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# 1 **Chapter 3: Management Guidelines,** 2 **Recommendations, and Public Use Sites for each** 3 **Management Unit**

## 4 **Introduction**

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6 The PUA consists of approximately 208,261 acres of state land. The state land has been  
7 subdivided into eight management units. Map 3-1 depicts the management units for the  
8 PUA. Management units were delineated based on recreational use patterns and topographic  
9 similarities.

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11 This chapter provides a detailed description of the management units including the uses  
12 occurring within them as well as their resources (recreation, wildlife, habitat, minerals,  
13 cultural/historical). The chapter also includes management guidelines and recommendations  
14 for management and facilities. The information for each unit follows the format provided  
15 below.

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17 This chapter also provides recommendations for the management of adjacent general state  
18 land and adjacent borough land. These recommendations are discretionary for lands that are  
19 not state owned. They are provided to provide a framework for consistent management  
20 approaches between two public entities.

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### 22 **Unit Description**

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24 Unit descriptions include background information on land status, access, use, fish and  
25 wildlife habitat, facilities, trails and easements, and cultural and historical resources. The  
26 Unit Description also discusses issues that are affecting management.

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### 27 **Management Intent**

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29 The management intent provides a desired future condition for each of the units  
30 consistent with the purposes of the PUA. Specific management guidelines and  
31 recommendations follow the management intent.

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### 32 **Management Guidelines**

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34 Consistent with the intent for the unit, management guidelines direct the current and  
35 future management decisions by DNR. Management guidelines involve specific courses  
36 of action that are consistent with and are necessary to the implementation of the  
37 management intent of the unit. Together with management intent, they represent DNR's  
38 management policy. Certain guidelines necessary to implement the plan will be adopted  
39 as regulation (see Appendix C for proposed regulations).

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1        **Management Recommendations**

2        Management recommendations identify additional actions DNR *may* take to implement  
3        the plan. These include recommendations pertaining to development of roads and trails  
4        or stream crossings and land acquisition.

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6        **Facilities Recommendations**

7        Facilities recommendations are described in certain areas of the management units. DNR  
8        may develop them as funding allows or facilitate third party requests to develop them on  
9        a case by case basis. Facilities are recommended in areas where they will maintain and  
10       enhance uses. Facilities are also recommended to minimize the impacts of users on fish  
11       and wildlife and their habitats.

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13       **Public Use Sites**

14       Recommendations for public use sites, or areas for which a specific management  
15       direction or use is provided, are included for several management units. These areas will  
16       receive a high level of management direction by DNR since they are associated with  
17       higher levels of public use.

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**Map 3-1: Knik River Management Plan Units**