

## **MANAGEMENT UNIT 8: Tazlina, Kaina, and St. Anne Lakes Area**

### **Background**

This unit includes land around Tazlina, Kaina, and St. Anne Lakes. It also includes Tazlina Lake, which is a navigable waterbody and therefore state owned. This large block of relatively remote land is almost entirely state owned or selected and has exceptional hunting, recreation, and wilderness values. Some large areas around Tazlina Lake also have been selected by Ahtna, Inc., although a majority of the lakeshore is likely to become state owned.

The area is extensively used for hunting with access primarily via aircraft. Some fishing occurs, especially at the outlets of Mendeltna and Kaina Creeks. A few cabins are located on Tazlina, Kaina, High, and St. Anne Lakes.

### **Management Intent**

This entire area should be retained in state ownership and managed for multiple use with emphasis on forestry, recreation, and wildlife habitat to retain fish, wildlife, and recreation resources for public use. The area is open to mineral location, except Kaina Creek, Kaina Lake, and St. Anne Creek. Kaina Creek and Kaina Lake produce a major part of the salmon populations in Tazlina River. St. Anne Creek is closed to mineral location to protect salmon spawning areas. Settlement, through land offerings or remote cabin permits, is not allowed in this management unit. Several areas have settlement potential. However, conflicts with wildlife, archaeological sites, fire management or recreation, combined with difficult access and public objections to sales, resulted in the decision to retain this entire area in public ownership. Public use cabins are encouraged in this unit, especially on Kaina Lake, in Kaina Valley, and on Tazlina Lake.

Forestry has been designated as one of the primary uses of subunit 8A because of the extensive timber resources. The lack of good access to this area and the relatively unknown value of the timber makes commercial timber activities unlikely in the near term. The resources should be retained for future use.

St. Anne, Kaina, High, and southern Tazlina (in subunit 8B) Lakes will be managed as wilderness lakes as described in the lakeshore management guidelines in Chapter 2. The remainder of Tazlina Lake (subunit 8A) will be managed to preserve its wild character. Timber harvest and leasing for commercial recreation uses may be allowed along the shoreline of Tazlina Lake in subunit 8A if they are designed and located to minimize impacts on scenic resources, recreation, cultural values, and the natural character of the lake and lakeshore. Disturbance of shoreline vegetation should be minimized. Surface leasing for nonrecreation uses is not allowed within 1/4 mile of the lake. Public use cabins may be built around these lakes. The areas around High, Kaina, and St. Anne Lakes are important for fishing, hunting, and back country camping. These lakes are accessible by floatplanes. St. Anne Lake is an important area for trumpeter swans staging on their fall and spring migrations. Use of St. Anne Lake should be restricted during these migration seasons (see guidelines below).

Much of this area has potential for a state recreation area or state park status; however, the plan currently does not make such a recommendation. More active management of land uses associated with such designations is unnecessary at this time. By retaining the entire area in public ownership, the opportunity for future legislative designations in this area remains available.

Public use cabins are encouraged around Tazlina Lake and at Kaina Lake.

## **Management Guidelines**

**Mineral Closure.** Land within 200 feet of Kaina and St. Anne Creeks, the creeks themselves, and the bed of Kaina Lake are closed to mineral location.

**Tazlina River Trail.** The Tazlina River Trail should be managed to complement the recreation river. Signs should be posted to mark the trail on state land.

**Swan Staging Area - St. Anne Lake.** The outlet of St. Anne Lake into St. Anne Creek is an important spring and fall staging area for trumpeter swans. The guideline for Documented High Value Trumpeter Swan Nesting and Concentration Areas on page 2-10 applies to T. 1 N., R. 4 W., Sections 25 and 36, Copper River Meridian. Seasonal restrictions apply from April 15 through June 1 and from September 15 through November 15; restrictions do not apply here from June 1 through September 15.

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
- Lakeshore management
- Forestry

# 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		
8A	State, State-Native selected	Forestry Public recreation Wildlife habitat	Heritage resources	Open to mineral entry except St. Anne Creek, Kaina Lake, and Kaina Creek	Available for leasing	Land offerings Remote cabins	Public use cabins encouraged around Tazlina and Kaina Lakes
8B	State, State-Native selected	Public recreation Wildlife habitat	Forestry Heritage resources	Open to mineral entry	Available for leasing	Land offerings Remote cabins	Public use cabins encouraged around Tazlina Lake

\* 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.

# RESOURCE INFORMATION SUMMARY

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RESOURCE	SUBUNIT	
	8A	8B
Fish	salmon - s steelhead - s	salmon - s steelhead - s
Forestry	high and moderate conif.	high and moderate conif.
Historic-Cultural	high; cultural sites along shoreline	high along shoreline for cultural sites
Minerals	low	low
Oil and Gas	low	unknown
Recreation	very high on lakes, sand dunes, northwest shore of Tazlina Lake	very high on lakes
Settlement Suitability	variable	variable
Transportation	Tazlina Lake is navigable, floatplanes	Tazlina Lake is navigable
Wildlife	A-2 habitat - moose	A-2 habitat - moose; B-2 habitat

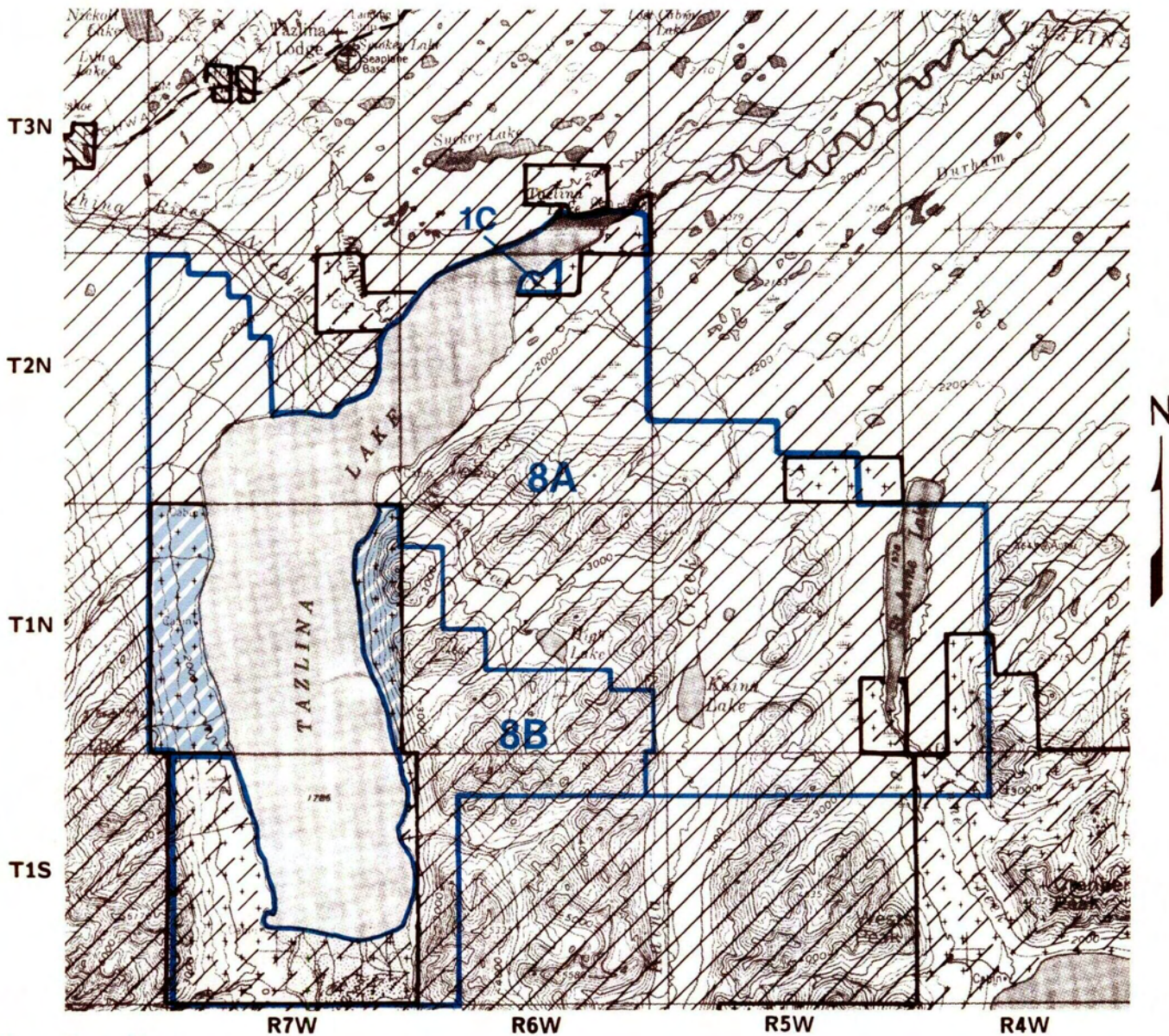
Notes: Potential for future state recreation area identified around Tazlina, St. Anne, and Kaina Lakes. Prime hunting area.

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

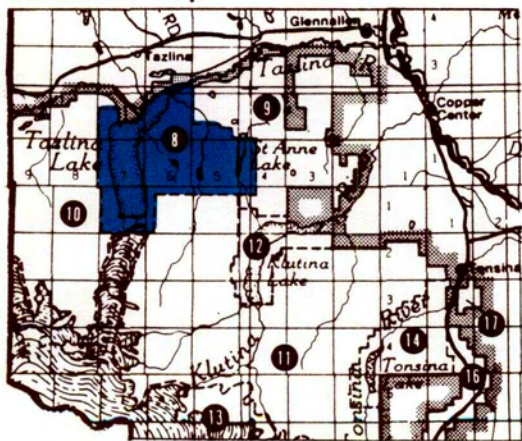


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






Location Map



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

Map scale:  
1:250,000

-  State Owned
-  State Selected
-  Native/Private Owned
-  Native Selected
-  Federal
-  Proposed State Selections