

## Commercial Use

### Background

Commercial use is increasing in the Public Use Area. Commercial operators provide the public with a variety of recreational opportunities including hunting and fishing, wildlife viewing, and access to Knik Glacier. They can also provide needed services such as overnight accommodations, and food and beverage service. Commercial use occurs in the PUA at low levels.

Currently, two operators provide OHV and snowmobile tours within the PUA. Three operators provide airboat tours on the Knik River to the terminus of the glacier. Jet boat tours of the Knik River and terminus of the glacier began in the summer of 2007. This operator is registered for commercial use of state land. As many as five hunting guides operate within PUA.

### Goal

- Authorize those commercial operations that are consistent with the purposes for which this area was designated.

### Management Guidelines

- DNR may authorize commercial uses in any area of the Public Use Area, subject to the requirements of the management plan. See Appendix J for specific information on how DNR will implement a commercial use permit system.
- DNR will ensure that public access is not restricted or limited through land use authorizations issued for commercial activities.
- Land use authorizations for permanent or semi-permanent facilities for commercial use should not be issued in locations that are high-value destinations for the recreating public or where sensitive habitats or resources are present.
- See Appendix J for specific details on see how DNR will implement this Goal.