



**Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission  
Community Harvest System Hunt**

**Regulations Book**

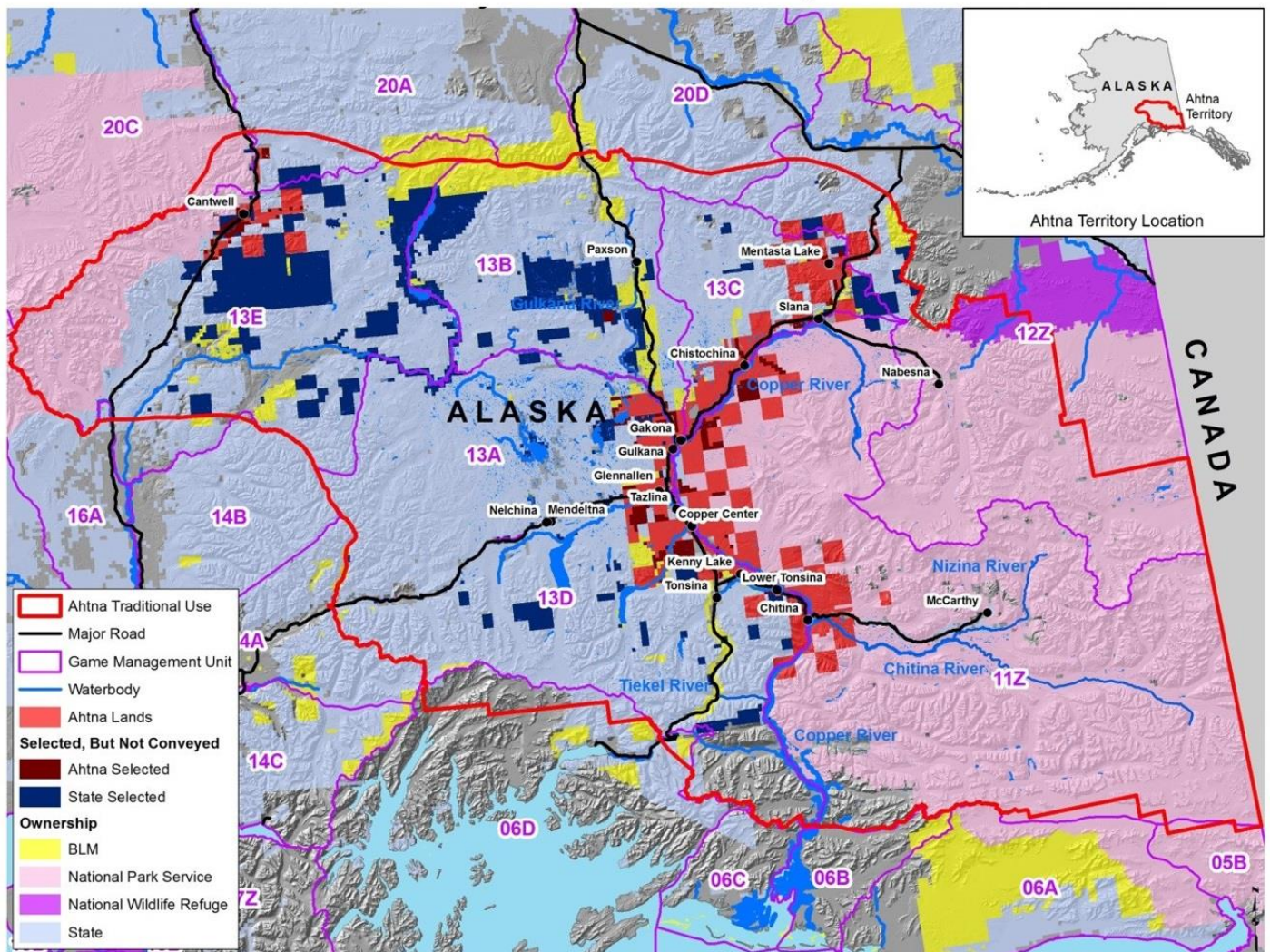
**Effective July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2024**

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## Ahtna Traditional Use Territory



## Introduction

The Ahtna people have lived and been connected with the land for thousands of years. Their traditional use area extends from the foothills of Denali, south to the tops of the Chugach range, north to the Alaska range, east to the Canadian border. Spanning more than 46,875 square miles in the Interior of Alaska.

This book contains important information on this community harvest system hunt. These regulations are in effect from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 and apply only to moose and caribou on most federal lands within the Ahtna Traditional Use Territory.

Carefully review the section that applies to your residency in which you receive your hunt registration. The salvaged and reporting requirements differ from other hunts under federal regulations.

## **History of AITRC Community Harvest System Hunt**



(Department of Interior Deputy Secretary Connor and AITRC Chair Christopher Gene, November 29, 2016)

In 2016, the Department of Interior and AITRC membership entered into a Memorandum of Agreement that allowed AITRC to cooperatively manage wildlife on Federal lands within the Ahtna Traditional Use Territory. Since 2017, AITRC worked with the Alaska Federal Subsistence Management program to develop a community harvest system for moose in Unit 11 and for moose and caribou in Units 12 and 13.

On January 27, 2021, the Federal Subsistence Board adopted and approved a community harvest system for moose and caribou for the eight Ahtna villages as outlined in that agreement. Portions of Unit 12 within the Ahtna Traditional Use Territory were added the permanent regulations by action of the Federal Subsistence Board on April 13, 2022.

### **Who Can Participate?**

Federally qualified residents of Cantwell, Mentasta, Chistochina, Gakona, Gulkana, Copper Center, and Chitina census designated places (CDPs) are eligible to participate in the Community Harvest System but are not required to. Being a resident of one of these CDPs doesn't mean that you can hunt anywhere in Units 11, 12, and 13, as you must still meet existing customary and traditional use determination eligibility.

If you choose to participate in this hunt, you do not have to go to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the National Park Service (NPS) for your federal permits, but to one location at AITRC. Seasons and bag limits will be the same as other federally managed hunts in those units.

### **Federal Subsistence Regulations Books**

For current Federal Subsistence hunt regulations go to:

<https://www.doi.gov/sites/doi.gov/files/2020-2022-wildlife-regs-book-web-reduced-size.pdf>

# **AITRC Community Harvest System Framework & FAQ's**

## **1. Who is eligible to register in the AITRC-administered community harvest system?**

All Federally qualified individuals whose primary residence is within any of the eight named communities – Cantwell, Chistochina, Chitina, Copper Center, Gakona, Gulkana, Mentasta Lake, and Tazlina – are eligible to register in the community harvest system. The only criteria for determining eligibility to register in the community harvest system are Federal qualification and the location of the applicant's primary permanent residence.

## **2. How is community residency determined?**

Eligibility to participate in Federal subsistence harvest opportunities is based on the physical location of one's primary permanent residence. The most recent census designated place (CDP) boundaries drawn by the US Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, will be used to determine community boundaries. Maps showing the location of these boundaries are available online ([www.ahtnatribal.org/harvest](http://www.ahtnatribal.org/harvest)) and at the AITRC office.

## **3. How do I register for the community harvest system?**

Contact the community harvest system administrator, the Ahtna Intertribal Resource Commission, at (907) 822-4466 or [harvest@ahtnatribal.org](mailto:harvest@ahtnatribal.org), or visit the office at Mile 187 Glenn Highway to register.

## **4. Am I required to register for the community harvest system if I live in one of the eligible communities?**

No. Registration in the community harvest system is optional for Federally qualified residents of the eligible communities. You may register in the community harvest system for moose and/or caribou. You may choose either to register in the community harvest system or to participate in hunts under the regular Federal subsistence regulations applicable to those areas (see question 6).

## **5. If I register for the community harvest system, may I participate in other Federal subsistence hunts?**

Yes. You may participate in Federal subsistence hunts that do not overlap with the species and units governed by the community harvest system for which you have registered. The community harvest system is authorized for caribou and moose in Units 12 & 13 and for moose only in Unit 11.

## **6. What lands are included in the community harvest system?**

The community harvest system applies to all Federal public lands open for subsistence uses in Units 11 and 13, subject to restrictions in question 9. The CHS also applies to Federal public lands in Unit 12 within the Tok and Little Tok River drainages south of the Tok River bridge and east of the Tok Cutoff Road, and within the Nabesna River drainage west of the east bank of the Nabesna River upstream from the southern boundary of Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge and that portion of Unit 12 that is east of the Nabesna River and south of the Pickerel Lake Winter Trail running southeast from Pickerel Lake to the Canadian Border. (The lands included in the community harvest system are the same Federal public lands that are included in a regular Federal subsistence hunt.)

## **7. What seasons apply to registrants in the community harvest system?**

The seasons for the community harvest system are the same as those that apply to people hunting under the existing Federal regulations for those areas. Refer to the Federal subsistence regulations booklet for more details.

## **8. What is the community harvest quota for the AITRC-administered community harvest system?**

The community harvest quota for the AITRC-administered community harvest system is the sum of individual harvest limits for the included species and hunt areas that otherwise would have been available to community harvest system registrants had they chosen to hunt under the regular Federal Subsistence hunting regulations.

## **9. If I register in the community harvest system, where am I allowed to hunt?**

- Community harvest system registrants may only hunt on Federal public lands within Units 11, 12, and 13 where their community or area of permanent residence has a customary and traditional use determination established by the Federal Subsistence Board for the species to be harvested. Refer to the Federal subsistence regulations booklet for more details.



- In Unit 12, the community harvest system applies to Federal public lands within the Tok and Little Tok River drainages south of the Tok River bridge and east of the Tok Cutoff Road, and within the Nabesna River drainage west of the east bank of the Nabesna River upstream from the southern boundary of Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge and that portion of Unit 12 that is east of the Nabesna River and south of the Pickerel Lake Winter Trail running southeast from Pickerel Lake to the Canadian Border (see map on following pages).
- Additionally, National Park Service regulations limit hunting on lands designated as National Parks (but not National Preserves) to people who live in resident zone communities, live within the National Park, or hold a subsistence eligibility permit issued pursuant to 36 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 13.440. This means that only residents of Cantwell may hunt in that portion of Unit 13E that falls within Denali National Park and only residents of Chistochina, Chitina, Copper Center, Gakona, Gulkana, Mentasta Lake, and Tazlina may hunt within Wrangell-St. Elias National Park.

**10. Is a hunting license required to register in the community harvest system?**

Persons 18 years of age or older must hold a current State of Alaska resident hunting license in order to register for the community harvest system. A hunting license is not required for those less than 18 years old. Registrants 60 years of age and older or disabled veterans may have a permanent ID card issued by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game instead of an annual hunting license.

**11. Are any other Federal or State registration permits or harvest tickets required?**

No. Registrants in the community harvest system will receive a hunt registration and, if they choose to hunt, a harvest report from AITRC. Only the community harvest system registration and harvest report are required.

**12. Can registrants in the community harvest system hunt for moose or caribou under State of Alaska regulations? And if so, do any special rules apply?**

Registration in the community harvest system does not preclude someone from hunting moose or caribou under State of Alaska regulations; however, any moose or caribou harvested by community harvest system registrants under State regulations would count against the community harvest system quota. Community harvest system registrants who harvest a moose or caribou under State regulations must submit the required State harvest report to AITRC about the harvest under State regulations for inclusion in the harvest quota calculation within 5 days of harvest.

*Moose and caribou harvests by community harvest system registrants under State of Alaska regulations count towards the community harvest quota because the community harvest quota is the sum of the individual harvest limits of community harvest system registrants and under 50 CFR 100.25(c)(1) Federal subsistence and State of Alaska harvest limits cannot be accumulated.*

**13. What are the responsibilities of registrants in the community harvest system?**

Registrants must carry their individual hunt registration while hunting. A separate AITRC-issued harvest report form is required and must be in the hunter's possession for each animal harvested. When an animal is harvested, the date of harvest should be marked on the form before leaving the field. Registrants are required to submit harvest reports to AITRC on the form provided within 5 days of a successful harvest or within 15 days of the end of the season if unsuccessful.

**14. How are eligibility questions and law enforcement concerns to be addressed?**

If AITRC has questions about the eligibility of an applicant who provides the requested residency documentation or other concerns of a law enforcement nature, those questions and concerns shall immediately be forwarded to the Federal agency points of contact.

**15. Can I register for the community harvest system if I have already been issued a Federal subsistence moose or caribou permit for lands within the community harvest system area?**

Eligible hunters must choose each year between either (1) registering in the community harvest system for moose and/or caribou or (2) hunting for those species under the regular Federal subsistence regulations applicable to those areas.

**16. Are designated hunters authorized within the community harvest system?**

- Registrants in the community harvest system may not designate another individual to harvest on their behalf (via a Federal subsistence designated hunter permit) any species for which they register within the community harvest system, but may serve as a designated hunter (for non-registrants), pursuant to 50 CFR 100.25(e).
- Non-registrants who reside in the communities may designate another individual to harvest on their behalf through the use of a federal subsistence designated hunter permit pursuant to 50 CFR 100.25(e).
- All residents of communities operating under a community harvest system (registrants and non-registrants) may serve as a Federal designated hunter for a Federally qualified subsistence hunter who lives in a community that is not operating under a community harvest system, subject to applicable regulatory requirements.

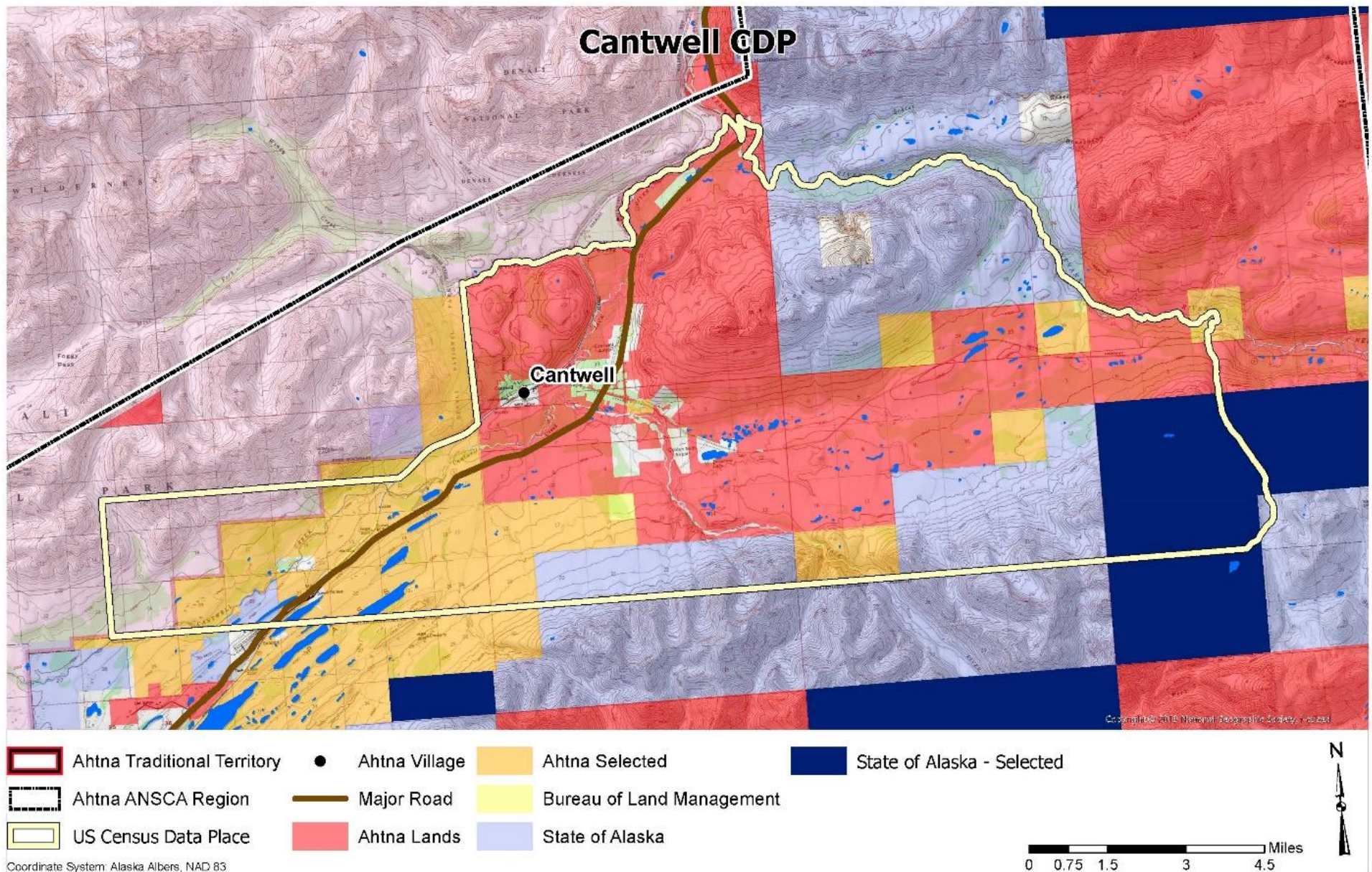
**17. Are there any rules that I need to know about access when participating in the community harvest system?**

Agency specific access rules apply to community harvest system registrants. Hunters planning to use off-road vehicles (ORVs) including all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), tracked vehicles, and “side-by-sides” as well as aircraft should contact the appropriate land manager for information about allowed means of subsistence access.

**Please be respectful of private property  
and obtain the landowner’s permission  
prior to entering  
or crossing their lands.**

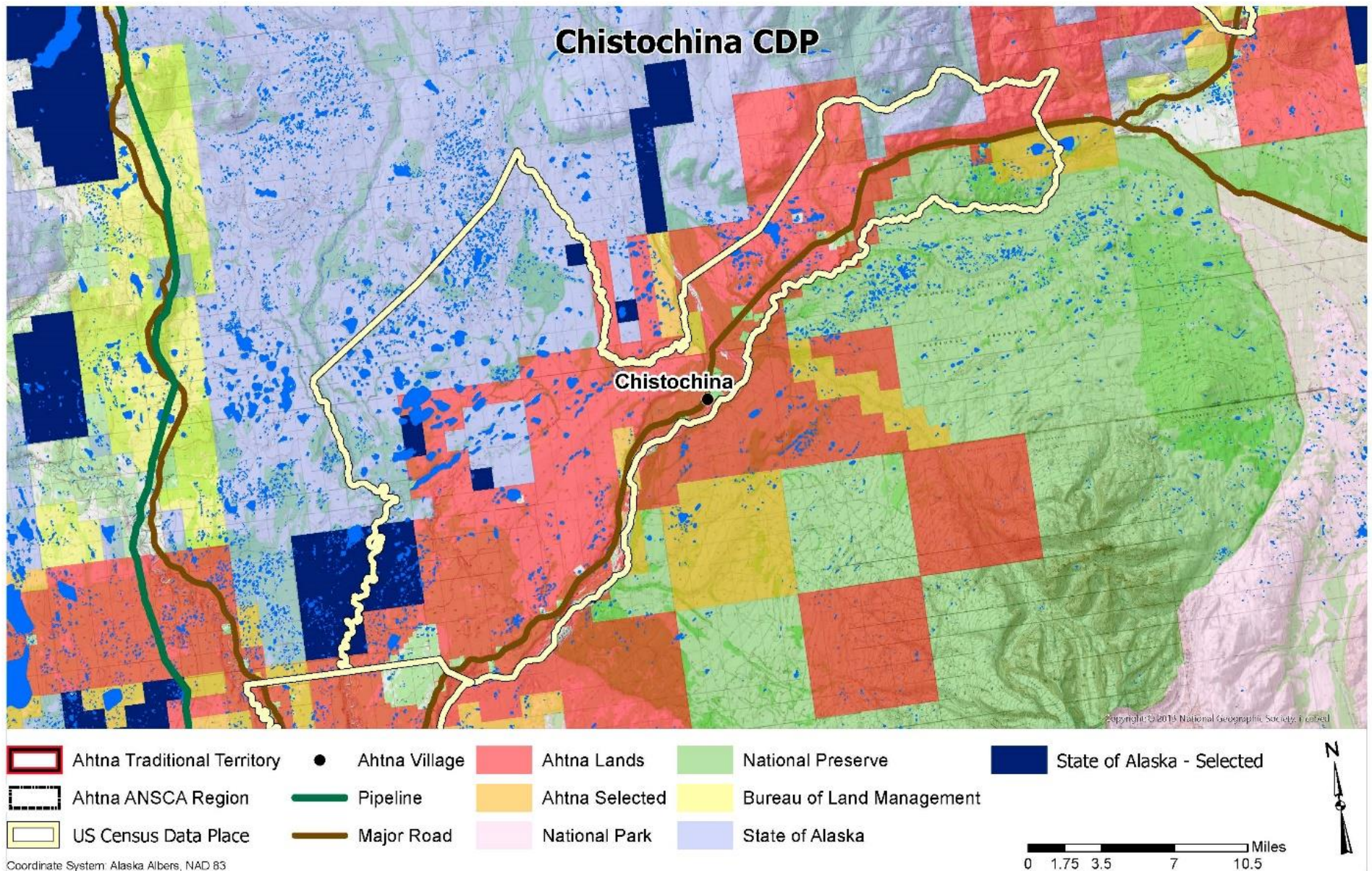
**Residency Maps – Census Designated Places (CDP) on the following pages.**





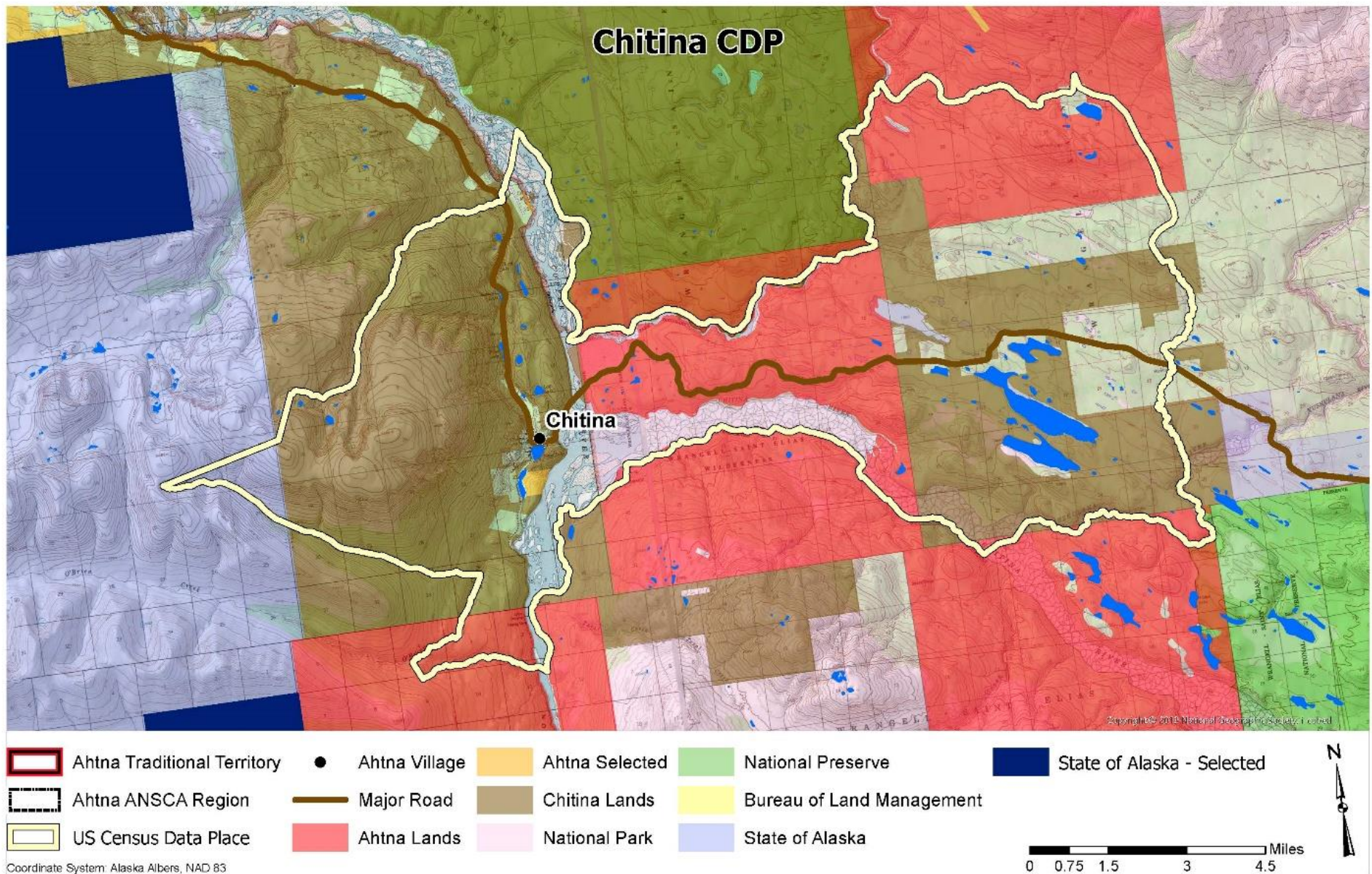
**Cantwell, Alaska** Federally qualified residents who live within the Cantwell CDP may participate in AITRC's Community Harvest System for moose and Nelchina caribou hunts within GMU 13 on BLM lands. Federally qualified residents who live within the 3-miles of the Cantwell Post Office may hunt on GMU 13 lands that fall within the Denali National Park. These participants must abide by the NPS rules for access.





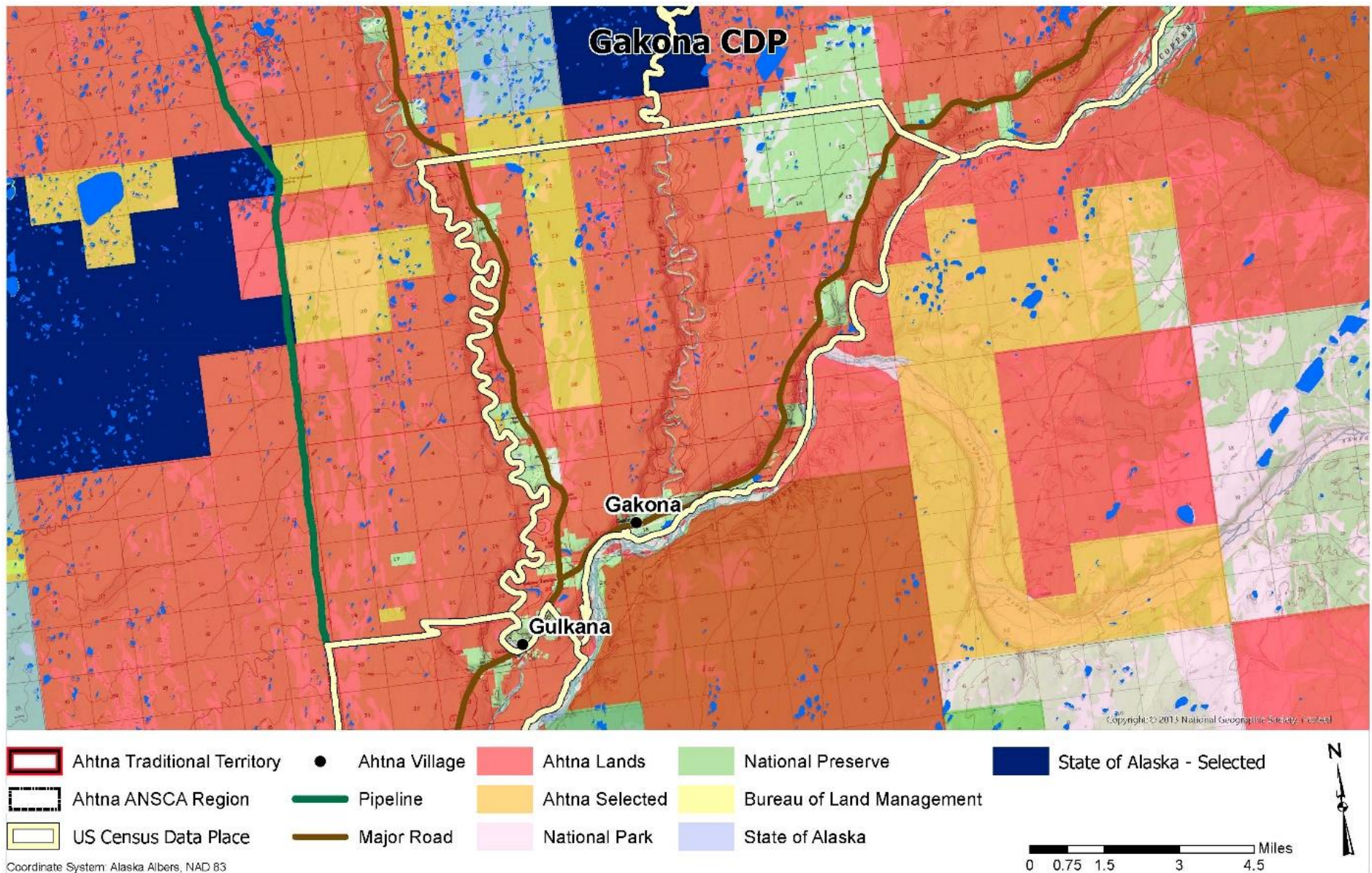
**Chistochina, Alaska** Federally qualified residents who live within the Chistochina CDP may participate in AITRC's Community Harvest System for moose within GMU 11, 12, & 13 on BLM, Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Tetlin Refuge lands and for Nelchina Caribou in GMU 13 and portions of GMU12. These participants must abide by the NPS rules for access within the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park.





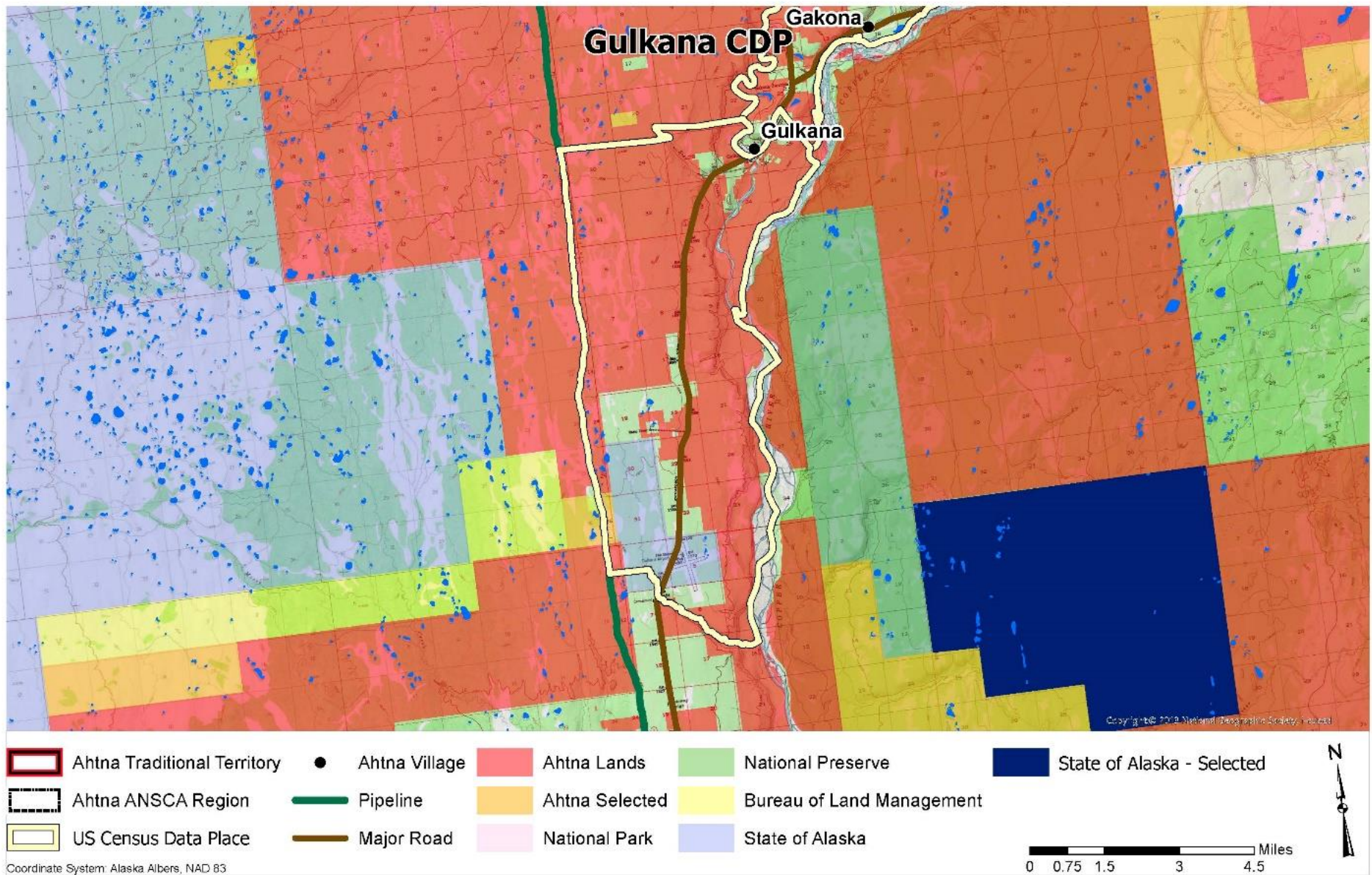
**Chitina, Alaska** Federally qualified residents who live within the Chitina CDP may participate in AITRC's Community Harvest System for moose within GMU 11, 12, & 13 on BLM and Wrangell-St. Elias National Park lands and for Nelchina Caribou in GMU 13 and portions of GMU12. These participants must abide by the NPS rules for access within the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park.





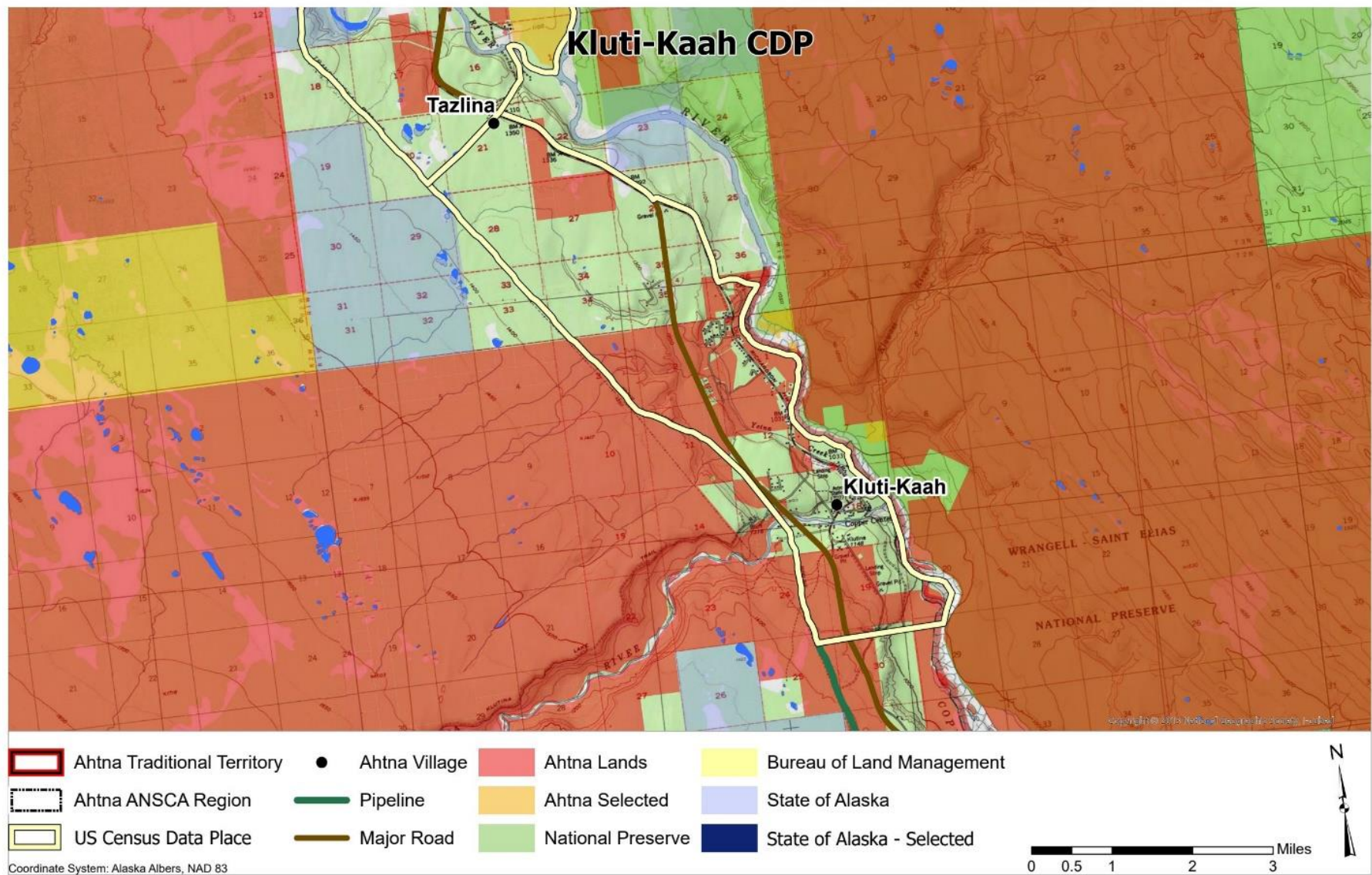
**Gakona, Alaska** Federally qualified residents who live within the Gakona CDP may participate in AITRC's Community Harvest System for moose within GMU 11, 12, & 13 on BLM and Wrangell-St. Elias National Park lands and for Nelchina Caribou in GMU 13 and portions of GMU12. These participants must abide by the NPS rules for access within the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park.





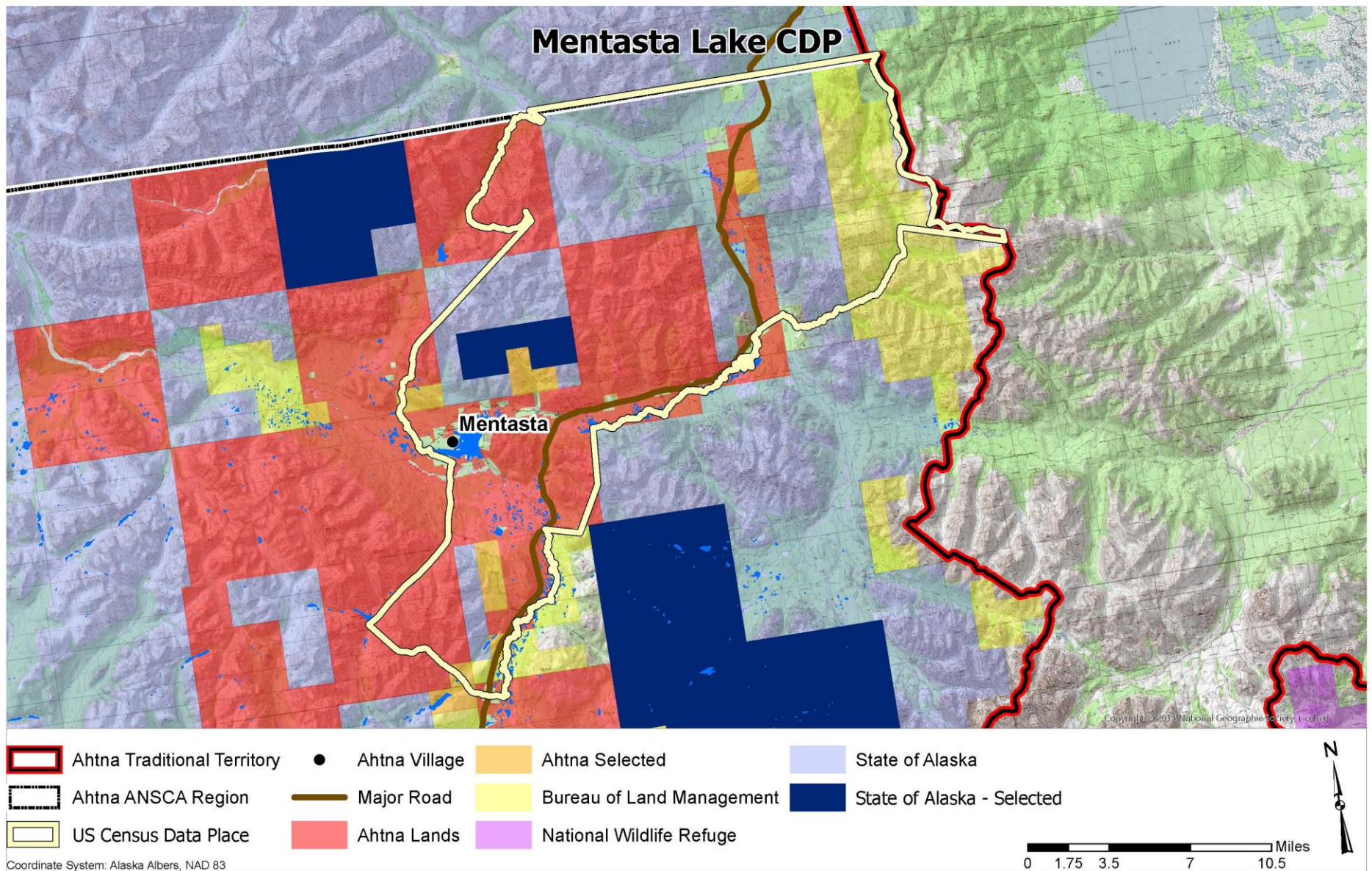
**Gulkana, Alaska** Federally qualified residents who live within the Gulkana CDP may participate in AITRC's Community Harvest System for moose within GMU 11, 12, & 13 on BLM and Wrangell-St. Elias National Park lands and for Nelchina Caribou in GMU 13 and portions of GMU12. These participants must abide by the NPS rules for access within the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park.





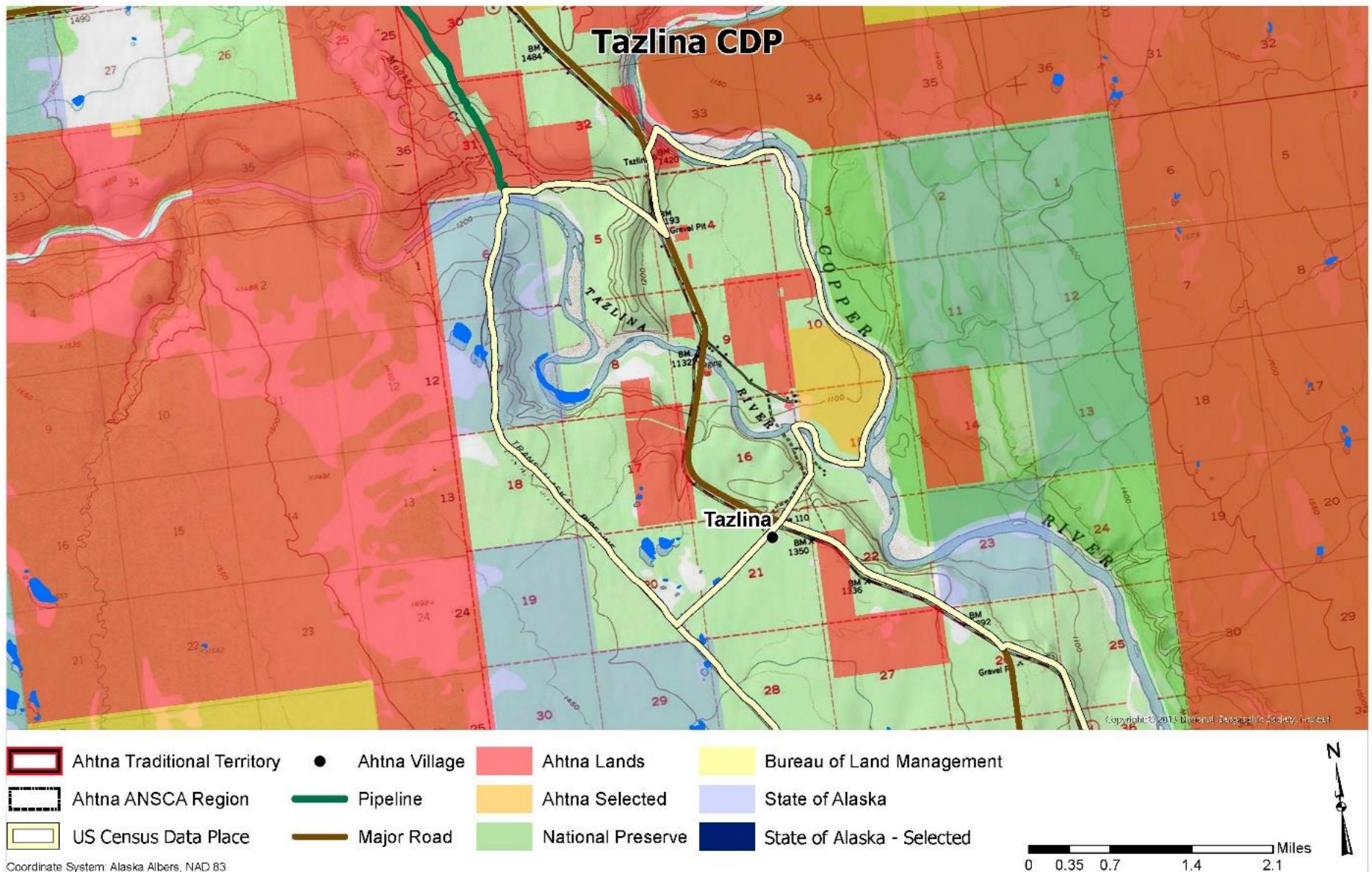
**Copper Center, Alaska** Federally qualified subsistence users who live within the Copper Center CDP may participate in AITRC's Community Harvest System for moose within GMU 11, 12 remainder, & 13 on BLM federal public lands designated for federal subsistence and Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve lands and for Nelchina Caribou in GMU 13. These participants must abide by the NPS rules for access within the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve.





**Mentasta, Alaska** Federally qualified residents who live within the Mentasta CDP may participate in AITRC's Community Harvest System for moose within GMU 11, 12, & 13 on BLM, Wrangell-St. Elias National Park, and Tetlin Refuge lands and for Nelchina Caribou in GMU 13 and portions of GMU12. These participants must abide by the NPS rules for access within the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park.





**Tazlina, Alaska** Federally qualified residents who live within the Tazlina CDP may participate in AITRC's Community Harvest System for moose within GMU 11, 12, & 13 on BLM and Wrangell-St. Elias National Park lands and for Nelchina Caribou in GMU 13 and portions of GMU12. These participants must abide by the NPS rules for access within the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park.

## **Subsistence Taking of Caribou & Moose**

**See the Federal Subsistence Wildlife Regulations for rules and maps, in addition to maps provided by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).**

The Community Harvest System Hunt follows all federal subsistence hunt provisions. You must have the Harvest Ticket in your possession while hunting and until you deliver your animal to the place of processing.

Upon taking of a Moose or Caribou, validate your Harvest Ticket by cutting out the month and day of kill before leaving the field.

Salvage requirements:

- Head, front & hindquarters, knees, hocks, neck, ribs, brisket, backbone – tenderloin & backstrap
- Meat of the moose or caribou must stay attached to the bone until it is out of the field and processed. This is to keep the meat fresher and to follow the Ahtna's traditional ways.

## **After the Hunt & Reporting Requirements**

- Successful hunters – report in person, by phone, or by mail within 5 days of kill.
- Unsuccessful or didn't hunt report, by phone, in person or by mail within 15 days of close of season

## **The Ahtna Peoples' Traditional Ways**

- Hunters give their first kill to elders, and you will be a blessed hunter in the future
- Share your harvest
- Use every part you can – including heart, liver, kidneys, fat, bones, & hide
- Thank the animal and the Creator, this animal gave their life for you

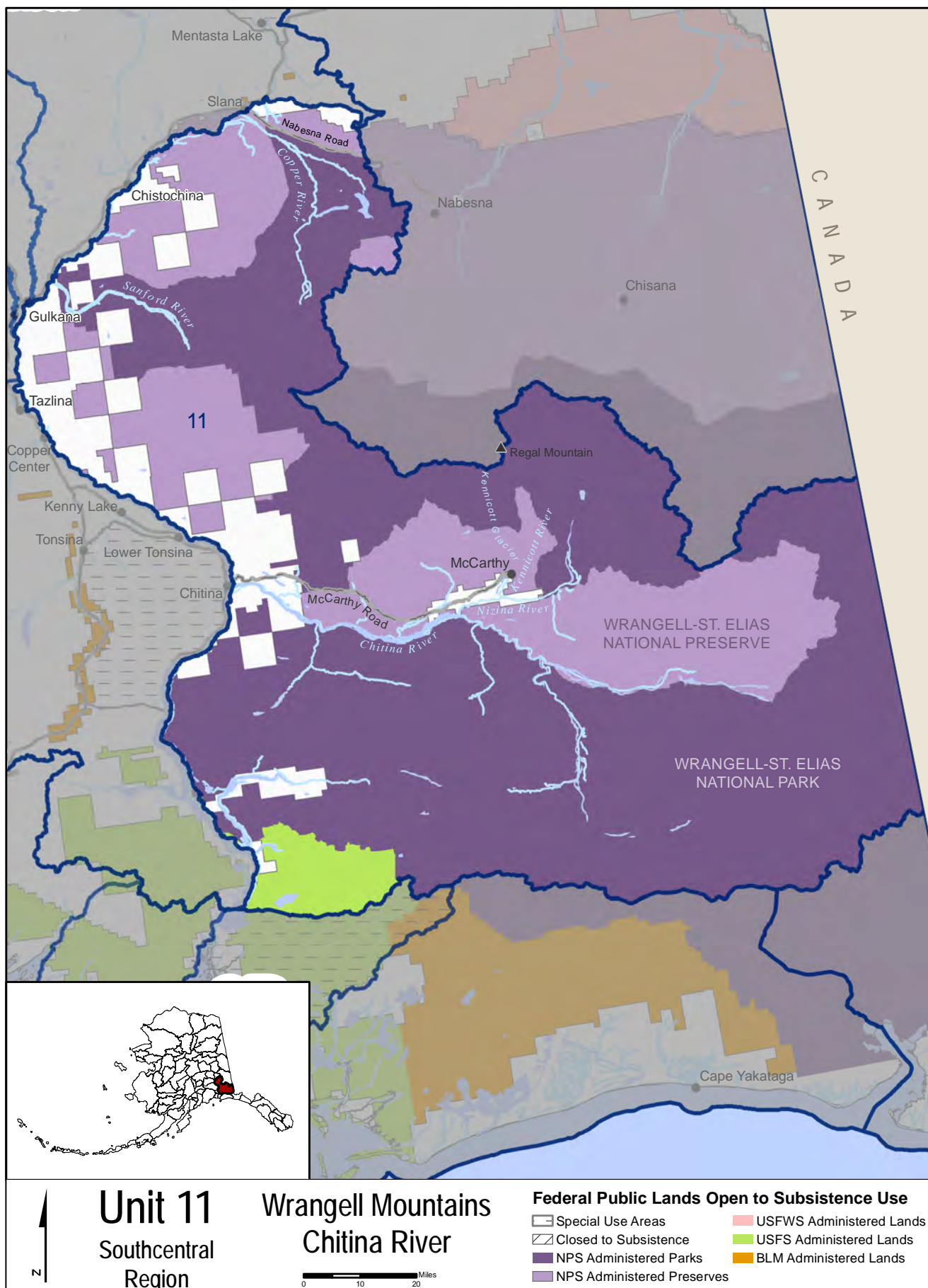
## **Being Good Stewards of the Land**

We must take care of the land we hunt and gather on. We encourage the following values:

- Only take what you need
- Pack it in, pack it out – do not leave trash or waste behind
- To protect wildlife habitat, use existing trails as much as possible
- If we take care of it, it will take care of us

**2020-2022 FEDERAL REGULATIONS AND MAPS**






# Unit 11 / Hunting

(See Unit 11 Wrangell Mountains-Chitina River map)


**Unit 11** consists of that area draining into the headwaters of the Copper River south of Suslota Creek and the area drained by all tributaries into the east bank of the Copper River between the confluence of Suslota Creek with the Slana River and Miles Glacier.

## Special Provisions

- Bait may be used to hunt black and brown bear between April 15 - June 15.
- **National Park Service (NPS)** areas—For subsistence use, national parks and monuments are open only to NPS qualified subsistence users. Subsistence users must be local rural residents of NPS areas. For more information, contact the NPS office in Anchorage at (907) 764-5377.
- One moose without calf may be taken from June 20 - July 31 in the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve in Unit 11 or 12 for the Batzulnetas Culture Camp. Two hunters from either Chistochina or Mentasta Village may be designated by the Mt. Sanford Tribal Consortium to receive the Federal subsistence harvest permit (FM0001). The permit is available from the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve office at (907) 822-5234.
- A Federal joint permit (FS1103) may be issued to a pair of a minor and an elder to hunt sheep during the August 1 - October 20 hunt. The following conditions apply:
  1. The permittees must be a minor aged 8 to 15 years old and an accompanying adult 60 years of age or older;
  2. Both the elder and the minor must be Federally qualified subsistence users with a customary and traditional use determination for the area they want to hunt;
- 3. The minor must hunt under the direct immediate supervision of the accompanying adult, who is responsible for ensuring that all legal requirements are met; and,
- 4. Only one animal may be harvested with this permit. The sheep harvested will count against the harvest limits of both the minor and accompanying adult.
- For Federally qualified subsistence users living within the Ahtna traditional communities of Chistochina, Chitina, Copper Center, Gakona, Gulkana, Mentasta Lake, and Tazlina, a community harvest system for moose is authorized on Federal public lands within Unit 11, subject to a framework to be established by the Federal Subsistence Board.
- A  indicates that additional management actions may be taken by the Federal in-season manager. If you are planning to hunt on Federal land, consult the Delegation of Authority Table on page 146 for details. Calling the in-season manager is advisable as in-season closures can occur at any time and may not be reflected in this regulatory publication.

| CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION   | HARVEST LIMITS | OPEN SEASONS           |
|---|----------------|------------------------|
| <b>BISON</b>  |                |                        |
| • No Federal subsistence priority   |                | No Federal open season |
| <b>BLACK BEAR</b>   |                |                        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unit 11 north of the Sanford River—Residents of Chistochina, Chitina, Copper Center, Gakona, Glennallen, Gulkana, Kenny Lake, Mentasta Lake, Slana, Tazlina, Tonsina, and Units 11 and 12</li> <li>• Unit 11 remainder—Residents of Chistochina, Chitina, Copper Center, Gakona, Glennallen, Gulkana, Kenny Lake, Mentasta Lake, Nabesna Road (mileposts 25 - 46), Slana, Tazlina, Tok Cutoff Road (mileposts 79 - 110), Tonsina, and Unit 11</li> </ul> | 3 bears        | July 1 - June 30       |

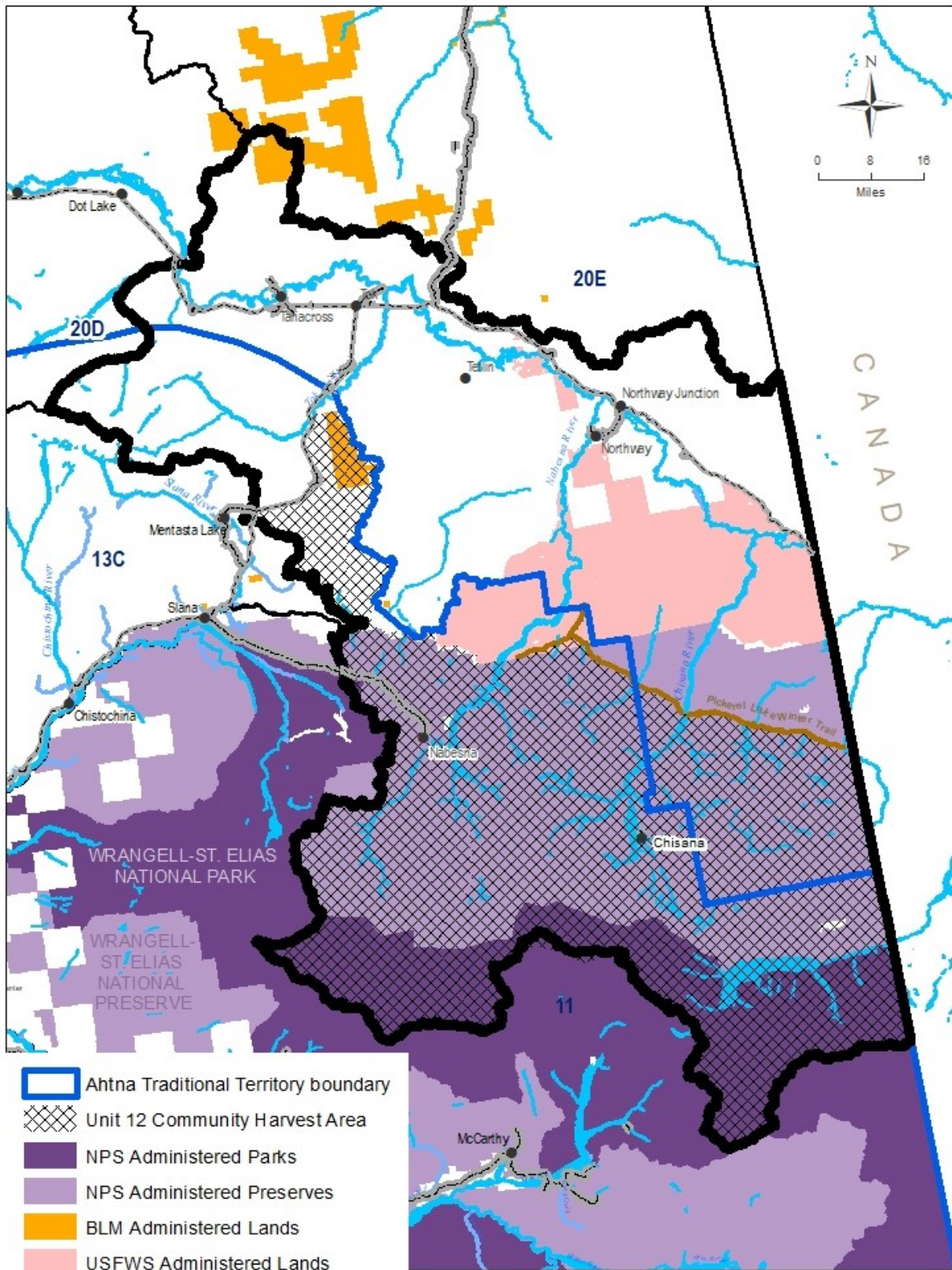
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| CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION  |   | HARVEST LIMITS              | OPEN SEASONS |
|--|---|-----------------------------|--------------|
| BROWN BEAR   |   |                             |              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Unit 11 north of the Sanford River—Residents of Chistochina, Chitina, Copper Center, Gakona, Glennallen, Gulkana, Kenny Lake, Mentasta Lake, Slana, Tazlina, Tonsina, and Units 11 and 12</li><li>Unit 11 remainder—Residents of Chistochina, Chitina, Copper Center, Gakona, Glennallen, Gulkana, Kenny Lake, Mentasta Lake, Nabesna Road (mileposts 25 - 46), Slana, Tazlina, Tok Cutoff Road (mileposts 79 - 110), Tonsina, and Unit 11</li></ul> | 1 bear  | Aug. 10 - June 15           |              |
| CARIBOU  |   |                             |              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Unit 11 north of the Sanford River—Residents of Units 11, 12 , 13A, 13B, 13C, 13D, Chickaloon, Dot Lake, and Healy Lake</li><li>Unit 11 remainder—Residents of Units 11, 13A, 13B, 13C, 13D, and Chickaloon</li></ul>  |   | No Federal open season      |              |
| GOAT   |   |                             |              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Residents of Unit 11, Chitina, Chistochina, Copper Center, Dot Lake, Gakona, Glennallen, Gulkana, Kenny Lake, Mentasta Lake, Slana, Tazlina, Tok Cutoff Road (mileposts 79-110 Mentasta Pass), Nabesna Road (mileposts 25-46) and Tonsina</li></ul> <p><i>Federal permits are available from the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve offices in Copper Center and Slana. (See directory at the end of this book for addresses.)</i></p>    | Unit 11—that portion within the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve that is bounded by the Chitina and Nizina rivers on the south, the Kennicott River and glacier on the southeast, and the Root Glacier on the east—1 goat by Federal registration permit (FG1101) only.  | Aug. 25 - Dec. 31           |              |
|  | Unit 11—the remainder of the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve—1 goat by Federal registration permit only (FG1101).   | Aug. 10 - Dec. 31           |              |
|  | Unit 11, that portion outside of the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve.   | No Federal open season      |              |
|  | <i>Federal public lands will be closed by announcement of the Superintendent, Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve, to the harvest of goats when a total of 45 goats have been harvested between Federal and State hunts.</i>  |                             |              |
| MOOSE   |   |                             |              |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Unit 11 north of the Sanford River—Residents of Units 11, 12, 13A, 13B, 13C, and 13D, Chickaloon, Dot Lake, and Healy Lake</li><li>Unit 11 remainder—Residents of Units 11, 13A, 13B, 13C and 13D, and Chickaloon</li></ul>  | Unit 11—that portion draining into the east bank of the Copper River upstream from and including the Slana River drainage—1 antlered bull by joint State/Federal registration permit.   | Aug. 20 - Sept. 20          |              |
|  | Unit 11—that portion south and east of a line running along the north bank of the Chitina River, the north and west banks of the Nizina River, and the west bank of West Fork of the Nazina River, continuing along the western edge of the West Fork Glacier to the summit of Regal Mountain—1 bull by Federal registration permit. However, during the period Aug. 20 - Sept. 20, only an antlered bull may be taken. | Aug. 20 - Sept. 20 (FM1106) |              |
|  | Unit 11 Remainder—1 antlered bull by Federal registration permit only.  | Nov. 20 - Jan. 20 (FM1107)  |              |
|  | <i>For evidence of Unit 11 sex requirements, see p.19.</i>  | Aug. 20 - Sept. 20 (FM1106) |              |

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| CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE<br>DETERMINATION   | HARVEST LIMITS   | OPEN<br>SEASONS                            |
|--|--|--|
| <b>SHEEP</b>   |  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unit 11 north of the Sanford River—Residents of Unit 12, Chistochina, Chitina, Copper Center, Dot Lake, Gakona, Glennallen, Gulkana, Healy Lake, Kenny Lake, Mentasta Lake, Slana, McCarthy/South Wrangell/South Park, Tazlina and Tonsina; McCarthy Road (mileposts 0 - 62), and Nabesna Road (mileposts 0 - 46).</li> <li>Unit 11 remainder—Residents of Chistochina, Chitina, Copper Center, Gakona, Glennallen, Gulkana, Kenny Lake, Mentasta Lake, Slana, McCarthy/South Wrangell/ South Park, Tazlina, and Tonsina, McCarthy Road (mileposts 0 - 62), Nabesna Road (mileposts 0 - 46), and Tok Cutoff Road (mileposts 79 - 110 Mentasta Pass)</li> </ul> <p><i>Federal permits are available from the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve offices in Copper Center and Slana (See directory at the end of this book for addresses).</i></p> | Unit 11—1 ram<br><br>Unit 11 Elder Hunt—1 sheep by Federal registration permit (FS1104) only by persons 60 years of age or older. Ewes accompanied by lambs or lambs may not be taken.<br><br><i>See Unit 11 Special Provisions for information on a joint permit for a pair of a minor and an elder during the Aug. 1 - Oct. 20 hunt.</i> | Aug. 10 - Sept. 20<br><br>Aug. 1 - Oct. 20 |
| <b>BEAVER</b>  |  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All rural residents</li> </ul>  | 1 beaver per day, 1 in possession  | June 1 - Oct. 10                           |
| <b>COYOTE</b>  |  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All rural residents</li> </ul>  | 10 coyotes   | Aug. 10 - Apr. 30                          |
| <b>FOX</b>   |  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All rural residents</li> </ul>  | 10 foxes; however, no more than 2 foxes may be taken prior to Oct. 1.  | Sept. 1 - Mar. 15                          |
| <b>HARE</b>  |  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All rural residents</li> </ul>  | No limit   | July 1 - June 30                           |
| <b>LYNX</b>  |  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All rural residents</li> </ul>  | 2 lynx   | Nov. 10 - Feb. 28                          |
| <b>MUSKRAT</b>   |  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All rural residents</li> </ul>  | No limit   | Sept. 20 - June 10                         |
| <b>WOLF</b>  |  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents of Units 6, 9, 10 (Unimak Island only), 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and Chickaloon</li> </ul>   | 10 wolves  | Aug. 10 - Apr. 30                          |
| <b>WOLVERINE</b>   |  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All rural residents</li> </ul>  | 1 wolverine  | Sept. 1 - Feb. 28                          |
| <b>GROUSE</b>  |  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents of Units 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 20D, 22, 23, and Chickaloon</li> </ul>   | 15 grouse per day, 30 in possession  | Aug. 10 - Mar. 31                          |
| <b>PTARMIGAN</b>   |  |  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents of Units 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 20D, 22, 23, and Chickaloon</li> </ul>   | 20 ptarmigan per day, 40 in possession   | Aug. 10 - Mar. 31                          |







# Unit 12 / Hunting

(See Unit 12 Upper Tanana-White River map)

**Unit 12** consists of the Tanana River drainage upstream from the Robertson River; including all drainages into the east bank of the Robertson River and the White River drainage in Alaska, but excluding the Ladue River drainage.


## Special Provisions

- You may use bait to hunt black and brown bear between April 15 and June 30; you may use bait to hunt wolves on FWS and BLM lands.
- National Park Service (NPS)** areas—For subsistence use, national parks and monuments are open only to NPS qualified subsistence users. Subsistence users must be local rural residents of NPS areas. For more information, contact the NPS office in Anchorage at (907) 764-5377.
- One moose without calf may be taken from June 20 - July 31 in the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve in Units 11 or 12 for the Batzulnetas Culture Camp. Two hunters from either Chistochina or Mentasta Village may be designated by the Mt. Sanford Tribal Consortium to receive the Federal subsistence harvest permit (FM0001). The permit is available from the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve office at (907) 822-5234.
- A Federal joint permit (FS1204) may be issued to a pair of a minor and an elder to hunt sheep during the August 1 - October 20 hunt. The following conditions apply:
  - The permittees must be a minor aged 8 to 15 years old and an accompanying adult 60 years of age or older;
  - Both the elder and the minor must be Federally qualified subsistence users with a customary and traditional use determination for the area they want to hunt;
  - The minor must hunt under the direct immediate supervision of the accompanying adult, who is responsible for ensuring that all legal requirements are met; and,
  - Only one animal may be harvested with this permit. The sheep harvested will count against the harvest limits of both the minor and accompanying adult.
- A  indicates that additional management actions may be taken by the Federal in-season manager. If you are planning to hunt on Federal land, consult the Delegation of Authority Table on page 146 for details. Calling the in-season manager is advisable as in-season closures can occur at any time and may not be reflected in this regulatory publication.

| CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION  | HARVEST LIMITS  | OPEN SEASONS  |
|--|---|---|
| <b>BLACK BEAR</b>  |   |   |
| • All rural residents  | 3 bear  | July 1 - June 30                                      |
| <b>BROWN BEAR</b>  |   |   |
| • Residents of Unit 12, Chistochina, Dot Lake, Gakona, Mentasta Lake, and Slana                    | 1 bear  | Aug. 10 - June 30                                     |
| <b>CARIBOU</b>  |   |   |
| • Residents of Unit 12, Chistochina, Dot Lake, Healy Lake, and Mentasta Lake                       | <p>Unit 12—that portion within the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve that lies west of the Nabesna River and the Nabesna Glacier. <i>All hunting of caribou is prohibited on Federal public lands.</i></p> <p>Unit 12—that portion east of the Nabesna River and the Nabesna Glacier and south of the Winter Trail running southeast from Pickerel Lake to the Canadian border —1 bull by Federal registration permit (FC1205) only.</p> <p><i>Federal public lands are closed to the harvest of caribou except by Federally qualified subsistence users hunting under these regulations.</i></p> | <p>No Federal open season</p> <p>Aug. 10-Sept. 30</p> |

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| CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION  | HARVEST LIMITS  | OPEN SEASONS  |
|--|---|---|
| <b>CARIBOU (continued)</b>   | Unit 12 remainder—1 bull during the Sept. season.<br><br>Unit 12 remainder—1 caribou may be taken by a Federal registration permit (FC1202) during a winter season to be announced. Dates for a winter season to occur between Oct. 1 - Apr. 30 and sex of animal to be taken will be announced by Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge Manager in consultation with Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve Superintendent, ADF&G Area Biologists and Chairs of the Eastern Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council and Upper Tanana/ Fortymile Fish and Game Advisory Committee. | Sept. 1 - Sept. 20<br><br>Winter season to be announced |
| <b>MOOSE</b>    |   |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unit 12, that portion within the Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge and those lands within the Wrangell-St. Elias National Preserve north and east of a line formed by the Pickerel Lake Winter Trail from the Canadian border to Pickerel Lake—Residents of Units 12, 13C, Dot Lake, and Healy Lake.</li> <li>Unit 12, that portion east of the Nabesna River and Nabesna Glacier, and south of the Winter Trail running southeast from Pickerel Lake to the Canadian Border—Residents of Units 12, 13C, and Healy Lake</li> <li>Unit 12 remainder—Residents of Units 11 north of 62nd parallel, 12, 13A, 13B, 13C, 13D, and the residents of Chickaloon, Dot Lake, and Healy Lake</li> </ul> | Unit 12—that portion within the Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge and those lands within the Wrangell-St. Elias National Preserve north and east of a line formed by the Pickerel Lake Winter Trail from the Canadian border to Pickerel Lake—1 antlered bull by Federal registration permit (FM1203).  | Aug. 24 - Sept. 20<br><br>Nov. 1-Feb. 28                |
|  | Unit 12—that portion east of the Nabesna River, and the Nabesna Glacier, and south of the Winter Trail running southeast from Pickerel Lake to the Canadian border—1 antlered bull.   | Aug. 24 - Sept. 30                                      |
|  | Unit 12—that portion within the Nabesna River drainage west of the east bank of the Nabesna River upstream from the southern boundary of Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge—1 antlered bull by joint Federal/State registration permit only.   | Aug. 20 - Sept. 20                                      |
|  | Unit 12 remainder—1 bull.   | Aug. 24 - Aug. 28<br>Sept. 8 - Sept. 20                 |
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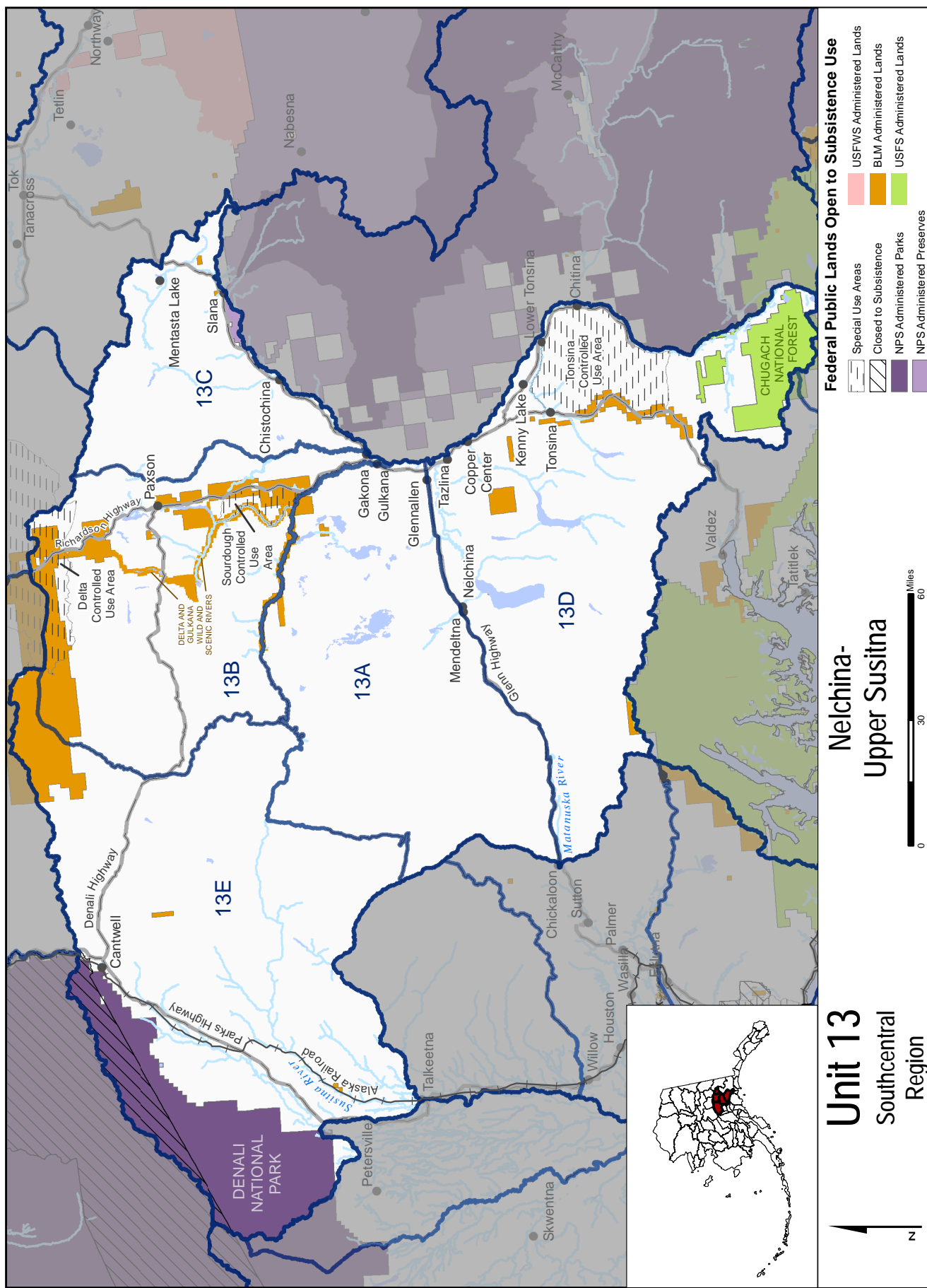


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| CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION  | HARVEST LIMITS   | OPEN SEASONS           |
|--|--|------------------------|
| SHEEP  |  |                        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents of Unit 12, Chistochina, Dot Lake, Healy Lake, Mentasta Lake, and Slana</li> </ul> <p><i>Federal permits are available from the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve offices in Copper Center and Slana.(See directory at the end of this book for addresses.)</i></p> | Unit 12 General Hunt—1 ram with full curl horn or larger.  | Aug. 10 - Sept. 20     |
|  | Unit 12 Elder Hunt, that portion within Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve—1 ram with full curl horn or larger by Federal registration permit (FS1201) only, by persons 60 years of age or older. | Aug. 1 - Oct. 20       |
|  | <i>See Unit 12 Special Provisions for information on a joint permit for a pair of a minor and an elder during the Aug. 1 - Oct. 20 hunt.</i>   |                        |
| BEAVER   |  |                        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All rural residents</li> </ul>  | Unit 12 Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve—6 beaver per season. Meat from harvested beaver must be salvaged for human consumption.  | Sept. 20 - May 15      |
|  | Unit 12 remainder  | No Federal open season |
| COYOTE   |  |                        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All rural residents</li> </ul>  | 10 coyotes   | Aug. 10 - Apr. 30      |
| FOX  |  |                        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All rural residents</li> </ul>  | 10 foxes; however, no more than 2 foxes may be taken prior to Oct. 1.  | Sept. 1 - Mar. 15      |
| HARE   |  |                        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All rural residents</li> </ul>  | No limit   | July 1 - June 30       |
| LYNX   |  |                        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All rural residents</li> </ul>  | 2 lynx   | Nov. 1 - Mar. 15       |
| WOLF   |  |                        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents of Units 6, 9, 10 (Unimak Island only), 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and Chickaloon</li> </ul>   | 10 wolves  | Aug. 10 - Apr. 30      |
| WOLVERINE  |  |                        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All rural residents</li> </ul>  | 1 wolverine  | Sept. 1 - Mar. 31      |
| GROUSE   |  |                        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All rural residents</li> </ul>  | 15 grouse per day, 30 in possession  | Aug. 10 - Mar. 31      |
| PTARMIGAN  |  |                        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All rural residents</li> </ul>  | 20 ptarmigan per day, 40 in possession   | Aug. 10 - Apr. 30      |



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# Unit 13 / Hunting

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(See Unit 13 Nelchina-Upper Susitna map)

**Unit 13** consists of that area westerly of the east bank of the Copper River and drained by all tributaries into the west bank of the Copper River from Miles Glacier to (and including) the Slana River drainages north of Suslota Creek; the drainages into the Delta River upstream from Falls Creek and Black Rapids Glacier; the drainages into the Nenana River upstream from the southeast corner of Denali National Park at Windy; the drainages into the Susitna River upstream from its junction with the Chulitna River; the drainages into the east bank of the Chulitna River upstream to its confluence with the Tokositna River; the drainages of the Chulitna River (south of Denali National Park) upstream from its confluence with the Tokositna River; the drainages into the north bank of the Tokositna River upstream to the base of the Tokositna Glacier; the drainages into the Tokositna Glacier; the drainages into the east bank of the Susitna River between its confluences with the Talkeetna and Chulitna Rivers; the drainages into the northeast bank of the Talkeetna River (and including the Talkeetna River), to its confluence with Clear Creek, the eastside drainages of a line going up the south bank of Clear Creek to the first unnamed creek on the south, then up the creek to lake 4408, along the north east shore of lake 4408, then southeast in a straight line to the northernmost fork of the Chickaloon River; the drainages into the east bank of the Chickaloon River below the line from lake 4408; and the Matanuska River drainages above its confluence with the Chickaloon River.

**Unit 13A** consists of that portion of Unit 13 bounded by a line beginning at the Chickaloon River bridge at Mile 77.7 on the Glenn Highway; then along the Glenn Highway to its junction with the Richardson Highway; then south along the Richardson Highway to the foot of Simpson Hill at Mile 111.5; then east to the east bank of the Copper River; then northerly along the east bank of the Copper River to its junction with the Gulkana River; then northerly along the west bank of the Gulkana River to its junction with the West Fork of the Gulkana River; then westerly along the west bank of the West Fork of the Gulkana River to its source, an unnamed lake; then across the divide into the Tyone River drainage, down an unnamed stream into the Tyone River; then down the Tyone River to the Susitna River; then down the southern bank of the Susitna River to the mouth of Kosina Creek; then up Kosina Creek to its headwaters; then across the divide and down Aspen Creek to the Talkeetna River; and then southerly along the boundary of Unit 13 to the Chickaloon River bridge, the point of beginning.

**Unit 13B** consists of that portion of Unit 13 bounded by a line beginning at the confluence of the Copper River and the Gulkana River; then up the east bank of the Copper River to the Gakona River; then up the Gakona River and Gakona Glacier to the boundary of Unit 13; then westerly along the boundary of Unit 13 to the Susitna Glacier; then southerly along the west bank of the Susitna Glacier and the Susitna River to the Tyone River; then up the Tyone River and across the divide to the headwaters of the West Fork of the Gulkana River; and then down the West Fork of the Gulkana River to the confluence of the Gulkana River and the Copper River, the point of beginning.

**Unit 13C** consists of that portion of Unit 13 east of the Gakona River and Gakona Glacier.

**Unit 13D** consists of that portion of Unit 13 south of Unit 13A.


**Unit 13E** consists of the remainder of Unit 13.

## Special Provisions

- Federal public lands within **Denali National Park**, as it existed prior to Dec. 2, 1980, are closed to all hunting, including the hunting of wildlife for subsistence uses. Subsistence hunting is permitted in **Denali National Preserve** and on lands added to **Denali National Park** on December 2, 1980.
- **National Park Service (NPS)** areas—For subsistence use, national parks and monuments are open only to NPS qualified subsistence users. Subsistence users must be local rural residents of NPS areas. For more information, contact the NPS office in Anchorage at (907) 764-5377.
- **Delta Controlled Use Area**—Use of motorized vehicles or pack animals for hunting is prohibited from August 5 - August 25. The boundary for the Delta Controlled Use Area is defined as a line beginning at

the confluence of Miller Creek and the Delta River; then west to vertical angle benchmark Miller; then west to include all drainages of Augustana Creek and Black Rapids Glacier; then north and east to include all drainages of McGinnis Creek to its confluence with the Delta River; then east in a straight line across the Delta River to milepost 236.7 of the Richardson Highway; then north along the Richardson Highway to its junction with the Alaska Highway; then east along the Alaska Highway to the west bank of the Johnson River; then south along the west bank of the Johnson River and Johnson Glacier to the head of the Cantwell Glacier; and then west along the north bank of the Cantwell Glacier and Miller Creek to the Delta River.

**Special Provisions (Continued)**

- **Tonsina Controlled Use Area**—Closed to using motorized vehicles or pack animal for hunting, including the transportation of hunters, their hunting gear, and/or parts of game, from July 26 to September 30. This area is bounded on the west by the Richardson Highway from the Tiekkel River to the Tonsina River at Tonsina, on the north along the south bank of the Tonsina River to where the Edgerton Highway crosses the Tonsina River; then along the Edgerton Highway to Chitina, on the east by the Copper River from Chitina to the Tiekkel River, and on the south by the north bank of the Tiekkel River.
- **Sourdough Controlled Use Area**—Use of motorized vehicles for subsistence hunting is prohibited, except for access and transportation of harvested wildlife on Sourdough and Haggard Creeks, Middle Fork trails, or other trails designated by the Federal Subsistence Board. The Sourdough Controlled Use Area consists of that portion of Unit 13B bounded by a line beginning at the confluence of Sourdough Creek and the Gulkana River; then northerly along Sourdough Creek to the Richardson Highway at approximately Mile 148; then northerly along the Richardson Highway to the Middle Fork Trail at approximately Mile 170; then westerly along the trail to the Gulkana River; and then southerly along the east bank of the Gulkana River to its confluence with Sourdough Creek, the point of beginning.
- **Tangle Lakes Archaeological District, Unit 13**—The BLM restricts the use of off-road vehicles to certain designated trails off the Denali and Richardson highways in the district and Unit 13. For information and maps on these trails and their restrictions, contact the BLM Glennallen District Office, P.O. Box 147, Glennallen, AK 99588 (907) 822-3217.
- Bait may be used to hunt black bear between April 15 - June 15.
- **Hudson Lake Residential Treatment Camp**—Upon written request by the Camp Director to the Glennallen BLM Field Office, 2 caribou, sex to be determined by the Glennallen Field Office Manager, may be taken from August 1 - September 30 or October 21 - March 31 by Federal registration permit for the Hudson Lake Residential Treatment Camp. Additionally, 1 bull moose may be taken August 1 - September 20. The animals may be taken by any Federally qualified hunter designated by the Camp Director. The hunter must have in their possession the permit and a designated hunter permit while hunting.
- For Federally qualified subsistence users living within the Ahtna traditional communities of Cantwell, Chistochina, Chitina, Copper Center, Gakona, Gulkana, Mentasta Lake, and Tazlina, a community harvest system for caribou and moose is authorized on Federal public lands within Unit 13, subject to a framework to be established by the Federal Subsistence Board.
- A  indicates that additional management actions may be taken by the Federal in-season manager. If you are planning to hunt on Federal land, consult the Delegation of Authority Table on page 146 for details. Calling the in-season manager is advisable as in-season closures can occur at any time and may not be reflected in this regulatory publication.





*Eli McKeon, 6, Eagle,  
2020-21 Student Art Contest entry*

| CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION |  | HARVEST LIMITS  | OPEN SEASONS     |
|---|--|---|------------------|
| <b>BLACK BEAR</b>                         |  |   |                  |
| • All rural residents                     |  | 3 bear  | July 1 - June 30 |
| <b>BROWN BEAR</b>                         |  |   |                  |
| • Residents of Unit 13 and Slana          |  | 1 bear  | Aug. 10 - May 31 |
|   |  | Bear taken within Denali National Park must be sealed within 5 days of harvest. The season will be closed by announcement of the Superintendent after 4 bear have been harvested. |                  |

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| CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION  | HARVEST LIMITS   | OPEN SEASONS  |
|--|--|---|
| <b>CARIBOU</b>    |  |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Units 13A and 13D—Residents of Units 11, 12 (along the Nabesna Road), 13, and Chickaloon</li> <li>Unit 13B—Residents of Units 11, 12 (along the Nabesna Road and Tok Cutoff Road, mileposts 79 - 110), 13, 20D (excluding residents of Fort Greely), and Chickaloon</li> <li>Unit 13C—Residents of Units 11, 12 (along the Nabesna Road), 13, Chickaloon, Dot Lake, and Healy Lake</li> <li>Unit 13E—Residents of Units 11, 12 (along the Nabesna Road), 13, Chickaloon, McKinley Village, and the area between mileposts 216 - 239 of the Parks Highway. No subsistence priority for the residents of Denali National Park headquarters</li> </ul> <p><i>Federal permits are available from the BLM office in Glennallen; Denali National Park offices in Denali Park (for hunting in the park only), and Wrangell-St. Elias National Park offices in Slana (for hunting in the park only). (See directory at the end of this book for addresses.)</i></p> | <p>Units 13A and 13B—2 caribou by Federal registration permit (FC1302) only. The sex of animals that may be taken will be announced by the BLM Glennallen Field Office Manager in consultation with the ADF&amp;G Area Biologist and Chairs of the Eastern Interior Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council and the Southcentral Alaska Subsistence Regional Advisory Council.</p> <p>Unit 13 remainder—2 bulls by Federal registration permit (FC1302) only.</p> | <p>Aug. 1 - Sept. 30<br/>Oct. 21 - Mar. 31</p> <p>Aug. 1 - Sept. 30<br/>Oct. 21 - Mar. 31</p> |
| <b>GOAT</b>  |  |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unit 13D—No Federal subsistence priority</li> <li>Unit 13 remainder—All rural residents</li> </ul>  |  | No Federal open season  |
| <b>MOOSE</b>    |  |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Units 13A and 13D—Residents of Unit 13, Chickaloon, and Slana</li> <li>Unit 13B—Residents of Units 13, 20D (except Fort Greely), Chickaloon, and Slana</li> <li>Unit 13C—Residents of Units 12, 13, Chickaloon, Dot Lake, Healy Lake, and Slana</li> <li>Unit 13E—Residents of Unit 13, Chickaloon, McKinley Village, Slana and the area between mileposts 216 - 239 of the Parks Highway. No Federal subsistence priority for the residents of Denali National Park headquarters</li> </ul>  | <p>Unit 13E—1 antlered bull moose by Federal registration permit (FM1301) only; only 1 permit will be issued per household.</p> <p>Unit 13 remainder—1 antlered bull moose by Federal registration permit (FM1301) only.</p> <p><i>For evidence of sex requirements, see page 18.</i></p>  | <p>Aug. 1 - Sept. 20</p> <p>Aug. 1 - Sept. 20</p>   |
| <b>SHEEP</b>   |  |   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unit 13D—No Federal subsistence priority</li> <li>Unit 13 remainder—All rural residents</li> </ul>  | <p>Unit 13, excluding Unit 13D, the Tok Management Area, and the Delta Controlled Use Area—1 ram with 7/8 curl horn or larger.</p> <p>Unit 13D, the Tok Management Area, and the Delta Controlled Use Area</p>   | <p>Aug. 10 - Sept. 20</p> <p>No Federal open season</p>                                       |

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| CUSTOMARY & TRADITIONAL USE DETERMINATION  | HARVEST LIMITS  | OPEN SEASONS       |
|--|---|--------------------|
| <b>BEAVER</b>  |   |                    |
| • All rural residents  | 1 beaver per day, 1 in possession                                     | June 15 - Sept. 10 |
| <b>COYOTE</b>  |   |                    |
| • All rural residents  | 10 coyotes  | Aug. 10 - Apr. 30  |
| <b>FOX</b>   |   |                    |
| • All rural residents  | 10 foxes; however, no more than 2 foxes may be taken prior to Oct. 1. | Sept. 1 - Mar. 15  |
| <b>HARE</b>  |   |                    |
| • All rural residents  | No limit  | July 1 - June 30   |
| <b>LYNX</b>  |   |                    |
| • All rural residents  | 2 lynx  | Nov. 10 - Feb. 28  |
| <b>WOLF</b>  |   |                    |
| • Residents of Units 6, 9, 10 (Unimak Island only), 11, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and Chickaloon | 10 wolves   | Aug. 10 - Apr. 30  |
| <b>WOLVERINE</b>   |   |                    |
| • All rural residents  | 1 wolverine   | Sept. 1 - Feb. 28  |
| <b>GROUSE</b>  |   |                    |
| • Residents of Units 11, 13, 15, 16, 20D, 22, 23, and Chickaloon   | 15 grouse per day, 30 in possession                                   | Aug. 10 - Mar. 31  |
| <b>PTARMIGAN</b>   |   |                    |
| • Residents of Units 11, 13, 15, 16, 20D, 22, 23, and Chickaloon   | 20 ptarmigan per day, 40 in possession                                | Aug. 10 - Mar. 31  |



*Ida Bidony, 11, Galena, 2020-21 Student Art Contest entry*

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