

The scheduling of proposed developments should be based upon present and projected use levels, site suitability and availability, and availability of funding.

As use patterns change and detailed site planning begins, priorities may need to be altered. This plan is a guide based upon present knowledge, and is intended to be flexible. Regular review by Planning, Development, and Operations and Maintenance sections of the Division of Parks is essential throughout the implementation of this plan to continuously analyze public needs and insure that those needs are being met.

## PHASING

Implementation of this plan is intended to occur in four phases. All phase "A" developments are intended to be completed prior to phase "B," phase "B" prior to phase "C" and so on. Availability of funding will determine the time frame within which each phase will be completed.

Individual developments within the same phase may be labeled with a subscript number such as A<sub>1</sub> or A<sub>2</sub> on the charts in Chapter 4. The subscript means that the development is to be implemented simultaneously with all other developments in the same phase containing the same subscript.

## NATIVE SELECTIONS

Approximately 50,000 acres (200,000 hectares) or ten percent of the total acreage of Chugach State Park has been selected by Eklutna, Inc. Part of all of this land may be conveyed to private ownership within the near future.

Each proposal which is on land subject to Native selection is identified on the implementation phasing charts at the end of this chapter. At the time a phase is being considered for implementation, proposals which are on Native-selected land should be deleted from the funding request until land ownership is subsequently resolved.

## IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES

### Trails

Division of Parks Policy Guideline No. 5 and subsequent revisions should be used during the locating and construction of all trails proposed in this plan (see Appendix 2).

### Campgrounds and picnic areas

The foremost consideration in designating all campgrounds and picnic areas should be to provide a high quality experience for visitors to these facilities. In addition, design criteria should conform to the character of the area, respond to the natural forces of the topography, slope, aspect and climate, consider a variety of visual experiences, be functional, be in scale with the surroundings and the user, follow basic principles of good design and be realistic in terms of dollar costs for construction, maintenance and operation.

### Parking areas

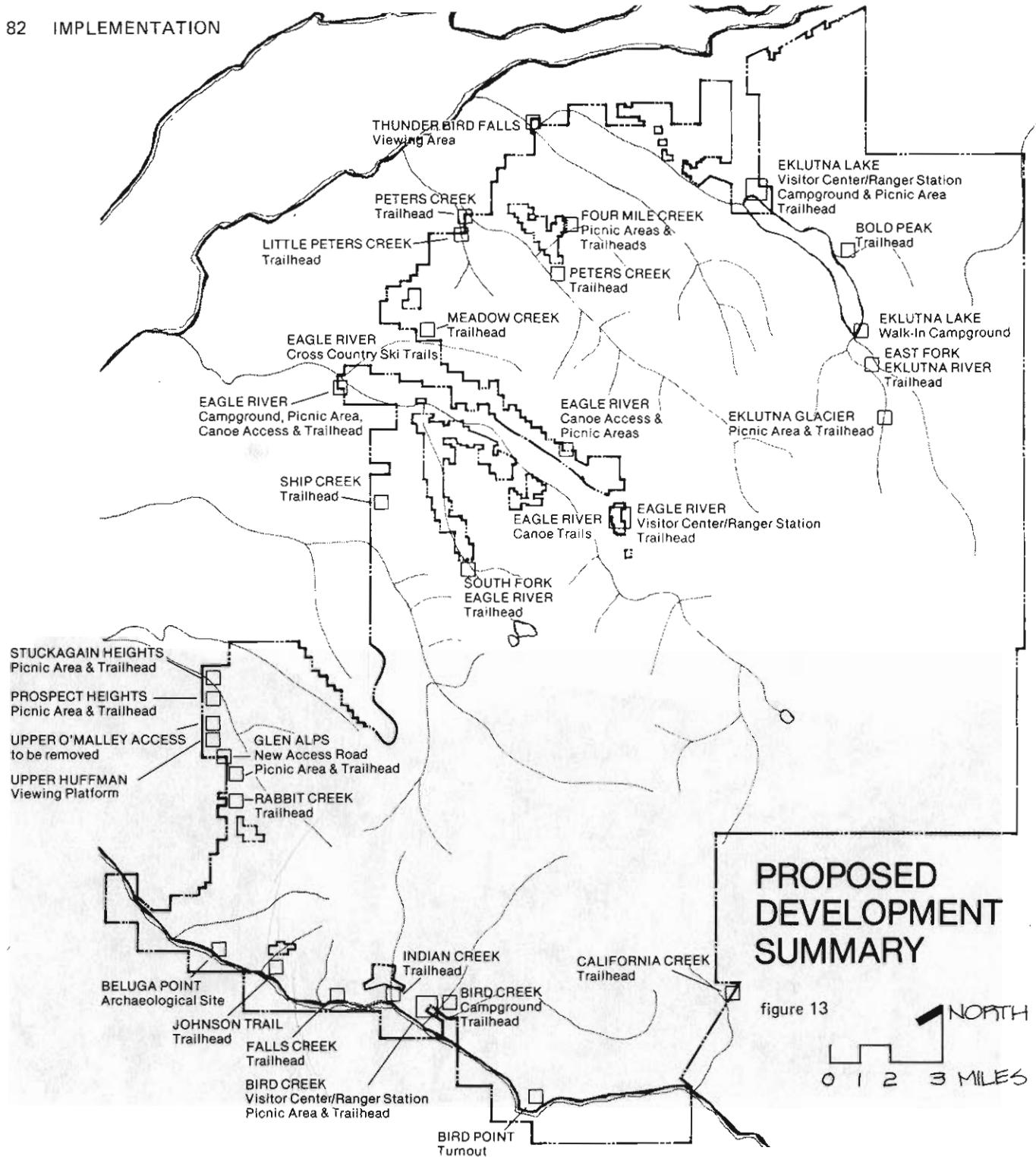
Parking areas are frequently the first site improvement seen by visitors and therefore influence their first impressions. Thus, much care must go into the location and design of parking areas. All parking areas should combine the qualities of simplicity, attractiveness, safety and function. The exact numbers of cars to be accommodated in any one area will be determined by site suitability, need and the qualities of design listed above.

Because of the distance of the Eklutna Lake Wildlife Viewing Area from the Anchorage population center, and the likelihood of large portions of it being conveyed to Eklutna Inc., the need for such an area closer to the people exists. Thus, an additional wildlife viewing area should be established in the Eagle River drainage.

The use of off-road motorized vehicles and snowmachines within wildlife viewing areas should be discouraged to the extent practical.

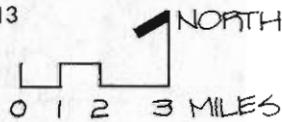


*LOOKING SOUTH to Chugach State Park. An unnamed Ship Creek tributary viewed from the Arctic Valley Road on Fort Richardson.*



# PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT SUMMARY

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<u>EKLUTNA-PETERS CREEK</u>			
Eklutna Glacier Picnic Area/Trailhead	X	7	35
Eklutna Glacier Trail	X	7	35
Eklutna Lake Campground (East)	X	5	35
Little Peters Creek Trailhead		11	35
<u>EAGLE RIVER</u>			
Visitor Center & Ranger Station		22	45
Iditarod Trail & Eagle River Trailhead		22	45
Iditarod Trail		22	45
Picnic Tables		22	45
Nature Trail & Canoe Portage		22	45
Eagle River Canoe Trail		----	
Picnic area & Trailhead (Mile 11.1)		21	45
Canoe Launch Area (Mile 9.3)		20	45
Canoe take-out at Powerline	X	17	45
Canoe take-out at Campground		15	45
Campground & Picnic area Expansion		15	45
<u>SHIP CREEK</u>			
none			

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<u>HILLSIDE</u>			
Prospect Heights Trailhead/Picnic Area		27	61
Glen Alps Trailhead/Picnic Area		31	61
Upper O'Malley Trailhead (removal)		28	61
Hillside Trail System (50-60 miles)		----	
<u>TURNAGAIN ARM</u>			
Beluga Point Interpretive Site		35	69
Seward Highway Rock Climbing Areas		----	

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<u>EKLUTNA-PETERS CREEK</u>			
East Fork Trailhead	X	6	35
East Fork Trail	X	6	35
Peters Creek Picnic Area & Trailhead	X	12	35
Peters Creek Trailhead	X	10	35
Peters Creek Campground/Trailhead/Trail	X	10	35
<u>EAGLE RIVER</u>			
Cross Country Ski Trails (Lions Park)	X	16	45
Canoe Trail Access and Picnic Area (Mile 8.1)	X	19	45
<u>SHIP CREEK</u>			
Trailhead		25	51
Arctic Valley to Indian Creek Pass Trail		25	51
<u>HILLSIDE</u>			
Stuckagain Heights Picnic Area Trailhead		26	61
North Fork Trail		26	61
Glen Alps Access Road		30	61

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<u>HILLSIDE</u>			
Rabbit Creek Trailhead		32	61
Rabbit Creek Trail		32	61
<u>TURNAGAIN ARM</u>			
Potter Trailhead at Johnson Trail		33	69
Johnson Trail (Potter to Bird)		----	
Rainbow Creek Trailhead		36	69
Falls Creek Trailhead		37	69
Falls Creek Trail		37	69
Indian Creek Trailhead		38	69
Indian Creek Trail		38	69
Bird Creek Fishing Access		39	69
Bird Ridge Trail		39	69
McHugh Creek to Rabbit Lake Trail		34	69
Bird Point Turnout		42	69

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<u>EKLUTNA-PETERS CREEK</u>			
Pioneer Peak Trailhead	X		35
Pioneer Peak Trail	X	1	35
Twin Peaks Trailhead	X	2	35
Twin Peaks Trail	X	2	35
Eklutna Lake Campground/Picnic Area (West)	X	2	35
Eklutna Lake Visitor Center/Ranger Station	X	2	35
Bold Ridge Trailhead	X	4	35
Bold Ridge Trail	X	4	35
Northshore Trail	X	3	35
<u>EAGLE RIVER</u>			
Meadow Creek Trailhead	X	24	45
Meadow Creek Trail	X	24	45
South Fork Trailhead		23	45
South Fork Trail		23	45
Canoe Trail Access and Picnic Area (Mile 7.4)	X	18	45

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<u>SHIP CREEK</u>			
None			
<u>HILLSIDE</u>			
Upper Huffman Viewing Platform		29	61
Upper Huffman Picnic Shelter		29	61
<u>TURNAGAIN ARM</u>			
Visitor Center/Ranger Station		40	69
Bird Creek Picnic Area		40	69
Bird Creek Campground & Trailhead		41	69
Trail (Bird Creek Fishing Access to Campground)		39	69

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<u>EKLUTNA-PETERS CREEK</u>			
Mt. Eklutna Trail		9	35
Thunderbird Falls Viewing Area		9	35
Old Dam Turnout	X	8	35
Peters Creek Picnic area and Trailhead		13	35
<u>EAGLE RIVER</u>			
Picnic Area/Trailhead	X	15	45
Campground Trailhead		15	45
Trail (South side of Eagle River)	X	15	45
<u>SHIP CREEK</u>			
None			
<u>HILLSIDE</u>			
Glen Alps Viewing Structure		31	61

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<u>TURNAGAIN ARM</u>			
California Creek Trailhead		43	69
California Creek Trail		43	69