

## HERITAGE RESOURCES

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Numerous historic abandoned mines exist within the Moose Range. The Buffalo and Eska mines are eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The Alaska Heritage Resources Survey has identified eleven cultural resources within the Moose Range. These include Native grave sites, bridges and mines. The trails traversing the Range have been used historically for many years, specifically and most importantly, the Chickaloon River Trail, the Chickaloon-Knik-Nelchina Trail, the Boulder Creek Trail, the Old 98 Trail and several old mining roads. There are several known heritage sites on private property within the Moose Range.

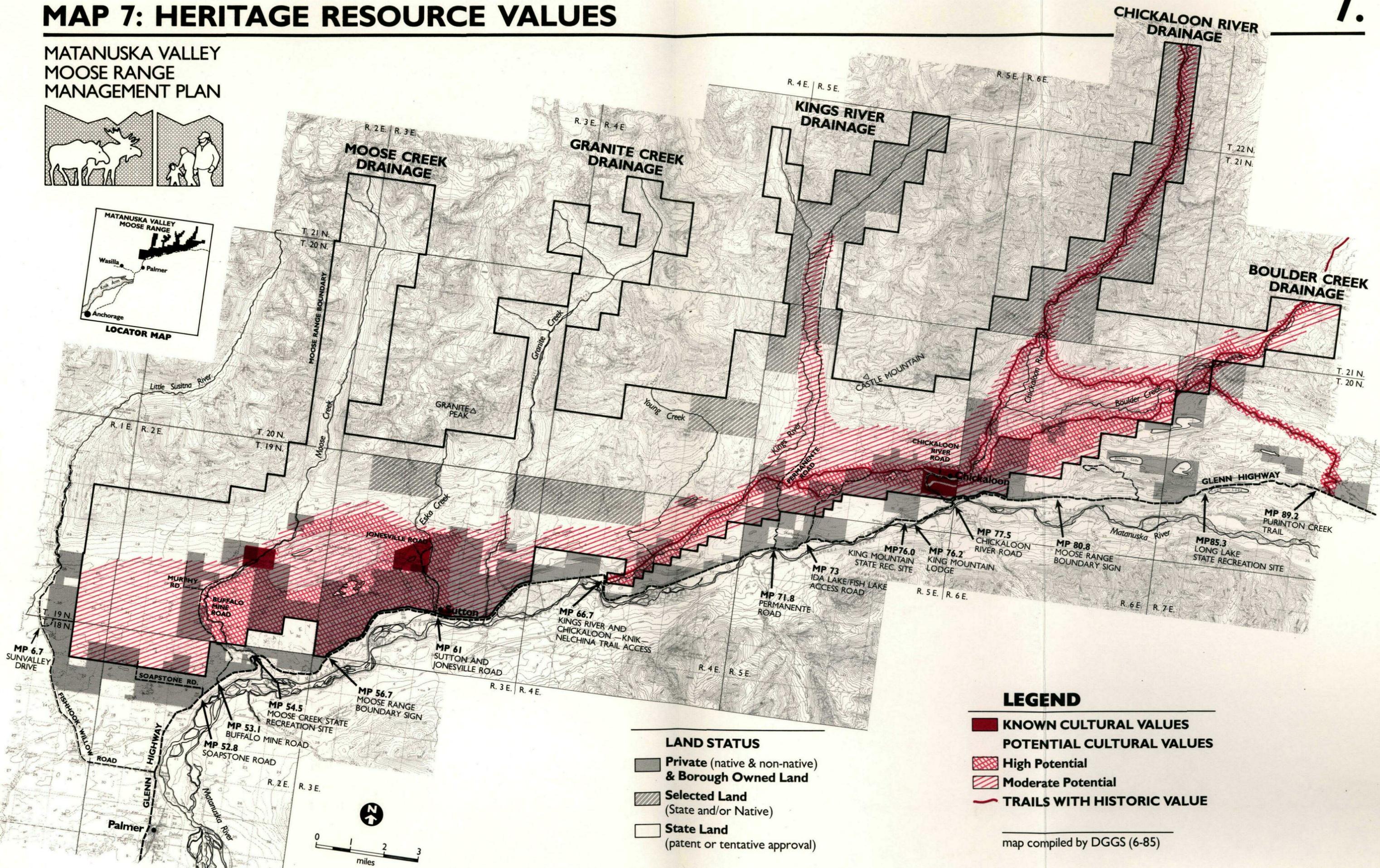
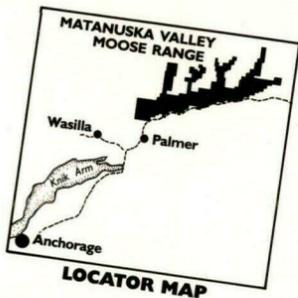
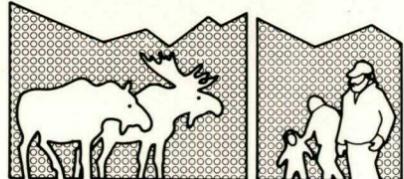
There are other unrecorded resources in the area which are equally important. Contacts made with statewide historians, local citizens and agencies produced very little additional site specific information. To date a complete survey of the Moose Range has not yet been undertaken.

The Moose Range contains cultural resources in many old coal mines, homestead sites, trails and other native sites. These are available for evaluation and may show a need for preservation and identification on the National Register of Historic Places (see Map 7, page 43).

The local Alpine Historical Society in the Sutton-Chickaloon communities is actively involved with researching the mining history of the area. The group is currently developing a mining era museum on a six-acre site in Sutton. This museum, when open to the public, will provide interpretive information about the local mining history.

# MAP 7: HERITAGE RESOURCE VALUES

## MATANUSKA VALLEY MOOSE RANGE MANAGEMENT PLAN



- LAND STATUS**
- Private (native & non-native) & Borough Owned Land
  - Selected Land (State and/or Native)
  - State Land (patent or tentative approval)

- LEGEND**
- KNOWN CULTURAL VALUES
  - POTENTIAL CULTURAL VALUES
  - High Potential
  - Moderate Potential
  - TRAILS WITH HISTORIC VALUE

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