



Central Yukon Resource Management Plan



Why Are We Here?

BLM is holding this public meeting to introduce you to the Central Yukon Resource Management Plan (RMP) process and give you an opportunity to tell us what needs to be included in the RMP. This RMP will provide future direction for approximately 16 million acres of BLM-administered public lands in central and northern Alaska, including the Dalton Highway Corridor and BLM-administered lands in the central Yukon River watershed.

Why Does the BLM Plan?

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) section 102 requires the BLM to develop plans.

The BLM undertakes land use planning through a collaborative approach with local, state and tribal governments, the public, and stakeholder groups.

The result is a set of land use plans - called Resource Management Plans - that provide the framework to guide decisions for uses of BLM-managed public lands.

It is important to keep these plans up-to-date because so many Americans look to the public lands for a wide variety of resources, including energy, rights-of-way that support communications and energy delivery, a variety of recreational uses, and crucial habitat for fish and wildlife.



What is a Resource Management Plan?

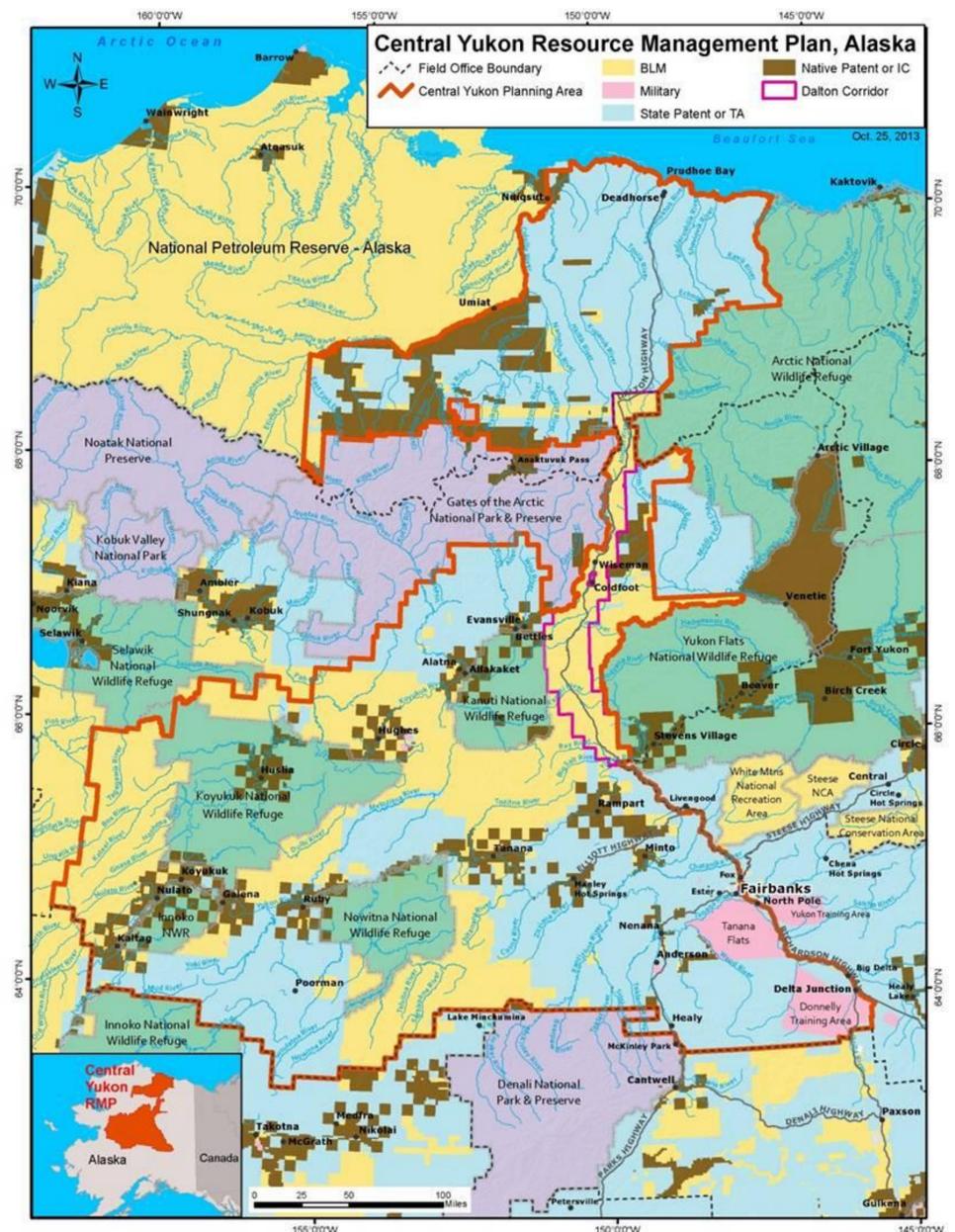
A Resource Management Plan (RMP) is a BLM land use decision-making document that provides guidance for management decisions in a designated area (called the planning area).

The BLM seeks to maximize resource values for present and future generations using the principles of multiple use and sustained yield.

The term "multiple use" means the management of the public lands and their various resource values so that they are used in the combination that will best meet the present and future needs of the American people; making the most judicious use of the land for some or all of these resources or related services over areas large enough to provide sufficient latitude for periodic adjustments in use to conform to changing needs and conditions; the use of some land for less than all of the resources; a combination of balanced and diverse resource uses that takes into account the long-term needs of future generations for renewable and non-renewable resources, including, but not limited to, recreation, range, timber, minerals, watershed, wildlife and fish, and natural scenic, scientific and historical values; and harmonious and coordinated management of the various resources without permanent impairment of the productivity of the land and the quality of the environment with consideration being given to the relative values of the resources and not necessarily to the combination of uses that will give the greatest economic return or the greatest unit output.

What is the Area Covered by the Draft Plan?

The Central Yukon Planning Area includes approximately 16 million acres of BLM-managed lands shown in yellow on the map below.



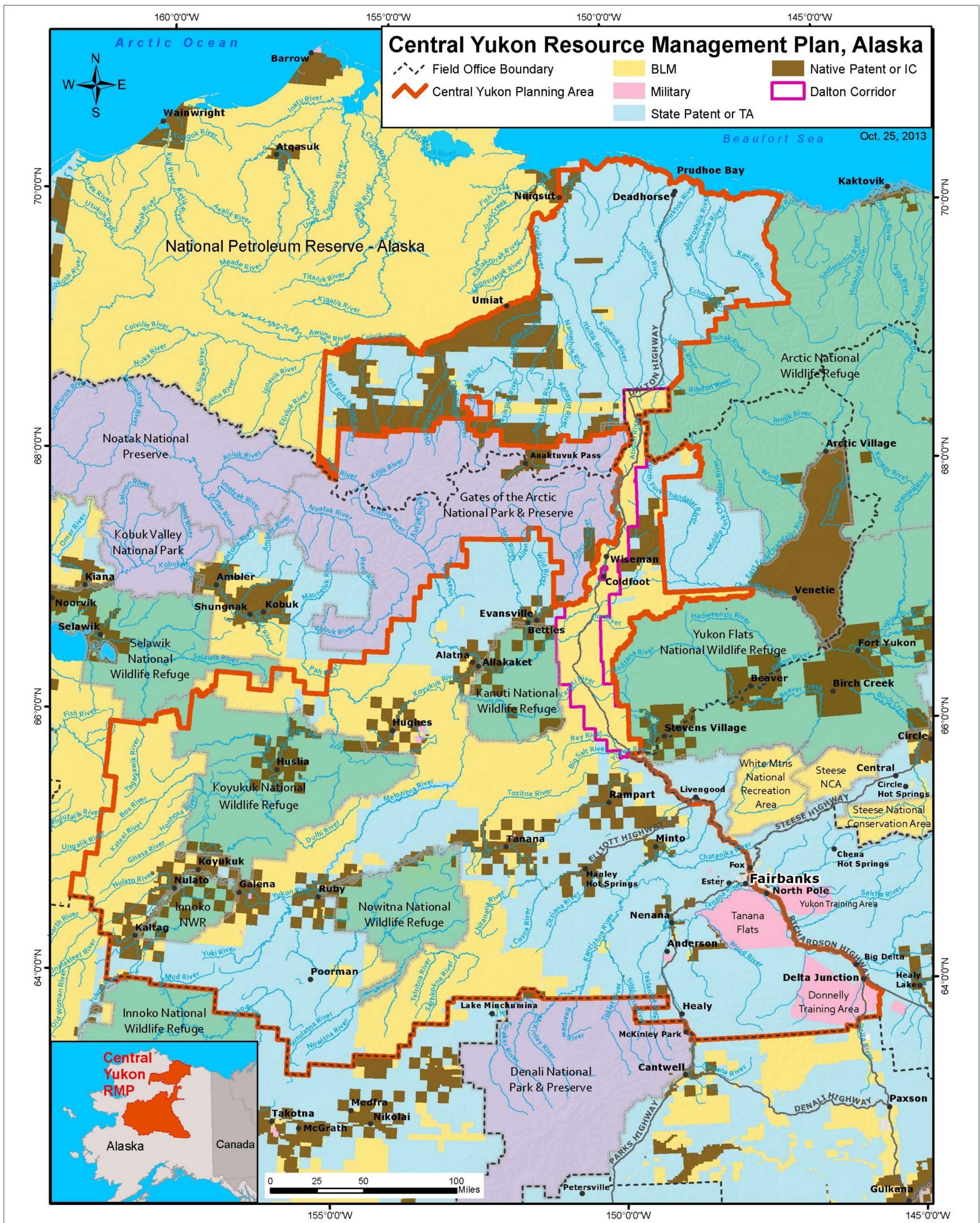
Why is there a Need for the Central Yukon RMP?

The purpose of the Central Yukon RMP is to provide a comprehensive framework to guide management of public lands and interests within the Central Yukon Planning Area.

The revised RMP is needed to:

- update existing planning documents, including the Utility Corridor RMP (BLM 1991) and the Central Yukon RMP (BLM 1986)
- address current issues
- meet the requirements of BLM's Land Use Planning Handbook 1601-1
- provide a RMP for unplanned lands west of Fairbanks





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