UNIT 13B
Paxson
Closed Area

AREA DESCRIPTION:  Unit 13B, the Paxson Closed Area, which consists of the eastern
drainage of the Gulkana River lying west of the Richardson Highway and the western drainage
of the Gulkana River between the Denali Highway and the north end of Paxson Lake where the
Gulkana River enters Paxson Lake.

The area is closed to the taking of big game.

Reason for Closure
The area was set aside in 1958 to provide a viewing area adjacent to the junction of the
Richardson and Denali Highways.  Beaver, moose and waterfowl are commonly seen in the
nearby aquatic habitat.  A large run of sockeye salmon in the Gulkana River also offers easy
viewing opportunities.  Moose are most common in winter because of the elevation and
vegetation.

Source map: National Geographic Society TOPO!