

Haines State Forest RMA Draft Management Plan- Public Review



STATE OF ALASKA
DIVISION OF FORESTRY & FIRE PROTECTION

Goals for this Meeting

Overview of
Management
Policies

Discuss broad policy concepts related to
each land use designation

Review
Project
Timeline

Public comment period timing

Next steps

Opportunity
for comment

Share your thoughts or ask questions about
the draft management policy

Resource Management Designated Lands

General Management Policies

- **Multiple Use:** Policies facilitate a wide variety of uses including recreation, habitat, minerals, and timber
- **Variable Timber Harvest Strategies:** Some units prioritize selective harvest and limit the size of even-age harvest treatments; some units allow timber harvest without added limitations beyond sustained yield and FRPA requirements
- **Scenic Values:** Scenic values are considered in the design of timber sales. Mitigation strategies are developed in the Forest Land Use Plans



- **Special Management Zones:** 300-foot buffers apply to all anadromous streams and 500-foot buffers apply to lakes with anadromous fish populations

Resource Management Designated Subunits

Subunit	Management Intent	Timber Management Policies
1a	A balance of all values: minerals, habitat, timber, recreation, habitat	Commercial timber harvest is allowed
2a	Manage for winter goat habitat, minerals, and timber	Commercial harvest is allowed, prioritize goat habitat and scenic resources
3a/3b	Anadromous streams, minerals and gravel, Haines Highway Corridor, Pleasant Camp, scenic values, mountain goat habitat	Small commercial sales requiring visual screens from Haines Hwy
3i	Mineral development, timber, mountain goat habitat, bear denning habitat	Commercial harvest is allowed. FLUPs must address mountain goat winter concentrations
7a	Scenic values, rock and mineral resources, timber, recreation, access to Chilkat River and trails	Primarily selective harvest. Even age harvest <10 acres and visually screened from Haines Highway

Resource Management Designated Subunits (2)

Subunit	Management Intent	Timber Management Policies
8c	Equally value the presence of fisheries, transportation, scenic values, subsistence, mineral, recreation, and timber.	Primarily selective harvests, designed to mitigate visual impacts to Lutak Harbor. Even-age <20 acres
8d	scenic, recreational, wildlife habitat, subsistence, mineral, and timber resource values and uses.	Timber harvest is allowed in this subunit
9b	wildlife habitat, minerals, recreation, subsistence, timber, and scenic resources.	Commercial timber harvest is allowed in this subunit
9c	Recreational and scenic resources while providing for the use of the protected harbor. Management will also support upland development, including potential resource extraction.	Commercial timber harvest to support development of roads and facilities. Even age harvest <20 acres. Primarily selective harvest methods

Public Recreation Designated Lands

General Management Policies

- **Primary Use:** All harvest or development activities must be compatible with public recreation
- **Timber Harvest Strategies:** must be designed to support or enhance recreation facilities and access
- **Scenic Values:** Timber harvest activities will be visually screened from popular recreation sites
- **Special Management Zones:** 300-foot buffers apply to all anadromous streams and 500-foot buffers apply to lakes with anadromous fish populations



Public Recreation Designated Subunits

Subunit	Management Intent	Timber Management Policies
1b	Public recreation values, maintain and enhance fish spawning and rearing habitat	Small timber sale and personal use sales. Selective harvest only. Proposals reviewed by CBEP Advisory Council
3h	Fishing, hiking, winter sports, camping, hunting, trapping, berry and mushroom picking	Primarily selective harvest, even-age <5 acres. Larger areas allowed for salvage or protection treatments
4c	Balance recreation with other resource values	Prioritize scenic, recreation, and fish & wildlife values. Even-age harvests <10 acres
4d	Prioritize recreation with other compatible uses	Small negotiated timber sales in support of public recreation goals. Even-age harvest only for recreation development or material sites

Public Recreation Designated Subunits (2)

Subunit	Management Intent	Timber Management Policies
6a	Primarily low-intensity dispersed recreation	Prioritize scenic values. Even-age harvests <20 acres. Timber harvest activities designed to be screened from view of Chilkat River viewshed.
6b	Low-intensity dispersed recreation. Future developments of commercial recreation	Timber harvest and mineral development must consider scenic values and be designed for compatibility with other public uses. Even-age harvests <5 acres. Timber harvests designed to support development of recreation facilities.
8b	Primarily managed for higher-intensity public rec use, including Div. Parks & Outdoor Recreation (DPOR) area. Wildlife habitat identified as a secondary management goal	Timber harvests designed to support improved access, habitat, and public recreation uses. Harvest designs reviewed by ADFG and DPOR. Even-age harvests <20 acres and designed from Chilkoot Lake viewshed

Wildlife Habitat Designated Lands

General Management Policies

- **Primary Use:** All harvest or development activities must support the fish and wildlife habitat values of these lands
- **Timber Harvest Strategies:** must be designed to support or enhance habitat values, primarily selective harvest. Size limits on even-age harvest.
- **Secondary use:** Public Recreation is emphasized as a secondary management goal
- **Special Management Zones:** 300-foot buffers apply to all anadromous streams and 500-foot buffers apply to lakes with anadromous fish populations



Wildlife Habitat Designated Subunits

Subunit	Management Intent	Timber Management Policies
3d	Protect habitat values while accommodating a variety of motorized and non-motorized recreation uses	Primarily selective harvest. Designed to protect or enhance habitat values. Even age harvests <20 acres
3g	Support fish and wildlife resources found in riparian areas of Little Salmon and Tsirku Rivers	Primarily selective harvest. Even-aged harvests <10 acres. Prioritize maintenance of fish and wildlife habitat.
5	Maintain or enhance fish and wildlife resources. Recreation use should be considered. High intensity rec use is prohibited.	Prioritize the wildlife habitat management intent. Even age harvest <20 acres; visually screened from Chilkat River viewshed Primarily selective harvest.
7b	Fish and wildlife habitat use and support resources associated with Chilkat River	No specific timber guidelines
8a	Wildlife habitat values including moose, bear, bald eagle, and fish spawning habitats	Design to support habitat improvement. Even-age <20 acres.

Forest Designated Lands

General Management Policies

- **Primary Use:** Forest designated lands will be managed for commercial timber production
- **Timber Harvest Strategies:** Some subunits allow commercial timber harvest according to FRPA and sustained yield standards. Some subunits are identified for use in the small sale program
- **Agency Collaboration:** Subunits with high habitat values emphasize collaborative harvest design with ADFG
- **Special Management Zones:** 300-foot buffers apply to all anadromous streams and 500-foot buffers apply to lakes with anadromous fish populations



Forest Designated Subunits

Subunit	Management Intent	Timber Management Policies
1c	Commercial timber harvest	Habitat impacts managed collaboratively with ADFG. SMZs may be expanded to prevent erosion, disturbance, or slides.
2b	Commercial timber harvest	Consultation of ADFG regarding habitat values for bear, winter moose and goat concentrations.
3c	Primarily small sale program. Consider fish and wildlife, recreation uses, and scenic resources along Haines Hwy	Small commercial sales only. Protect scenic values from Haines Hwy corridor
3e	Timber harvest. Consider mineral values, wildlife habitat, personal and commercial recreation, subsistence, and scenic values.	Commercial timber harvest allowed. Forest designated lands adjacent to Porcupine Road will be managed for timber, mining, subsistence, and recreation uses.
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4a		
9a		

Forest Designated Subunits (2)

Subunit	Management Intent	Timber Management Policies
3f	Manage for commercial timber harvest, accommodating public recreation activities like foraging, motorized and non-motorized recreation, and hunting.	Commercial timber harvest is allowed. Measures to manage other values in this subunit, including scenic values will be identified in the development of Forest Land Use Plans for individual harvests.
4a	Commercial timber harvest	Management of other known resource values, including scenic, recreational, subsistence, and habitat values, will be addressed in the development of FLUPs. DFFP will manage harvest within 100 feet of private land to diversify forest vegetation and maintain structural components that contribute to soil stabilization.
9a	Managed for the timber resources present. All forms of dispersed recreation are appropriate, both commercial and personal.	Timber harvest is allowed in this unit

Next Steps

Submit your comments about the draft plan by 5:00pm June 5, 2026

Email: dnr.dof.haines@alaska.gov

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Submit Comments in Person:

Thursday, April 30, 2026

3:00pm – 7:00pm

ANS Hall

32 Chilkat Ave.

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Up Next: Public Notice of DFFP Intent to Adopt period: Issue Response Summary (IRS) and Recommended Revisions will be available for review. 30 days in Fall 2026

THANK YOU



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