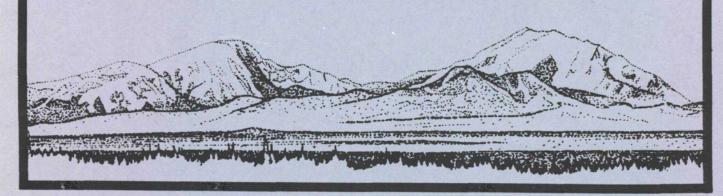
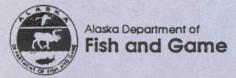
Copper River Basin-Area Plan for State Lands







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The Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources finds that the Copper River Basin Area Plan meets the requirements of AS 38.04.065 and 11 AAC 55.010-.030 for Area Land Use Plans and does hereby adopt it as policy of the Department of Natural Resources for state land within the planning area.

Esther C. Wunnicke, Commissioner

Department of Natural Resources

The Department of Fish and Game has assisted the Department of Natural Resources in preparing the Copper River Basin Area Plan. This plan establishes policies that will guide land uses which the Department of Fish and Game must either permit or review. The Department of Fish and Game will use this plan as guidance and be consistent with it when implementing its authorities under title 16 of the Alaska Statutes and when reviewing and commenting on proposed disposal or use of state lands.

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