------------------|---|
| 50 76 0023 | Ahtna, Incorporated        | Gulkana A3                                      |
| 50 76 0079 | Ahtna, Incorporated        | Gulkana A3                                      |
| 50 79 0108 | Ahtna, Incorporated        | Gulkana A3, B3, C3                              |
| 50 79 0146 | Ahtna, Incorporated        | Gulkana C2                                      |
| 50 80 0002 | Ahtna, Incorporated        | Gulkana A3, A4<br>Valdez D4                     |
| 50 80 0108 | Ahtna, Incorporated        | Valdez C3, D3, D4                               |
| 50 81 0152 | Tetlin                     | Nabesna C5, D5<br>Tanacross A5                  |
| 50 82 0007 | Ahtna, Incorporated        | Gulkana B3, C2, C3<br>Valdez C2, C3, C4, D3, D4 |
| 50 83 0036 | Ahtna, Incorporated        | Gulkana C2                                      |
| 50 83 0011 | Ahtna, Incorporated        | Gulkana B3                                      |
| 50 83 0055 | Ahtna, Incorporated        | Valdez D4                                       |
| 50 84 0794 | Chitina Native Corporation | Valdez C1, C2, C3                               |
| 50 85 0672 | Ahtna, Incorporated        | Gulkana A3                                      |

| <b>CORPORATION/GOVERNMENT<br/>ADDRESS</b>  | <b>LAND MANAGER/<br/>PHONE NUMBER</b> |
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| Ahtna, Inc.<br>Drawer G<br>Copper Center, AK 99573   | Larry Lau<br>(907) 822-3476           |
| Cook Inlet Region, Inc.<br>P.O. Box Drawer 4-N<br>Anchorage, AK 99510  | Don Marx<br>(907) 274-8638            |
| Chitina Native Corp. (Chitina Village)<br>Box 3<br>Chitina, AK 99566   | Marlene Johnson<br>(907) 823-2223     |
| Chugach Alaska Corp.<br>3000 A Street, Suite 400<br>Anchorage, AK 99503  | Pete Nagel<br>(907) 563-8866          |
| Doyon Limited<br>201 First Avenue<br>Fairbanks, AK 99701   | Gary Lee<br>(907) 452-4755            |
| Tetlin Indian Reservation<br>Box 519<br>Tok, AK 99780  | Donald Joe                            |
| Wrangell-St. Elias National Park &<br>Preserve<br>P.O. Box 29<br>Glennallen, AK 99588  | Park Superintendent<br>(907) 822-5234 |
| National Park Services<br>Alaska Regional Office<br>2525 Gambell<br>Anchorage, AK 99513  | (907) 271-2643                        |
| U.S. Bureau of Land Management<br>Glennallen District Office<br>P.O. Box 147<br>Glennallen, AK 99588   | (907) 267-1369                        |
| U.S. Bureau of Land Management<br>Alaska State Office<br>701 C Street, Box 13<br>Anchorage, AK 99513   | (907) 271-5960                        |
| State Department of Natural Resources<br>Division of Land & Water Management<br>South Central Regional Office<br>P.O. Box 107005<br>Anchorage, AK 99510-7005 | (907) 762-2253                        |
| State Department of Natural Resources<br>Division of Land & Water Management<br>Northern Regional Office<br>4420 Airport Way                                 | (907) 479-2243                        |