

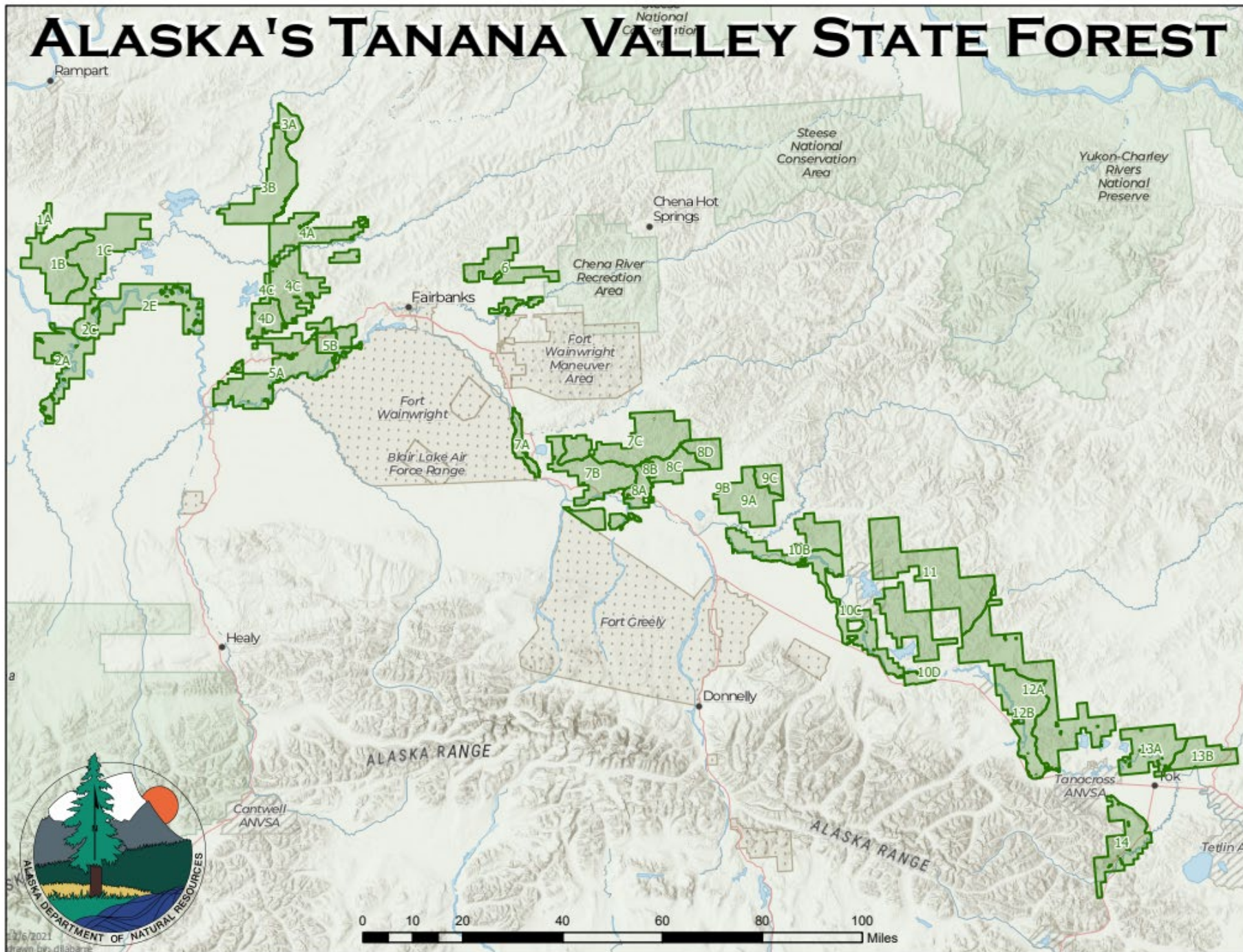
Tanana Valley State Forest Management Plan Revision

Alaska Division of Forestry

December 15 & 16, 2021, Public Scoping Meetings



ALASKA'S TANANA VALLEY STATE FOREST



Established 1983
First plan 1988
Revision 2001



TANANA VALLEY STATE FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN

2001 Update

“**Forest resources of Alaska** are among the most valuable **natural** resources of the state and furnish timber and wood products, fish and wildlife, tourism, outdoor recreation, water, soil, air, minerals and general health and welfare”

“**Economic enterprises** and other activities and pursuits derived from forest resources warrant the continuing recognition and support of the state”

“The state has a fundamental obligation to ensure that management of forest resources **guarantees perpetual supplies of renewable resources**”

“Administration of forest resources should combine **professional management services, regulatory measures and economic incentives**”

ALASKA FOREST RESOURCES & PRACTICES ACT: **AS 41.17**

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State Forest Purpose and Management (A.S. 41.17.200)

*"Primary purpose in the establishment of state forests is **timber management** that provides for the production, utilization, and replenishment of timber resources while allowing other beneficial uses of public land and resources."*

Tanana Valley State Forest (A.S. 41.17.400 (e))

*"...production of wildlife for a high level of sustained yield for human use **through habitat improvement techniques** to the extent consistent with the primary purpose."*



Management of State Forests (A.S. 41.17.220)

"Lands within a state forest or within a unit of a state forest shall be managed under the sustained yield principle and a forest management plan prepared by the department"

- Forest Inventory
- Forest Resources & Practices Regulations



Guiding principles on how to meet the stated purpose of the state forest while also protecting fish habitat and water quality.

Establishes reforestation standards following harvest.

Implementing Best Management Practices for Timber Harvest Operations

From the Alaska Forest Resources and
Practices Regulations

November 2017



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Please note:

This booklet is a work in progress. If you have any questions about sections in the booklet, please contact Joel Nudelman, Division of Forestry: phone: 907-465-5406; email: joel.nudelman@alaska.gov. By contacting the Division with questions, future revisions will make this booklet a more useful document. Thanks!!

Tanana Valley State Forest Inventory – provides....

Spatially accurate timber stand maps

Accurate acreage determination of forest cover.

Statistically valid sampling design that produces a variety of tree and stand attributes.

Field sampling of tree and stand productivity variables useful for determining sustainable harvest rates.

Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping access of spatial data with volume and acreage querying capabilities.

Relational database information storage with ability to update volume figures from future land base acreage changes.

Timber Inventory of State Forest Lands in the Tanana Valley 2013



Doug Hanson
Statewide Inventory Forester
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Forestry
9/27/2013

A Working Forest

Local Markets that support local jobs and the local economy

Approximately 40 mostly small businesses working in TVSF

7 sawmills

6 house log manufacturers

2 pellet mills

2 Firewood retailers

1 log furniture manufacturer

*2015 Bureau of Business and Economic Research, UM



Provide forest resources to individual Alaskans

Firewood

House logs

Christmas trees

Non-timber forest products



Generally Allowed uses.....





Grazing



Establishing Trails



Scientific Resources



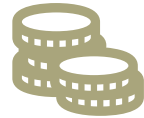
Subsurface Resources



Tourism



Guides and Outfitters



Other economic activity



Non-Timber Forest
Products

Other Permitted Uses

Considerations

Archeological Resources

Fish and Wildlife Habitat

Private land

Public Access

Transportation

Water Resources

Invasives

Incompatible Uses

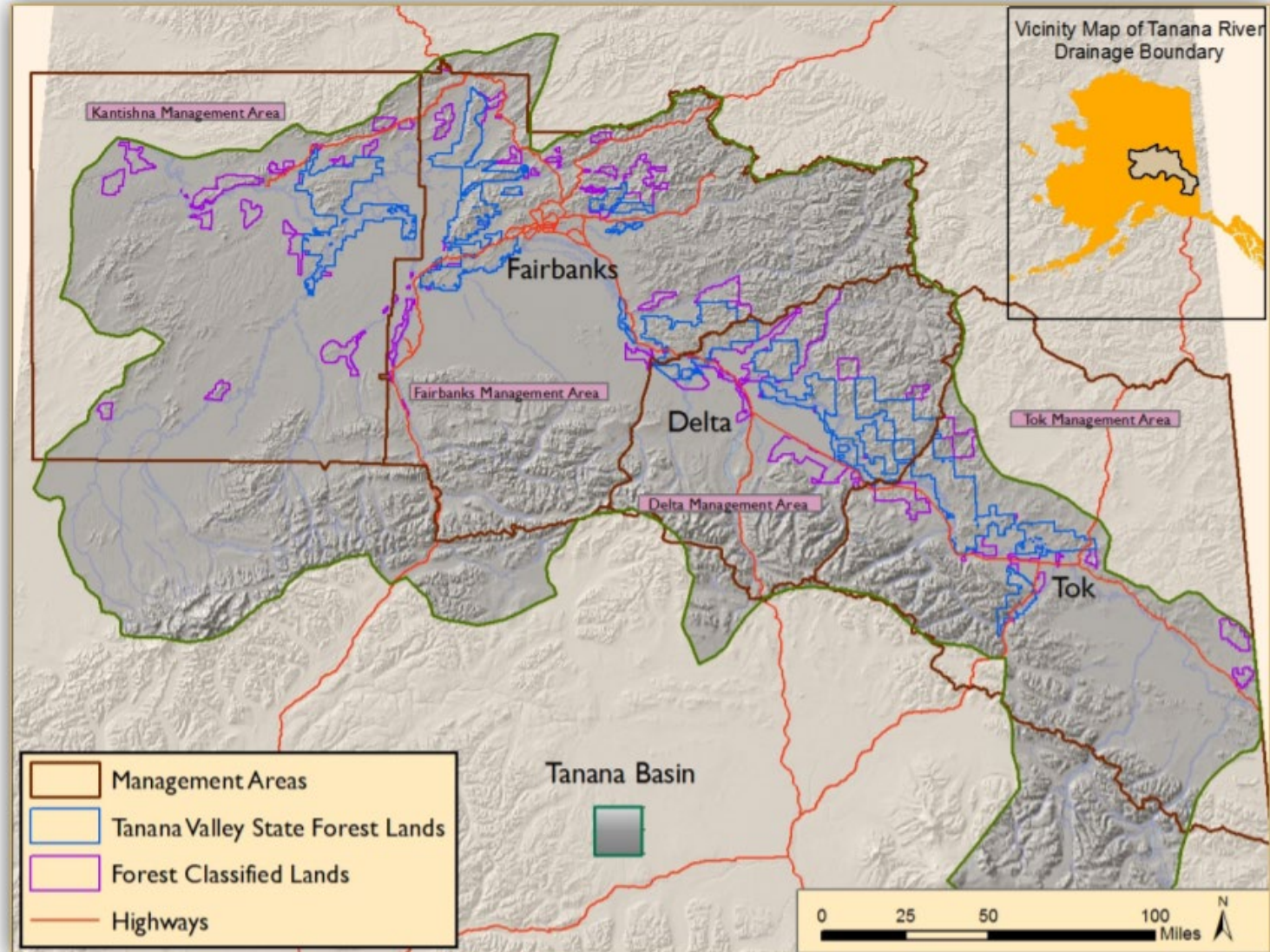
Reasons to update the plan

New timber inventory

Access information

Reflect current information

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What does the plan do?

Management goals for the TVSF

Planning by unit

Forest inventory

Facilitate timber harvest and other beneficial uses

Rules/guidelines to allow uses with minimal conflict

Consider nontimber purposes

Identify potential development activities

Address incompatible uses

Manage for multiple use and sustained yield

Process

One year goal



Who is involved?

- You! Public review during the scoping period, draft plan public review period, and final plan
- Board of Forestry
- Tanana Valley State Forest Citizens' Advisory Committee
- Other State agencies
- Division of Forestry Staff

Access

Recommended additions to TVSF

Updated forest inventory

Silvicultural treatments

Forest health & climate change

Wildlife habitat management

Recreation

Research uses

Scoping Issues

Other scoping issues?

We want to hear from you!





Public scoping meetings:

December 15

December 16



Public scoping comment deadline:

January 3, 2022 by 5:00 p.m.

Important Dates

Open Discussion

