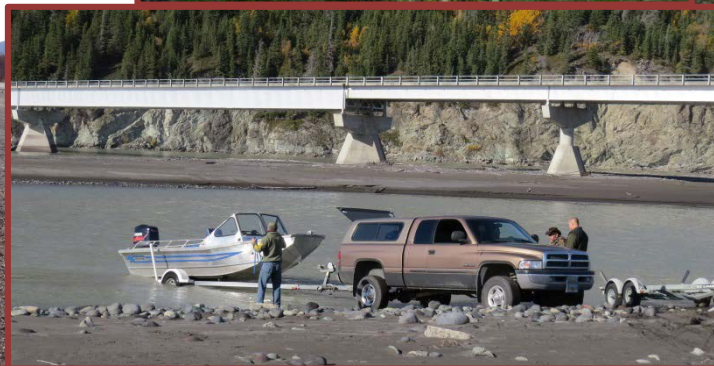


ADF&G Division of Wildlife Conservation Hunter Access Program



Wildlife Conservation in Alaska fueled by Hunters, Trappers, and Target Shooters

Hunters, trappers and target shooters are the largest contributors to conservation, paying for programs that benefit Alaska's wildlife and all who love the outdoors. Here's how it works:




Pittman-Robertson Act: Federal "P-R" Funding

Hunters and target shooters purchase guns and ammunition. Manufacturers pay federal excise taxes on them. The money is distributed to state wildlife agencies. Over the past 20 years in Alaska, \$345 million has been made available from P-R to help pay for the following:

75% P-R with 25% state match

- Manage wildlife populations
- Collect and analyze data
- Conduct research
- Maintain facilities
- Provide public outreach, hunter education, conservation and outdoor education
- Purchase land for wildlife habitat
- Promote wildlife recreation

P-R funds not spent by the state revert back to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service where they are placed in an account often funding organizations that historically have opposed Alaska's management of natural resources.



Fish and Game funds may not be diverted "to a purpose other than the protection, propagation, investigation, and restoration of sport fish and game resources."

"Funds may be allocated to programs intended to directly benefit the license purchasers..."

AK Statute 16.05.130




State Hunting & Trapping License Revenue

Revenues from hunter and trapper licenses, permits and tags go into the State's Fish & Game Fund which is a dedicated fund that can only be used for managing Alaska's wildlife resources for sustained yield use.

Fish and Game Fund also covers key activities that are **ineligible** under P-R including:

- Establish, publish and disseminate regulations
- Print/distribute licenses & permits
- Enforce fish and game laws
- Wildlife damage management (e.g. nuisance bear, beaver)

The system ensures future wildlife abundance, improved opportunities for hunting, wildlife-associated recreation and conservation of important habitat.



ADF&G Hunter Access Program

1

Excise tax collected → U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)

2

USFWS apportions funds to Alaska based on formula

3

AK Legislature sets ADF&G DWC's authority (how many PR dollars DWC can spend)

4

ADF&G DWC funds projects

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Hunter Access Program

- Proposals developed
- Proposals reviewed by ADF&G biologists
- Proposals evaluated for merit
- Proposals reviewed by DWC Leadership
- Proposals approved / denied funding

DWC Hunter Access Program in Development

Long term goal - not act as granting agency



Types of Hunter Access Projects

- Trail construction / improvements / repairs
- Parking lots / development / improvements
- Camp grounds / construction / improvements
- Road improvements / rehabilitation / construction
- Signage / identification
- Bridge construction / repairs



Completed Hunter Access Projects

- Byers Lake bridge replacement (GMU 13E)
- Rex Trail improvement & trail reroute (GMU 20A)
- Chatanika River Olmes Pond & Whitefish campgrounds (GMU 20B)
- Mastodon trailhead improvements (GMU 20B)
- Upper Chena Dome trailhead improvements (GMU 20B)
- Compeau trailhead improvements (GMU 20B)

Compeau TH - Before



Compeau TH - After



Chatanika River Olnes Pond & Whitefish campgrounds



OLNES POND CAMPGROUND

LOWER CHATANIKA RIVER STATE RECREATION AREA

Improvements to this campground and facilities were provided through a cooperative effort of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Alaska State Parks, and the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Program (Pittman-Robertson Act). Taxes on your purchase of firearms, ammunition, and archery equipment are used to support public access to wildlife resources and improve hunter access.



Byers Lake Trail Bridge Replacement



BYERS LAKE CAMPGROUND

DENAIL STATE PARK



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In Progress Hunter Access Projects

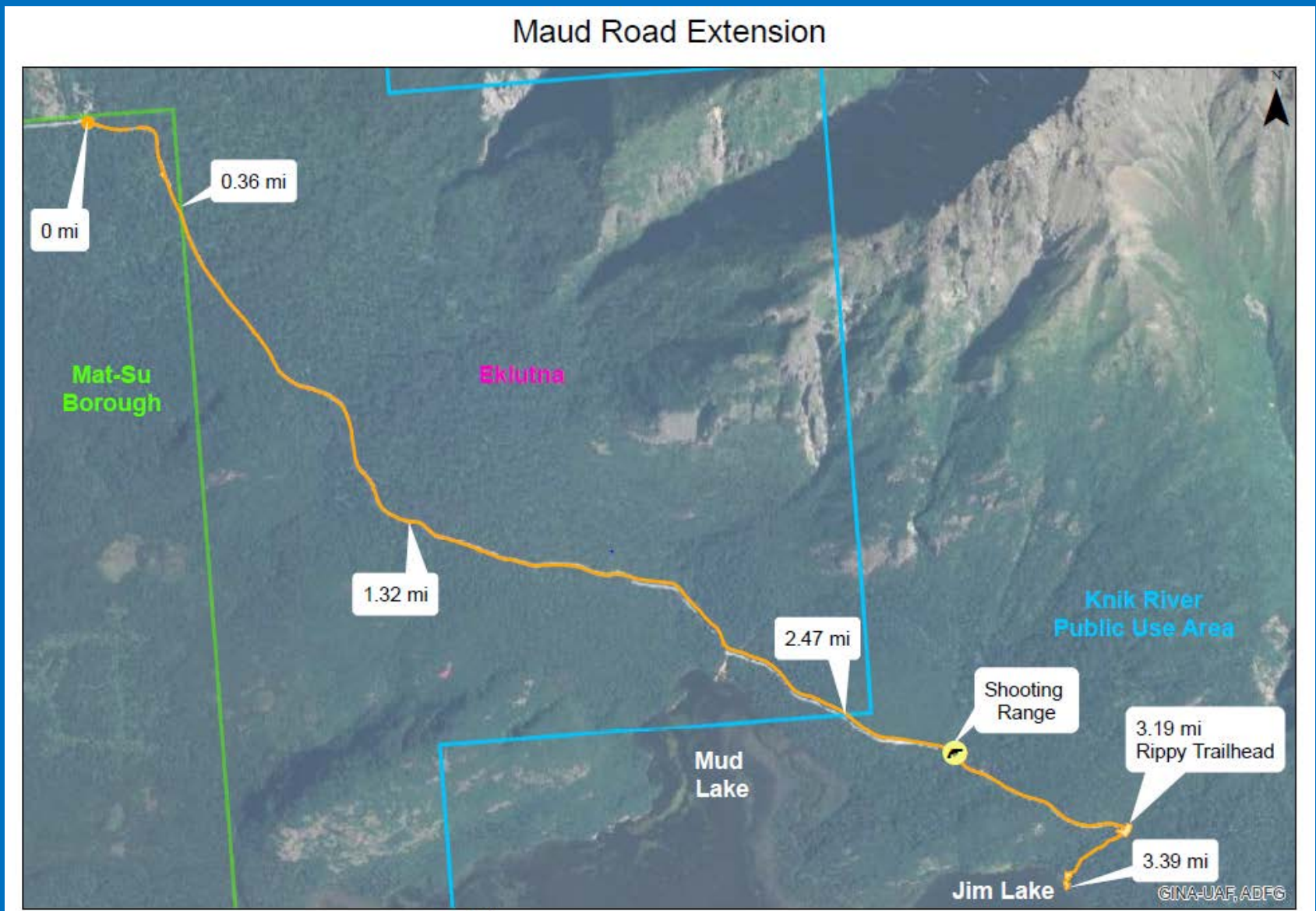
- Treadwell Ditch trail renovations (GMU 1C)
- Chilkoot Lake access improvements (GMU 1D)
- Moon Lake campground improvements (GMU 12)
- Denali Highway trailhead kiosks (GMU 13)
- Lake Louise boat launch improvements (GMU 13A)
- Kesugi Ridge to Curry Ridge trail connector (GMU 13E)
- Maud Road Ext improvements / Knik River Public Use Area (GMU 14A)
- Cottonwood Creek trail rehabilitation / reroute (GMU 14A)
- Rabbit Slough boat launch improvements (GMU 14A)
- Mat Su forest road improvements (GMU 14A)
- Bear Valley access and wildlife viewing (GMU 14C)
- Penguin Creek bridge replacement (GMU 14C)
- Tanana Valley forest road improvements (GMU 20)

Lake Louise Boat Launch

- Access to Lake Louise, Susitna Lake, and Tyone Lake
- Upgrade/repair boat launch
- Parking Area for vehicles with boat trailers
- Informational signage



Maud Road Extension





Questions?



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