Unit 2d - Lena Creek

Background

This unit includes state-selected uplands along Lena Creek at the base of Auke Mountain and a small state upland parcel off Lena Loop Road. Most of this unit is within an area the US Bureau of Mines has found to have high mineral potential.

Lena Creek. Subunit 2d1 was recommended for selection in 1988 because of its potential for community expansion, recreation, and as an alternate transportation corridor for the Glacier Highway to bypass the Auke Village Public Recreation Area. Recent DOTPF plans indicate that only a small southern portion of this subunit would be used for the bypass. Currently there is a powerline along the south boundary of the subunit. The flatter sections of the remaining area have potential for settlement. CBJ recently installed water lines along the Glacier Highway. Those areas not utilized for settlement or transportation could be managed for dispersed recreation. There may be some potential for trails through this area originating at the nearby Auke Village Public Recreation Area.

Communication Site. Subunit 2d2 is a state upland parcel off Lena Loop Road. The site is managed by DOTPF under an ILMT. The site currently supports two communication towers and a building managed by the State Division of Telecommunication Services.

Management Intent

Subunit 2d1 should be managed to provide opportunities for a bypass road corridor, settlement, and dispersed recreation. When a road corridor is more clearly defined, and if there is a clear need for additional lands to be made available for settlement in the planning area, DNR should consider a land sale in the suitable portions of this subunit. Measures should be considered to reduce impacts on or enhance the recreation values of the area by providing greenways, buffers, and local trails when these lands are disposed of.

Subunit 2d2 should continue to be managed as a site for communication facilities. If all or a portion of the site is vacated by DOTPF, the subunit should be considered for settlement because it is relatively flat, has good access, and is an isolated parcel of state land that has no other identified public values. DNR should consider selling lands in this area in conjunction with CBJ to reduce costs to the state and coordinate residential development.

A higher priority will be put on selling state lands closer to Juneau (in Subunits 5b27 and 5b28) than selling land in Subunits 2d1 and 2d2.

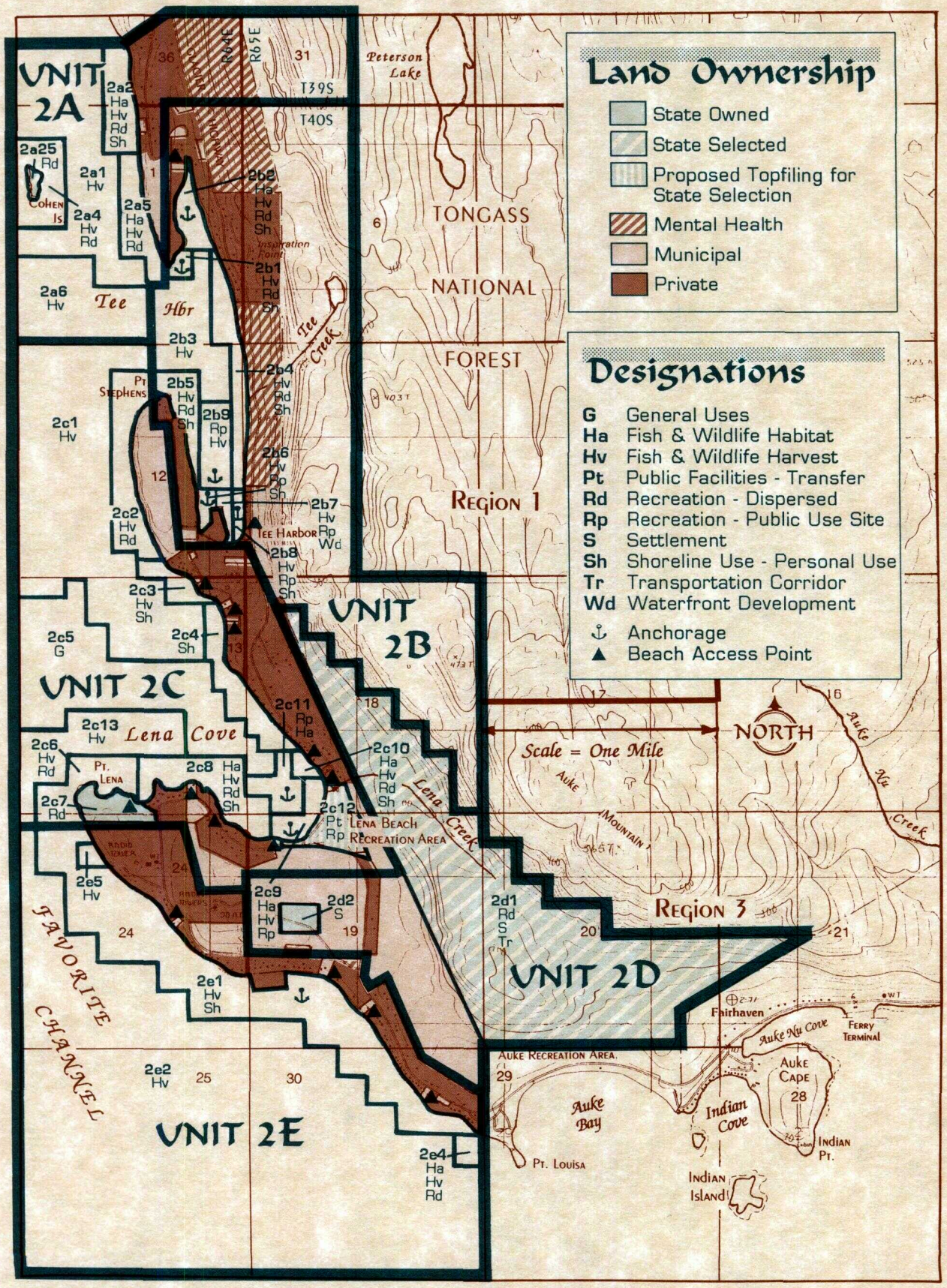
Management Guidelines

Transportation. The proposed Indian Point - Tee Harbor road corridor passes through the southern portion of Subunit 2d1. Opportunities to construct this new road corridor should be protected, and DOTPF should be contacted prior to authorizations in this area.

Mineral Closures. Subunits 2d1 and 2d2 will be closed to new mineral entry to avoid conflicts with using these areas for settlement. Maps of these closures can be found in Mineral Order 653 in Appendix B.

Land-Use Designation Summary

For keys to the one-letter and two-letter abbreviations used in this table, see the beginning of this chapter

Area no. & name	DNR designation	CBJ zoning dist	Land type	Adjacent ownership	Resource or use	Other comments
2d1 Lena Creek	Rd S Tr	RR	U	USFS/ CBJ/ Private	Possible sale area and transportation corridor for Glacier Highway	
2d2	S	D-3	U	CBJ	This is a telecommunication site. The large parcel was previously reduced to allow CBJ to select the surrounding area.	ILMA to DOTPF for communication site (ILMT 22493) containing approximately 90 acres

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