

Appendix E

RECREATION OPPORTUNITY SPECTRUM FOR THE SUSITNA FORESTRY GUIDELINES AREA

Forest lands in the Susitna Forestry Guidelines area currently offer opportunities for recreation in a variety of settings. The major types of opportunities are described below. The type of opportunity available may vary by season. For example, an area that is intensively used during hunting season may get little use during the rest of the year. This area would offer a semi-traditional opportunity during the busy hunting season, and traditional opportunity in summer. A wide variety of activities can take place in each setting; a few examples are listed.

CHARACTERISTICS	EXAMPLES OF AREAS OFFERING THIS OPPORTUNITY	EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITIES IN THIS SETTING
<p><u>I. TRADITIONAL</u></p> <p>Little modification to the natural environment.</p> <p>Low levels of encounters with other people and signs of human use.</p> <p>No facilities for human use.</p> <p>Highest levels of physical challenge and risk.</p> <p>Highest outdoor skill levels needed.</p> <p>Much of the recreation uses motorized access.</p> <p>No roads.</p>	<p>Most of the remote lowlands in the Susitna Forest Guidelines Area.</p>	<p>Snowmachining.</p> <p>Fly-in or hike-in fishing and hunting.</p> <p>Dogmushing.</p> <p>Dispersed hiking and cross-country skiing.</p>
<p><u>II. SEMI-TRADITIONAL</u></p> <p>Little modification to the natural environment.</p> <p>Moderate levels of encounters with other people and signs of human use.</p> <p>Limited facilities for human use (e.g., portage trails, bridges, pit toilets).</p> <p>High levels of physical challenge and risk.</p> <p>High outdoor skill levels needed.</p> <p>Much of the recreation uses motorized access.</p> <p>No roads.</p>	<p>Boatable rivers.</p> <p>Trail systems.</p> <p>Area near access by Parks Highway and Petersville Road.</p>	<p>Boating and rafting.</p> <p>Hiking, skiing, and mushing on trail systems.</p> <p>Snowmachining.</p> <p>Hunting and fishing.</p> <p>Flightseeing.</p> <p>Fly-In Lodges.</p>

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<p><u>III. SEMI-PRIMITIVE</u></p> <p>Little modification to the natural environment.</p> <p>Moderate levels of encounters with other people and signs of human use.</p> <p>Limited facilities for human use (e.g., portage trails, bridges pit toilets, scattered lodges).</p> <p>High levels of physical challenge and risk.</p> <p>High outdoor skill levels needed.</p> <p>Recreation use during the busiest season is non-motorized except for drop-off by plane.</p> <p>No roads.</p>	<p>Portions of the Susitna Basin State Recreation River corridors.</p> <p>Portions of Nancy Lakes State Park.</p>	<p>Canoeing and rafting.</p> <p>Hiking, skiing, and mushing on trail systems.</p> <p>Fly-in or hike-in fishing.</p> <p>Flightseeing.</p> <p>Fly-In Lodges.</p>
<p><u>IV. ROADED NATURAL</u></p> <p>Isolated resource development present (seasonal or year-round roads, mining, timber harvesting, oil and gas wells).</p> <p>High levels of encounters with other people and signs of human use.</p> <p>Some facilities for convenience of users.</p> <p>Moderate to low levels of physical challenge and risk.</p> <p>Low outdoor skill levels needed.</p>	<p>Collinsville mining area.</p> <p>Tyonek I timber sale area.</p> <p>Petersville and Oilwell road corridors</p> <p>Developed recreation sites.</p> <p>Alaska Railroad route north of Talkeetna.</p>	<p>Sightseeing.</p> <p>Picnicking.</p> <p>Swimming.</p> <p>Walking, skiing, snowmachining on seasonal roads.</p> <p>Bicycling.</p> <p>Fishing and hunting on road accessible streams.</p> <p>RV and tent camping in campgrounds.</p> <p>Railroad tours.</p>
<p><u>V. DEVELOPED</u></p> <p>Intensively developed (year-round roads, residential and commercial areas).</p> <p>Highest levels of encounters with other people and signs of human use.</p> <p>Many facilities for user convenience and comfort.</p> <p>Lowest levels of physical challenge and risk.</p> <p>Lowest outdoor skill levels needed.</p>	<p>Residential and commercial areas along Parks Highway.</p> <p>Agricultural areas.</p> <p>Communities or industrial areas (Houston, Skwentna, Beluga power plant).</p> <p>City parks.</p>	<p>Sightseeing.</p> <p>Souvenir shopping.</p> <p>Bus tours.</p> <p>Waterskiing and boating on Big Lake.</p> <p>Walking in residential areas and developed parks.</p>