

Susitna Valley Forest Management Plan



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Agenda

History of the Susitna Forestry Guidelines

Why the revisions?

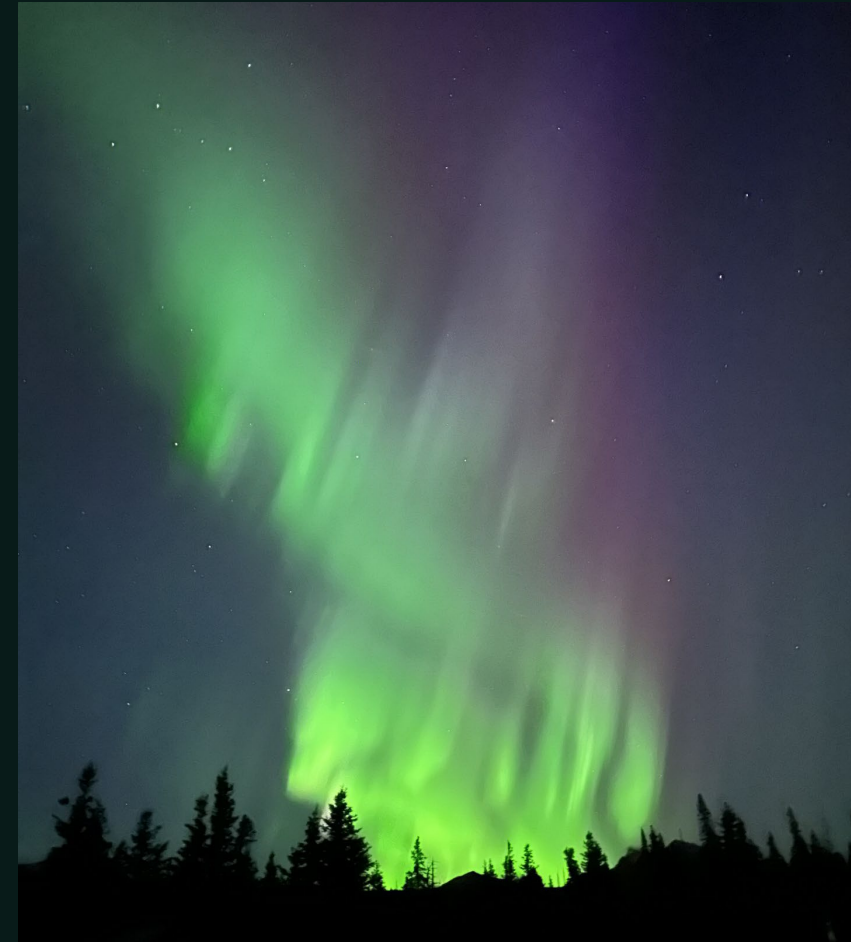
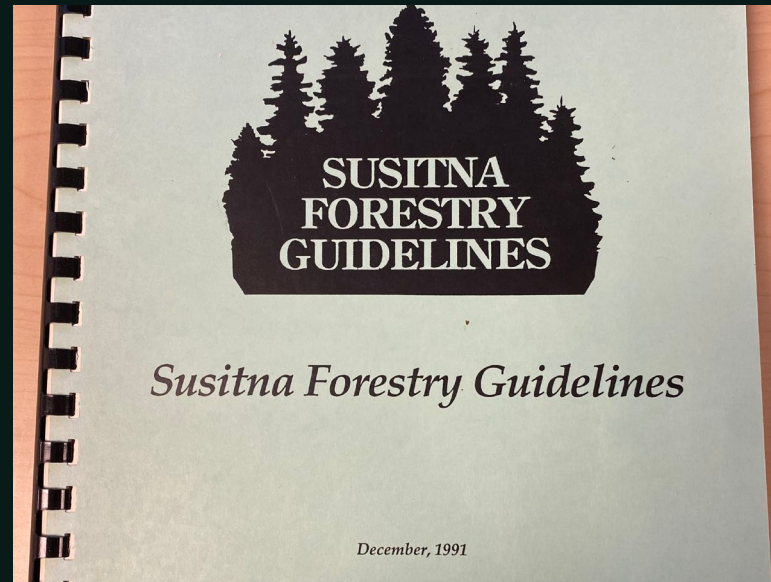
How to get involved



Introduction

The Susitna Forestry Guidelines:

- Direct forest/timber management in the Susitna Valley
- Set standards for developing access/areas for harvest
- Multiple use management, protect water quality/wildlife habitat
- Apply only to State lands



History

Adopted 1991

Extensive public and
agency input

10-year plan life



Susitna Forestry Guidelines

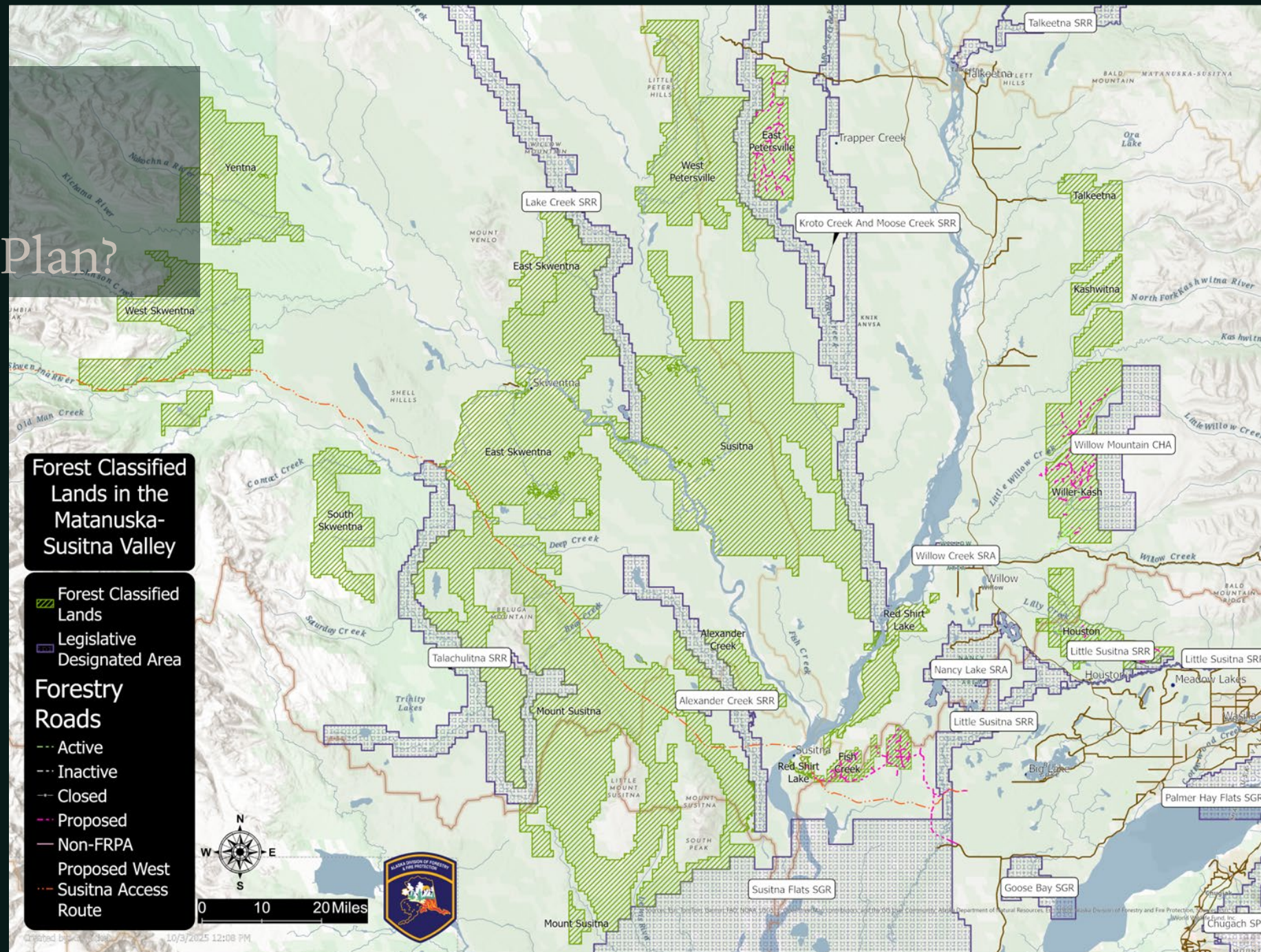
2009 Revision
effort



Why The New Plan?

The industry has evolved

Not reflective of current
forest conditions



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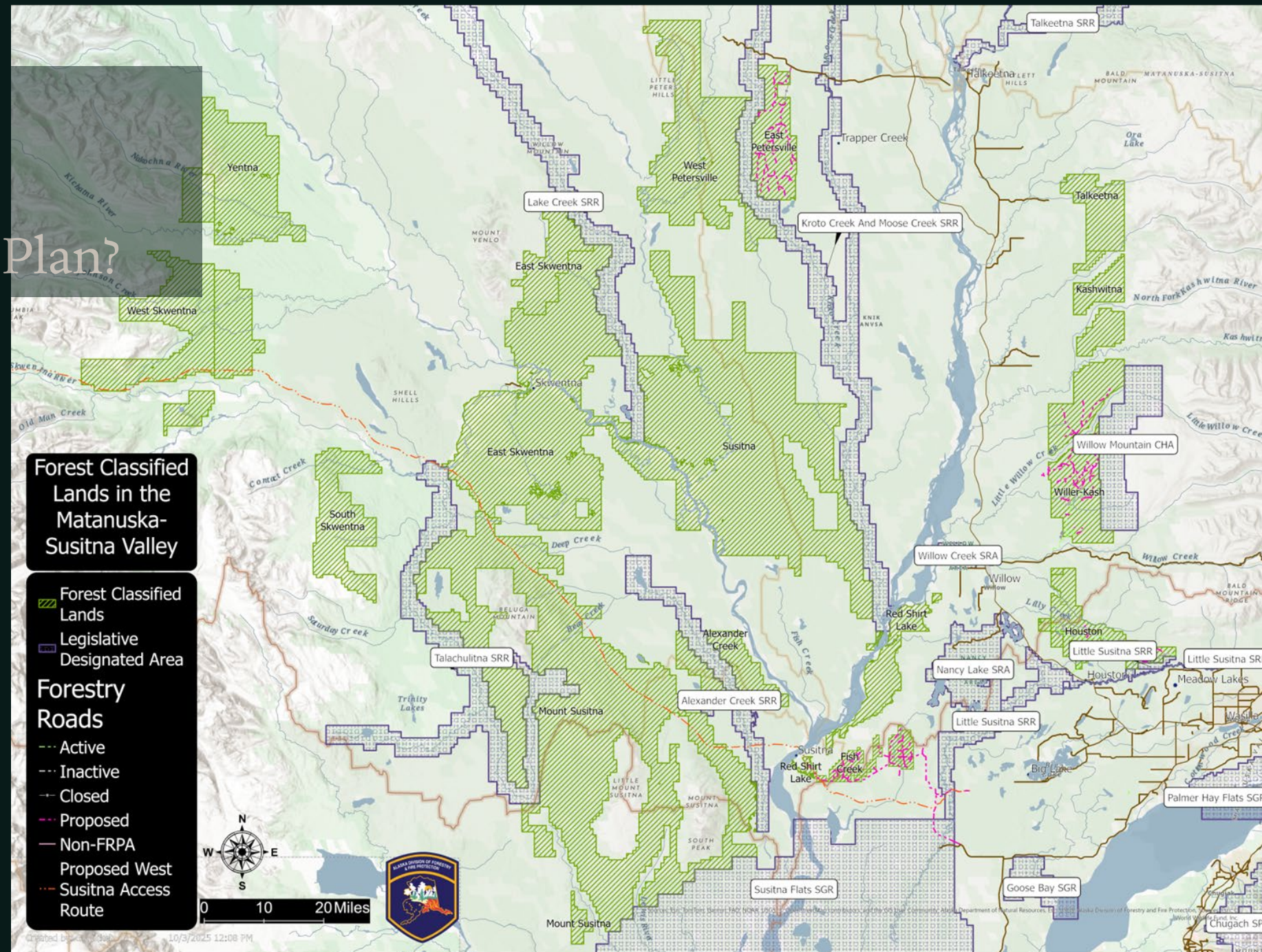
Exceeded the 10-year
plan lifespan

Spruce beetle

Modernized industry

Flexibility / efficiency

Incorporate local
knowledge and values





Why The New Plan?

Revisit timber sale size

Remove prescriptive and redundancies

- Silviculture Rx in FLUP
- Waterbody setbacks in FRPA

Revisit phasing and buffers

Evaluate AAC, rotation length, visual quality





Your Opinion is important

This is your forest

We borrow it from future generations

We need your knowledge, how you use,
ideas and concerns





How To Get Involved

Two surveys

Interactive map



Thank You

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