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Table 44. Delta Range SRMA - Alternative Comparison

Management Action	Alternative			
	A: No Action	B: Resource Development	C: Resource Conservation	D: Proposed RMP
Special area decision	No SRMA would be designated.	No SRMA would be designated.	Area designated as SRMA as shown on Map 9, page 81 (360,000 acres).	Area designated as SRMA as shown on Map 9, page 81 (276,000 acres).
Trails/OHV management	No current BLM restrictions.	Same as Alternative A.	Area designated as limited. The Delta Mountain Sub-unit (58,000 acres) would be closed to motorized use.	Area designated as limited. The Delta Mountain Sub-unit (44,000 acres) would be closed to snowmachines 10/15 – 5/15 except to provide access to subsistence resources.
Construction of new airstrips	Considered on a case-by-case basis.	Allowed.	Not permitted.	Permitted within the transportation and utility corridor.
Construction of new roads	Considered on a case-by-case basis.	Allowed. Access across the Delta River to support mineral resource and development would be considered.	Only permitted in support of transportation and utility functions.	Permitted within the transportation and utility corridor and to support resource development. Consideration would be given to retention if consistent with roaded-natural objectives. Mitigate visual impacts.
Minerals: Locatable minerals	Currently closed in inner corridor; open to metalliferous metals in outer corridor and elsewhere.	Revoke withdrawals in outer corridor to allow for mineral entry.	Maintain current withdrawals.	Maintain current withdrawals within transportation and utility corridor. Outside corridor, revoke withdrawals (PLO 5180) to allow for mineral entry.
Minerals: Oil and gas leasing	Currently closed in all portions by withdrawals (PLOs 5150 and 5180).	Revoke withdrawals to allow for mineral leasing.	Maintain current withdrawals.	Maintain PLO 5150 withdrawal against mineral leasing. Revoke PLO 5180 to allow for mineral leasing.

Management Action	Alternative			
	A: No Action	B: Resource Development	C: Resource Conservation	D: Proposed RMP
Minerals: Mineral materials	Mineral material sites along the Richardson Highway.	Permit mineral material development.	Permit only within the transportation and utility corridor.	Permit mineral material development.
Public use cabins	None currently in place.	Consider public use cabins in Jarvis Creek area and for dispersed snowmachine use.	Consider hut-to-hut system in Delta Mountains Sub-unit.	Consider public use cabins in Jarvis Creek area.
Special Recreation Permits (SRPs)	Considered on a case-by-case basis.	Same as Alternative A.	Prohibit heli-skiing, determine appropriate limit for other SRPs based on objectives.	Consider limits on SRPs, based on management objectives and anticipated encounters.
Recreational facilities	None currently in place.	Consider waysides and parking areas to support growing snowmachine use. Campground in Jarvis Creek area.	None.	Consider trailheads/waysides along Richardson Highway. Utilize trailheads for education/interpretation. Consider facilities to support dispersed recreation at Jarvis Creek.
Lands and Realty: Emphasis area for acquisition?	No.	No.	No.	No.
Lands and Realty: FLPMA 302 permits	Considered on a case-by-case basis.	Same as Alternative A.	None considered.	No for occupancy permits in areas being managed for a primitive recreation experience. Case-by-case for non-occupancy permits.
Lands and Realty: FLPMA, R&PP leases	Considered on a case-by-case basis.	Same as Alternative A.	None considered.	Allowed, but avoid in areas being managed for primitive recreation experience.
Lands and Realty: Rights of Way (ROW).	Considered on a case-by-case basis.	Allow; mitigate as needed.	None considered, except in the transportation and utility corridor.	Allowed in transportation and utility corridor, avoid in areas being managed for a primitive recreation experience.
Military permits, activities	Considered on a case-by-case basis.	Same as Alternative A.	None considered.	Okay, but avoid in areas being managed for a primitive recreation experience.

Table 45. Delta River SRMA - Alternative Comparison

Management Action	Alternative			
	A: No Action	B: Resource Development	C: Resource Conservation	D: Proposed RMP
Special area decision	No SRMA designated.	No SRMA designated; manage under existing River Management Plan for the Delta National Wild and Scenic River (BLM 1983a).	Same as Alternative D.	Designation would include ANILCA-designated corridor (44,000 acres). See Map 5, page 67.
Trails/OHV management	Portion within TLAD limited to designated trails (most of scenic and wild portions); otherwise, OHV use limited to existing trails.	Same as Alternative A.	Limited to designated trails summer and winter.	OHVs limited to designated trails. No snowmachine restrictions once adequate snowfall is present (6" frost or 12" snow cover).
Construction of new airstrips	Not permitted within corridor.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A, and not permitted within viewshed.	Same as Alternative A.
Construction of new roads	Avoid new construction. Allows for realignment of Richardson Highway adjacent to recreational portion and replacement of Denali Highway bridge in scenic portion.	Same as Alternative A. Consider ROW for access to mining activities in or adjacent to recreational and scenic portions of river corridor.	No new road construction in corridor or in viewshed.	New roads within the scenic and recreational portions may be authorized if no feasible alternative exists and new road would be compatible with values for which the river was established.
Minerals: Locatable minerals	Closed in wild segment. Currently closed in wild portion by ANILCA, closed in recreational portion (inner transportation and utility corridor), but open in most portions of scenic segment (PLO 5180 allows for metaliferous metals).	Revoke withdrawals in scenic and recreational portions to allow for mineral entry.	Recommend closures in all segments and in viewshed.	Recommend maintenance of withdrawals in recreational portion and scenic portion. In addition, recommend withdrawal against locatable mineral entry in scenic portions currently open (16,000 acres).

Management Action	Alternative			
	A: No Action	B: Resource Development	C: Resource Conservation	D: Proposed RMP
Minerals: Oil and gas leasing	Currently closed in wild segment under ANILCA. Closed in recreational segment under PLO 5150. Closed in scenic segment under PLO 5180.	Revoke current withdrawals in recreational and scenic portions to allow for mineral leasing.	Maintain current closures for corridor and viewshed.	Maintain existing withdrawals against mineral leasing.
Minerals: Mineral materials	Available in recreational portion in support of highway maintenance and reconstruction; discouraged in scenic; not permitted in wild.	Same as Alternative A.	Not permitted in any portion of river corridor or in viewshed.	Available in recreational portion in support of highway maintenance and reconstruction. Not permitted in scenic or wild portions.
Minerals: Access to mining activity	Occurs summer and winter.	Consider potential for future ROW in recreational or scenic portions to access mining activities on west side of river. Construction would be consistent with management of recreational portion of river.	Limit overland access to winter use only.	Overland river crossing only permitted in winter when the river is frozen. Other requests would be considered based on conditions to minimize disturbance to the river.
Public use cabins	None authorized.	Consider public cabins in scenic and recreational portions.	None considered.	None considered. This includes administrative or emergency use cabins.
Special Recreation Permits (SRP)	Permitted on a case-by-case basis.	Same as Alternative A.	Determine appropriate limit of SRPs in corridor and viewshed.	Determine appropriate limit for SRPs in corridor, based on management objectives and anticipated encounters.
General visitor use	No visitor use limits.	No visitor use limits established.	Determine visitor use limits for general visitor use.	Same as Alternative C, based on management objectives and anticipated encounters.

Management Action	Alternative			
	A: No Action	B: Resource Development	C: Resource Conservation	D: Proposed RMP
Recreational facilities	Limited to Tangle Lakes campground, portage, and take-out.	Develop more pit toilets. Delta wayside upgrade. Consider acquisition of Lodge for education/visitor center, campground renovation, develop take-out with outhouse, signage.	Maintain existing facilities.	Delta wayside upgrade. Consider acquisition of Lodge for education/visitor center. Tangle Lakes campground renovation. Improve signage at take-out.
Lands and Realty: Emphasis area for acquisition?	No.	No.	Yes.	Yes.
Lands and Realty: FLPMA, R&PP leases	Consider on a case-by-case basis.	Same as Alternative A.	None considered.	Avoid in this area.
Lands and Realty: FLPMA 302 permits	Consider on a case-by-case basis.	Yes, on a case-by-case basis.	None considered.	No for occupancy type permits. Non-occupancy considered if consistent with objectives identified for this SRMA.
Lands and Realty: Rights-of-way (ROW)	Utility corridor an existing land use allocation. Allow with protection of scenic and other values.	Allow on a case-by-case basis.	None considered in corridor or in viewshed.	Same as Alternative A for the recreational portion, which falls within the transportation and utility corridor. Avoid in wild and scenic segments.
Military permits, activities	Considered on a case-by-case basis.	Same as Alternative A.	None considered.	None considered.
Fire	Currently managed under limited suppression class.	Same as Alternative A.	Use fuels treatment projects and wildland fire to achieve resource objectives, protect human life and property and to reduce risk and costs of unwanted wildland fires.	Same as Alternative C, but move corridor into modified suppression class based on visual resource management.

Management Action	Alternative			
	A: No Action	B: Resource Development	C: Resource Conservation	D: Proposed RMP
Forestry	1983 Plan allows personal use firewood gathering.	Same as Alternative A.	No forestry practices or firewood permits allowed in corridor or viewshed.	No commercial forestry or firewood sales. Personal firewood allowed under permit.
Visual resources	Managed as Class I.	Manage as Class II.	Manage within corridor and viewshed as Class I.	Manage as Class I. Viewshed on BLM-managed lands outside SRMA would be managed as Class II. Activities within the viewshed should be designed to protect the area's scenic quality, such as minimizing vegetation clearing, using landforms to screen structures and guide road alignment.

Table 46. Denali Highway SRMA - Alternative Comparison

Note: Within this table, “interim” refers to management of State- or Native-selected lands until conveyed; “long-term” refers to management of lands if they are retained in Federal ownership.

Management Action	Alternative				
	A: No Action	B: Resource Development	C: Resource Conservation	D: Proposed RMP Interim Management	D: Proposed RMP Long-term Management
Special area decision	No SRMA designated.	No SRMA. This is priority area for State selection. Pursue designation as Backcountry Byway.	Designate area as SRMA as shown on Map 6, page 69 (559,000 acres).	No SRMA designated. Measures described below would apply.	If large contiguous blocks of land are retained in Federal ownership, designate as SRMA.
Trails/OHV management	Only limited to designated trails in TLAD. No other restrictions.	Same as Alternative A.	OHVs within this area would be limited, with goal to stop unmanaged proliferation of trails that cause soil and vegetation degradation.	Designated as limited to OHVs, consistent with State’s Generally Allowed Uses. BLM would emphasize education and interpretation regarding staying on existing trails. No snowmachine restrictions.	Same as Alternative C.
Construction of new airstrips	Considered on a case-by-case basis.	Same as Alternative A.	No new airstrips considered.	Avoid construction of new airstrips.	Same as Alternative D – Interim Management.
Construction of new roads	Considered on a case-by-case basis.	Permit new road construction. Consider retention of roads constructed for resource development to expand/enhance a roaded natural recreation experience.	No new road construction.	Permit new road construction only when necessary for resource development. Utilize specific guidelines for minimizing impacts to visual resources identified in “Denali to Wrangell-St. Elias” (Alaska DNR 1982)	Same as Alternative D – Interim Management.

Management Action	Alternative				
	A: No Action	B: Resource Development	C: Resource Conservation	D: Proposed RMP Interim Management	D: Proposed RMP Long-term Management
Minerals: Locatable minerals	Under PLO 5180, open to metalliferous metals.	Keep open to locatable minerals.	Recommend closure of entire SRMA to protect recreation and viewshed values.	Closed to mineral entry by State and Native selections.	Area would remain open to locatable mineral entry. Mitigate visual impacts consistent with recommendations in "Denali to Wrangell-St. Elias." (Alaska DNR 1982)
Minerals: Oil and gas leasing	Currently closed under PLO 5180.	Revoke withdrawal and open to leasable minerals.	Maintain withdrawal.	Closed to mineral leasing by State and Native selections.	Revoke withdrawal and open to leasable minerals. Area is low potential for oil and gas development.
Minerals: Mineral materials	Some gravel sites currently present along Denali Highway.	Allow on a case-by-case basis.	Do not permit.	Avoid development of mineral material sites. Any development should follow guidance for mineral material development in "Denali to Wrangell-St. Elias" (Alaska DNR 1982).	Same as Alternative D – Interim management.
Public use cabins	None currently available.	Should be considered.	None.	Would not be considered under interim management.	Would be considered if lands retained in long-term Federal ownership.
Special Recreation Permits (SRP)	Permitted on a case-by-case basis.	Same as Alternative A.	Determine appropriate limit for all SRPs in corridor.	Permitted on case-by-case basis.	Determine appropriate limit for all SRPs in area if lands are retained in contiguous, manageable blocks.
General visitor use	No visitor use limits.	No visitor use limits established.	Determine visitor use limits for general visitor use, based on management objectives.	No visitor use limits established.	No general visitor use limits established.

Management Action	Alternative				
	A: No Action	B: Resource Development	C: Resource Conservation	D: Proposed RMP Interim Management	D: Proposed RMP Long-term Management
Recreational facilities	BLM currently manages Tangle Lakes campground, Delta wayside, Brushkana campground, and some trailheads.	Follow direction for recreational facilities described in "Denali to Wrangell-St. Elias" (Alaska DNR 1982).	No new facilities until visitor use limits have been determined. Limit facilities to those necessary to handle capacity.	No investment in new facilities until land status is resolved. Consideration would be given to development of facilities on recreational withdrawals described in Alternative D – Long-term management.	The following recreational withdrawals would be considered for recreational facilities: 1. 39-mile or Maclaren River (wayside) 2. Clearwater (wayside) 3. Susitna (wayside). Consider boat launch Utilize other recreation withdrawals for trailheads or for education/interpretation sites. Develop some trailheads.
Lands and Realty: Emphasis area for acquisition?	No.	No.	Yes.	No, but do not preclude from possible acquisition.	Yes, if contiguous blocks of land are retained in Federal ownership.
Lands and Realty: FLPMA, R&PP leases	Considered on a case-by-case basis.	Same as Alternative A.	None considered.	Considered if consistent with management objectives for the area.	Same as Alternative D - Interim management.
Lands and Realty: FLPMA 302 permits	Considered on a case-by-case basis.	Considered on a case-by-case basis.	None considered.	No occupancy permits considered. Non-occupancy permits considered on a case-by-case basis if consistent with objectives of the area.	Same as Alternative D - Interim management.
Lands and Realty: Rights-of-way (ROW)	Evaluate on a case-by-case basis.	Allow on a case-by-case basis.	None considered.	Okay with mitigation measures to minimize visual impacts.	Same as Alternative D - Interim management.

Management Action	Alternative				
	A: No Action	B: Resource Development	C: Resource Conservation	D: Proposed RMP Interim Management	D: Proposed RMP Long-term Management
Military permits, activities	Considered on a case-by-case basis.	Same as Alternative A.	None considered.	None considered.	None considered.
Fire	Limited or modified suppression classes; full suppression around lodges, campgrounds, waysides, or developed recreation sites/facilities.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative D - Interim management.	Same as Alternative A, but suppression tactics would be used that minimize visual impacts. Prescribed fire burn plans should address visual resources, air quality, and buffers for water quality. Use fuels treatment projects to achieve resource objectives, protect human life and property, and to reduce risk of unwanted wildland fires.	Same as Alternative D - Interim management.

Table 47. Tielkel SRMA - Alternative Comparison

Note: Within this table, “interim” refers to management of State- or Native-selected lands until conveyed; “long-term” refers to management of lands if they are retained in Federal ownership.

Management Action	Alternative				
	A: No Action	B: Resource Development	C: Resource Conservation	D: Proposed RMP Interim Management	D: Proposed RMP Long-term Management
Special area decision	No SRMA designated.	No SRMA designated.	Designate SRMA as shown on Map 7, page 70. Includes 848,000 acres, predominantly State- and Native-selected.	Designation includes only unencumbered BLM lands (120,000 acres). Map 7, page 70.	Lands within the area described in Alternative C retained in long-term Federal ownership would be designated as an SRMA with measures described below.
Trails/OHV management.	No restrictions on BLM-managed lands.	Open.	Area designated as limited to OHVs with objectives and specific limitations outlined in implementation level plans. The Tonsina sub-unit would be designated as described in Alternative D - Interim management.	Area designated as limited to OHVs just as other unencumbered BLM lands. State- and Native-selected lands under area described in Alternative C would be designated as limited consistent with the State’s Generally Allowed Uses. BLM would emphasize education/ interpretation regarding staying on existing trails.	Area would be designated as limited to designated trails just as other unencumbered BLM lands and on any lands retained in long-term Federal ownership.

Management Action	Alternative				
	A: No Action	B: Resource Development	C: Resource Conservation	D: Proposed RMP Interim Management	D: Proposed RMP Long-term Management
Trails/OHV management: Tonsina Sub-unit (motorized closure)	No current restrictions.	No OHV closures.	Trails within this sub-unit would be designated. The northern portion of the sub-unit would be closed to motorized vehicles in the summer, open to snowmachines in the winter. Southern portion would be closed year-round (includes helicopter-supported SRPs). Sub-unit does not include the transportation and utility corridor and is buffered off the highways to exclude most existing motorized trails.	The Tonsina sub-unit (north and south) would not be designated. No area closures to OHVs considered. Area would be managed as described for rest of area.	If lands within Tonsina subunits (north or south) were retained in long-term Federal ownership, closures and limitations on motorized use would be considered as outlined under Alternative C.
Construction of new airstrips	Considered on a case-by-case basis.	Same as Alternative A.	No new airstrips.	Consider on a case-by-case basis.	Avoid construction of new airstrips in areas being managed for a primitive recreation experience. Otherwise, consider on a case-by-case basis.

Management Action	Alternative				
	A: No Action	B: Resource Development	C: Resource Conservation	D: Proposed RMP Interim Management	D: Proposed RMP Long-term Management
Construction of new roads	Considered on a case-by-case basis.	Explore potential of new roads in roaded natural areas to increase opportunities for dispersed recreation, with secondary goal of facilitating forestry practices. ROW applications for new roads outside of roaded natural areas would be considered.	No new road construction outside of transportation and utility corridor. Avoid inside transportation and utility corridor.	Consider on a case-by-case basis. Roads within transportation and utility corridor for other practices (forestry, utility) would be considered to retain if consistent with roaded natural recreation experience. In other areas, use of temporary and winter roads should be emphasized, with measures identified to mitigate visual impacts.	Same as Alternative D - Interim management.
Minerals: Locatable minerals	Closed within portions of transportation and utility corridor (inner portion) by PLO 5150. Open in most of the rest of the area due to PLO 6329.	Keep open to locatable minerals.	Recommend closure of entire SRMA to mineral entry to protect recreation and viewshed values.	Closed to mineral entry by State and Native selections.	Maintain withdrawals within inner portion of transportation and utility corridor. Other lands (outside corridor, retained in long-term Federal ownership) would be open.
Minerals: Oil and gas leasing	Closed within PLO 5150. Open in most of the rest of the area due to PLO 6329.	Open all except inner corridor of 5150.	Maintain PLO 5150 withdrawals.	Closed to mineral leasing by State and Native selections.	Maintain PLO 5150 withdrawals.
Minerals: Mineral materials	Considered on a case-by-case basis.	Allow on a case-by-case basis.	Do not permit.	Consider on a case-by-case basis.	Avoid development of mineral material sites in areas being managed for primitive recreation experience.

Management Action	Alternative				
	A: No Action	B: Resource Development	C: Resource Conservation	D: Proposed RMP Interim Management	D: Proposed RMP Long-term Management
Public use cabins	None currently in place.	Should be considered.	Do not permit.	Consider on unencumbered BLM lands.	Would be considered within this area, with emphasis on semi-primitive motorized and roaded natural areas.
Special Recreation Permits (SRP)	Permitted on a case-by-case basis.	Same as Alternative A.	Determine appropriate limits for all SRPs, based on management objectives and anticipated encounters.	Determine appropriate limits for heli-ski operations on BLM-managed lands, based on management objectives and anticipated encounters.	Determine appropriate limits for SRPs, based on management objectives and anticipated encounters.
General visitor use	No visitor use limits.	No visitor use limits.	Determine general visitor use limits.	No visitor use limit determination.	No visitor use limit determination.
Recreational facilities	A few trailheads currently exist.	Work with ADOT to develop two waysides (preferably at trailheads) within this SRMA. Waysides would provide educational/interpretive signs and outhouses. Also consider bicycle route on old Richardson Highway.	Do not develop trailheads that access areas managed for a primitive experience.	Same as Alternative B and Alternative D – Long-term management. Give consideration to not developing trailheads that access areas managed for a primitive experience.	Update, develop selected trailheads. Use trailheads for education/interpretation regarding land status, Leave No Trace, and cultural resources.
Lands and Realty: Emphasis area for acquisition?	No.	No.	Yes.	No.	No.

Management Action	Alternative				
	A: No Action	B: Resource Development	C: Resource Conservation	D: Proposed RMP Interim Management	D: Proposed RMP Long-term Management
Lands and Realty: FLPMA 302 permits	Considered on a case-by-case basis.	Considered on a case-by-case basis.	None considered.	No for occupancy permits in areas being managed for primitive recreation experience. Consider on a case-by-case basis for non-occupancy permits, but avoid in areas being managed for primitive recreation experience.	Same as Alternative D - Interim management.
Lands and Realty: FLPMA, R&PP leases	Considered on a case-by-case basis.	Same as Alternative A.	None considered.	Okay, except avoid in areas being managed for primitive recreation experience.	Same as Alternative D - Interim management.
Lands and Realty: Rights-of-way (ROW)	Evaluate on a case-by-case basis.	Allow on a case-by-case basis.	None considered, except in the transportation and utility corridor.	Allowed in transportation and utility corridor, avoid in areas being managed for primitive recreation experience.	Same as Alternative D - Interim management.
Military permits, activities	Considered on a case-by-case basis.	Same as Alternative A.	None considered.	Okay, but avoid in areas being managed for primitive recreation experience.	Same as Alternative D - Interim management.
Fire	Currently in limited and modified suppression classes.	Same as Alternative A.		All lands within transportation and utility corridor would be managed under modified or full suppression classes. Use fuels treatment projects and wildland fire to achieve resource objectives and protect life and property.	Same as Alternative D - Interim management.

Management Action	Alternative				
	A: No Action	B: Resource Development	C: Resource Conservation	D: Proposed RMP Interim Management	D: Proposed RMP Long-term Management
Forestry	Some sales have occurred.		Allow personal use and commercial firewood permits and sales.	Portions of this SRMA are a Forestry emphasis area. Most forestry activities would take place within the transportation and utility corridor (PLO 5150). Forestry activities would meet VRM objectives for the area.	Same as Alternative D - Interim management.