

Use Area 04-10B

Northwest Admiralty - Admiralty National Monument

Recreation Carrying Capacity (Groups At One Time): 7

Description

This use area is on the northwest coast of Admiralty Island. It extends from Funter Bay south to Mitchell Bay.

LUD: Modified Landscape, Old Growth, Semi-Remote Recreation, Scenic Viewshed.

ROS: Primitive, Roaded Natural, Semi-Primitive Motorized, Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized.

National Forest Shoreline Miles: 74

National Forest Shoreline Acres: 21,055

Communities

None.

Alaska Coastal Management Act

Forest Service Facilities

None

Non-National Forest Lands

There is private land in Funter Bay, Hawk Inlet, and Cube Cove. Funter Bay has a State Marine Park on the south shore.

Recreation Use

Area Attractions Commercial Use

Scenic views.

Non-commercial Use

Brown bear hunting, sightseeing, wildlife viewing, fishing.

Use Patterns

Recreation: Brown bear and deer hunting, berry picking, firewood cutting, beachcombing, wildlife viewing.
Juneau primarily uses the northern portion of this use area while the community at Cube Cove primarily uses the area from Hawk Inlet south to Fishery Creek. The community of Angoon's use area primarily extends north to Florence Creek. The Greens Creek Mine is located in Hawk Inlet and the mine's Plan of Operations does not allow workers to access the shoreline for recreation purposes.

Primary Use Areas

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Management/Resource Considerations

Subsistence

Berry picking, firewood cutting, deer hunting. There are no anticipated restrictions on subsistence resource users.

Wildlife

137 mapped bald eagle nests.

Fisheries

Sixteen Class I streams have been mapped in the area. Though the area is large, the geography offers few sheltered streams from which to access by plane or boat. Fishery Creek and Thayer Creek both support pink and chum populations and were identified with high fishing values. Though both systems have large watersheds, these streams offer questionable fishing opportunities due to the presence of anadromous fish barriers located a short distance from saltwater. These barriers greatly limit the potential fishing opportunity by reducing the available salmon spawning and rearing habitat.

Botany

Poa macrocalyx was found along a rocky bluff during 1 survey that covered .25 miles of shoreline.

Cultural/Heritage

Two historic and 1 prehistoric sites were identified within this use area from 4 surveys that covered 2.5 miles.