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The Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources finds that the Kashwitna Management Plan meets the requirements of AS 38.04.065 and 11 AAC 55.010-.030 for land use plans and hereby adopts the plan. The Department of Natural Resources will manage state lands within the planning area consistent with this plan. The Kashwitna Management Plan amends the Willow Subbasin Area Plan and supersedes the area plan within the Kashwitna Unit.



Rod Swope, Commissioner
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

October 24, 1990
Date

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game assisted the Department of Natural Resources in preparing the Kashwitna Management Plan. We appreciate the opportunity to represent fish and wildlife habitat, harvest, and public use values during the development of the plan. The Department of Fish and Game will use the plan as guidance when implementing its authorities and when reviewing and commenting on proposed uses of state lands in the planning area.



Don Collinsworth, Commissioner
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

11-15-90
Date

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 90-155 AM

A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING THE KASHWITNA MANAGEMENT PLAN.

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly adopted the Willow Subbasin Area Plan by resolution in 1982; and

WHEREAS, the Kashwitna Management Plan amends the Willow Subbasin Area Plan in the Kashwitna, Iron Creek and Little Willow Creek subunits and supersedes the Willow Subbasin Area Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Kashwitna Management Plan directs state land management by the Department of Natural Resources in the Kashwitna area; and

WHEREAS, the Kashwitna Management Plan states that if approved by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, the plan will also direct management of borough lands within the Kashwitna area; and

WHEREAS, the Borough owns land and has selected lands within the Kashwitna area; and

WHEREAS, a determination has not been made by the State as to whether or not the Borough selections within the Kashwitna area are valid selections; and

WHEREAS, the Borough recognizes the selections within the Kashwitna area as valid selections until such time as both the State and Borough agree otherwise; and

WHEREAS, four major trails have been identified within the Kashwitna area, three of which are partially located on Borough owned or Borough selected lands; and

WHEREAS, the Kashwitna Management Plan specifies that a right-of-way 300 feet in width shall be reserved for the four major trails; and

WHEREAS, the Kashwitna Management Plan further specifies that the Department of Natural Resources will designate the Kashwitna Unit as a special use area for the management of off-road vehicle travel and will work cooperatively with the

Matanuska-Susitna Borough in establishing the special use area.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough recognizes and supports the Kashwitna Management Plan with the following understanding:

1. Borough selected lands within the Kashwitna area that are determined to be valid selections will be conveyable to the Borough.

2. Rights-of-way for trails crossing Borough lands are not established until specifically approved by the Borough Planning Commission and Assembly.

3. The special use area for the management of off-road vehicle travel will not affect Borough land unless specifically approved by the Borough Planning Commission and Assembly.

4. That in future land management plans, especially the revised Susitna Area Plan, the Department of Natural Resources should clearly identify the lands for disposal and settlement and that the units set aside for disposal and settlement should be located in such a manner so that they are not scattered in holdings that become hindrances to other uses of the land.

Adopted by the Assembly of the Matanuska- Susitna Borough, this 5 day of February, 1991.


Dorothy A. Jones, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:


Linda Dahl, Borough Clerk

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