



## BRIEFING PAPER: Susitna Basin Recreation

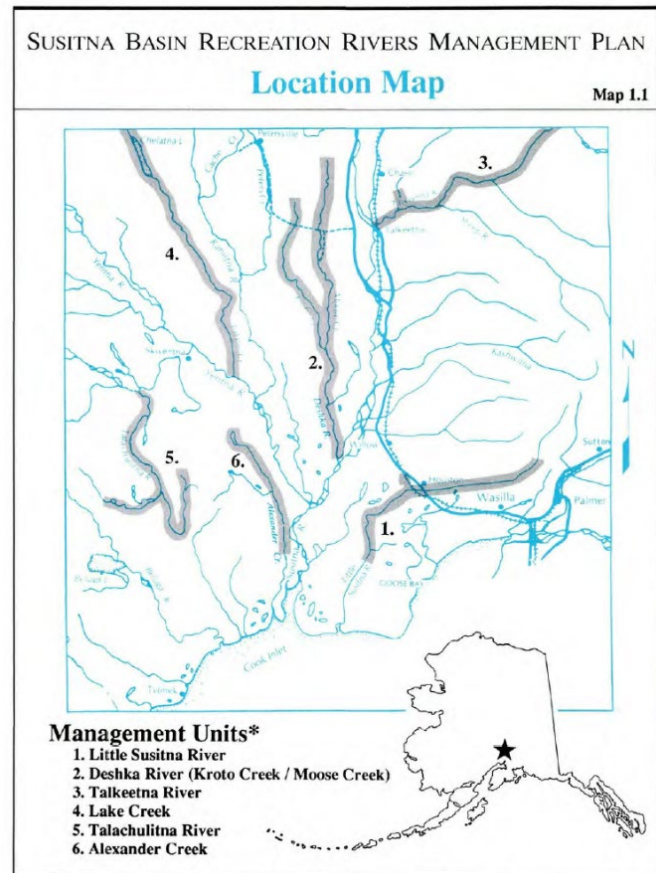
### Rivers Management Plan (SBRMP) – SB97/HB120

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- The SBRMP is challenging for the department to implement and enforce.
  - The SBRMP statute did not provide any type of enforcement authority.
- Any modification of the SBRMP would require the formation of an advisory board that represents broad interests and is seated by the Governor.
- The area is not being utilized as it was originally envisioned.
  - When the plan was created, it was based on a 300% increase in use between 1977 and 1988. Some uses have fluctuated since plan development such as fishing opportunities (closures based on escapement).
- Much of the plan is inconsistent with current and common uses on the rivers due to a lack of staff, funding, and enforcement authority. Further, advances in technology of watercraft have expanded uses.



- Intensive management plan with no additional funding or staff to administer (six rivers with 31 subunits describing management intent for each specific area).
  - Original intent was to have dedicated staff to actively manage the SBRMP area.

#### **Recreation Rivers (RR)**

Alexander Creek State RR	AS 41.23.500(1)	06/09/1988	04/14/1993	22,960
Kroto & Moose Creek State RR	AS 41.23.500(2)	06/09/1988		74,628
Lake Creek State RR	AS 41.23.500(3)	06/09/1988		64,014
Little Susitna River State RR	AS 41.23.500(4)	06/09/1988		17,464
Talachulitna River State RR	AS 41.23.500(5)	06/09/1988		52,799
Talkeetna River State RR	AS 41.23.500(6)	06/09/1988		30,018
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