

# Kenai Peninsula Borough

## Planning Department – Land Management Division

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Brent Johnson, Assembly President  
Members of the KPB Assembly

THRU: Peter A. Micciche, Mayor *PMM*  
Robert Ruffner, Planning Director *RR*  
Marcus A. Mueller, Land Management Officer *mam*

FROM: Hailey Abraham, Land Management Agent *HA*

DATE: January 4, 2024

RE: Resolution 2024-003, Classifying Borough Land in the Cooper Landing Area

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The Resolution proposes to classify a parcel of land containing approximately 1080 acres. The attached staff report provides information regarding the classification process and detailed information regarding the parcel proposed for classification.

An 8-month planning process produced the Unit 395 Land Use Master Plan dated September 2023, which inventoried features and uses, and gathered public input. The primary goal of this plan is to protect the resources and values of Unit 395 while retaining opportunities for future land uses. Unit 395 is recommended by the plan to be classified for resource management and recreation. Management of the parcel under these classifications should emphasize the importance of cultural preservation and facilitation, wildlife habitat, areas that are improved and in use, and maintaining future development opportunities alongside recreation and resource extraction activities.

The classification as proposed and advertised would apply only a “Resource Management” classification. The Cooper Landing APC recommended that the co-classification of “Recreation” be added by amending Section 1, which would be consistent with the recommendations of the plan.

The Resolution would classify this parcel of Borough land consistent with the findings contained in the staff report and the Unit 395 Land Use Master Plan.

Your consideration is appreciated.