

Proposal 62

5 AAC 92.540. Controlled use areas.

Establish the Andreafski Wilderness Controlled Use Area (CUA) within Unit 18 and restrict the use of aircraft in the new CUA as follows:

What solution do you recommend? In other words, if the board adopted your solution, what would the new regulation say?

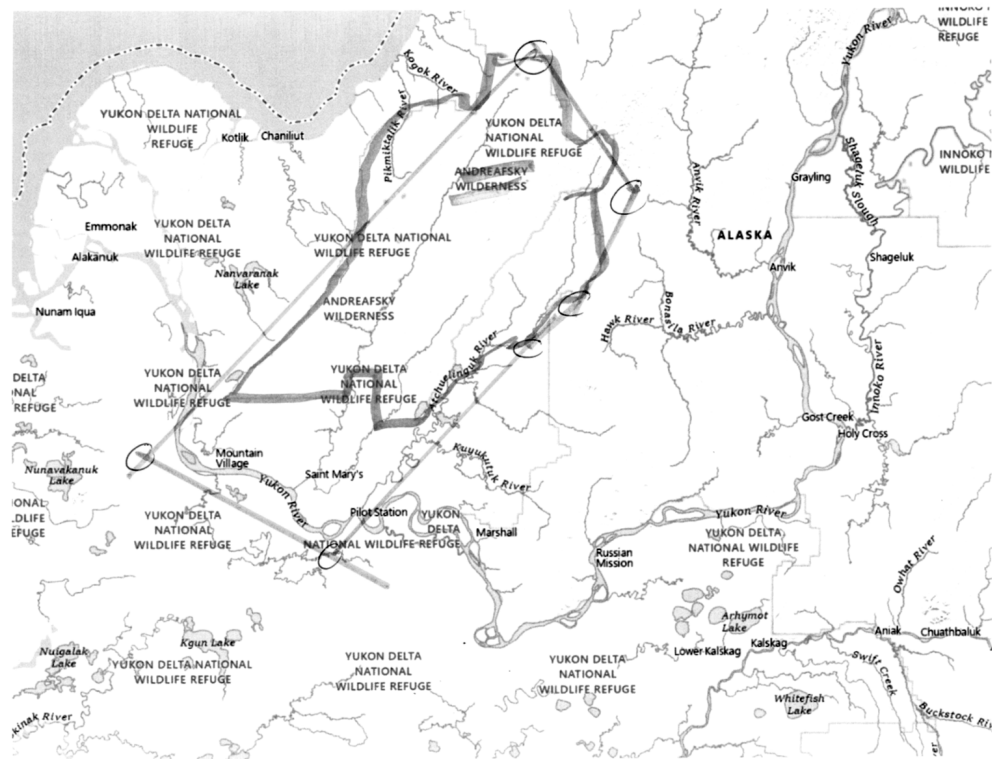
The Board should establish the **Andreafski Wilderness Controlled Use Area** within Unit 18 with exact boundaries to be determined in coordination with others.

The regulation should read as follows:

(6) Unit 18:

(B) the Andreafski Wilderness Controlled Use Area:

- (i) the area consists of that portion of Unit 18 bounded by a line beginning at 61° 48.76' N. lat., 162° 55.72' W. long. on the Yukon River near Pilot Station, then to 62° 08.28' N. lat., 164° 11.25' W. long., then to 63° 12.85' N. lat., 161° 39.03' W. long., then to 62° 57.67' N. lat., 161° 09.10' W. long., then to the Yukon River, then along the north bank of the Yukon River back to the point of beginning and also include the Black River Drainage area and all of its tributaries. A rough draft map is included with this proposal to show the general area but does not include the Black River area that was added to this proposal.
- (ii) the area is closed to the use of aircraft for hunting moose, including the transportation of moose hunters, their hunting gear, or parts of moose; however, this provision does not apply to the transportation of moose hunters, their hunting gear, or parts of moose by aircraft between publicly owned airports, or the transportation into the area of game meat that has been processed for human consumption;
- (iii) the meat of the hindquarters, forequarters, and ribs of any moose taken in the area must remain on the bone until the moose has been transported out of the area or processed for human consumption;



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What is the issue you would like the board to address and why?

Unit 18, Andreafski Wilderness area, currently lacks aircraft restrictions for moose hunting. Aircraft provide hunters with a significant and disproportionate harvest advantage over other hunters using boats or other ground-based means. Left unmanaged, this depletes animals from areas that boat-based hunters depend on before those hunters can reach them. In addition, local hunters have reported concerns about wanton waste.

Comparable management measures have proven effective in nearby areas. The Paradise Controlled Use Area (CUA) in Unit 21E has restricted aircraft use for moose hunting since 1977 and continues to meet its intended objectives. Other CUAs, such as the Koyukuk CUA in Units 21 and 24, include provisions specifically intended to reduce waste and improve meat salvage.

Aircraft restrictions are already in place along portions of the Yukon River corridor, including the Kalskag CUA in Unit 18 and the Paradise CUA in Unit 21E. However, a significant gap remains. Establishing an Andreafski Wilderness CUA would fill this gap, extending protections into the wilderness area that are not currently covered by existing CUAs.

Without action, subsistence users will continue to lose effective access to moose in the areas closest and most accessible to their communities.

Did you develop your proposal in coordination with others, or with your local fish and game advisory committee?

This proposal was developed in coordination with the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta Regional Tribal Government (Y-K RTG) and subsistence users and community members. Input was gathered from participants in-person at the Y-K RTG Governance Summit subsistence workgroup meeting held in December 2025 and again virtually on April 7, 2026. The proposal was presented to and adopted by the Mid-Lower Yukon Advisory Committee as their own with an amendment to include the Black River and Kusilvak area.

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