

Delta River Special Recreation Management Area

Primary Market Strategy	Market
Undeveloped	Alaska Residents

Lower Delta River (Zone 5) Recreation Management Zone

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The management zone provides opportunities for both motorized and non-motorized recreation experiences within a naturally appearing landscape on the lower Delta River system and surrounding uplands within the zone.

TARGETED OUTCOMES

Activities	Experiences	Benefits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> hiking berry picking photography hunting camping wildlife viewing trapping snowmachining sightseeing bird watching motorized boating non-motorized boating OHV use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> enjoying solitude experiencing cultural history spending time with family and friends learning about nature relieving stress teaching and developing outdoor skills enjoying scenery and natural landscape carrying on traditions physical exercise satisfying hunter/gatherer traditions 	<p>Personal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> improved health/fitness relief of mental tension and stress increased work productivity greater self-reliance and confidence experiencing solitude closer relationship with the natural world gaining and developing outdoor skills <p>Community/Social:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> realizing family traditions acquire memories to share with others area that locals can experience and use <p>Environmental:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> experiencing an undisturbed area and ease of access to area appreciation of cultural history

PRESCRIBED SETTING CHARACTER

Physical	Social	Administrative
<p>Remoteness: The zone is currently classified as semi-primitive motorized, with a low concentration of users that increases during the fall hunting season.</p> <p>Naturalness: The zone is natural in appearance, but may be within site of the highway, OHV trails, or developed highway and pipeline facilities.</p>	<p>Contacts: During high use periods (hunting season), expect approximately 4-6 encounters per day on the weekend and 2-3 encounters per day during the week.</p> <p>Group Size: Group size averages 3-5 people.</p> <p>Evidence of Use: There is some evidence of camping at sites along the banks. OHV trails that cross the river corridor are evident</p>	<p>Mechanized Use: Motorized boating use occurs on the lower river primarily during hunting season. OHV use is limited to three designated OHV trails within the zone. Snowmachines are allowed during periods of adequate snow cover.</p> <p>Management Controls: Agency personnel conduct field patrols approximately three times per season.</p>

<p>Facilities: The zone is unimproved with approximately 8 primitive campsites located along the river. Three designated OHV trails exist within this zone. There is a survey box and warning sign located at the Richardson Highway Mile 212.5 take-out.</p>	<p>from the river.</p>	<p>Visitor Services: River surveys are available at the Richardson Highway Mile 212.5 take-out.</p>
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IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK / ACTIONS

Administrative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What administrative controls or rules/regulations are needed within this zone to maintain the desired experiences, benefits, and setting character?
Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What specific management actions are needed to maintain the desired experiences, benefits, and setting character? Think of these as “on-the-ground” actions that are required to achieve and sustain the existing or preferred resource setting character.
Marketing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should the BLM market this area to other users (local, national, international)? If so, what kinds of marketing methods should the BLM be using? Consider visitor information, promotion efforts, interpretation and environmental education, etc.
Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring actions are used to determine whether management objectives are being met, prescribed setting characteristics are being sustained, and whether the management, marketing, and administrative actions identified above have been implemented. The use of an adaptive management approach of monitoring indicators and standards is one way to objectively assess the results of management actions. Surveys are also commonly used to assess whether management objectives are being met. What type of monitoring actions should BLM be using to ensure we are meeting our management objectives and goals?