



SUSITNA-WATANA HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT

River Recreation Flow and Access Study

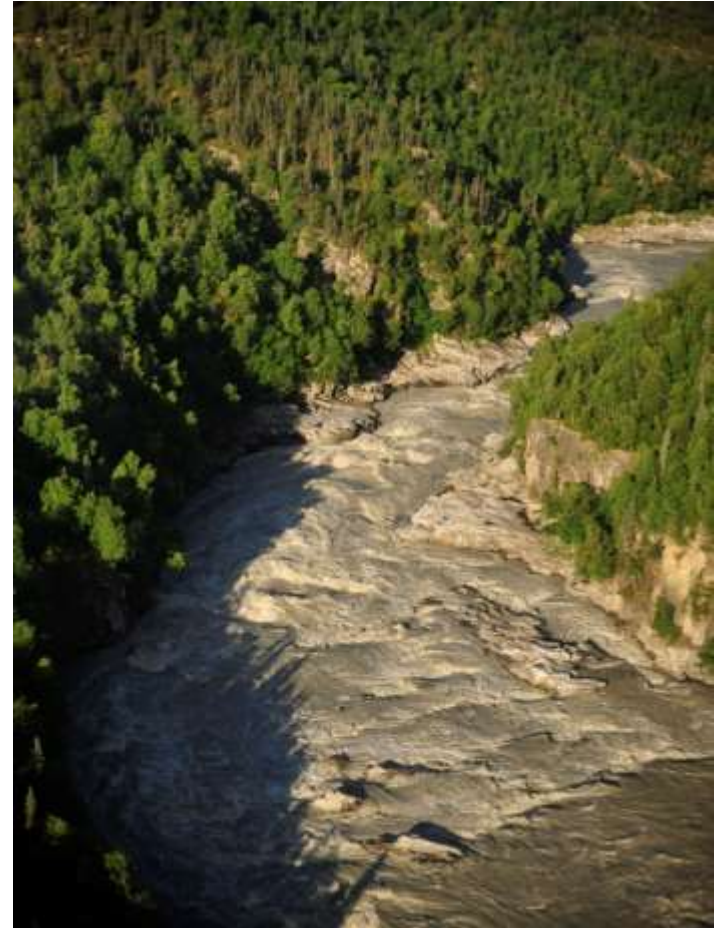
Q2 2013 Interim Progress & Plans -
Technical Working Group Meeting
June 12, 2013



Q2 Update

March - May 2013

- **Executive interview protocol and questions have been finalized**
- **Interview candidates are being organized according to:**
 - motorized/non-motorized use
 - distribution across 3 study reaches



Q2 Update

March - May 2013

- **Executive Interviews**
 - **16 winter use executive interviews completed**
- Individuals & activities included:
 - Lodge owners and private pilots
 - Snowmachine recreationists, Clubs and Tours
 - Dog Mushers, Mushing clubs, and Dogsled Races
 - Skiers, skijourers, ski clubs, and ski race events
 - Fat tire bicyclists and a fat tire bike race
 - Human-powered race events (Susitna 100)
 - Hunters, trappers, and trapping associations

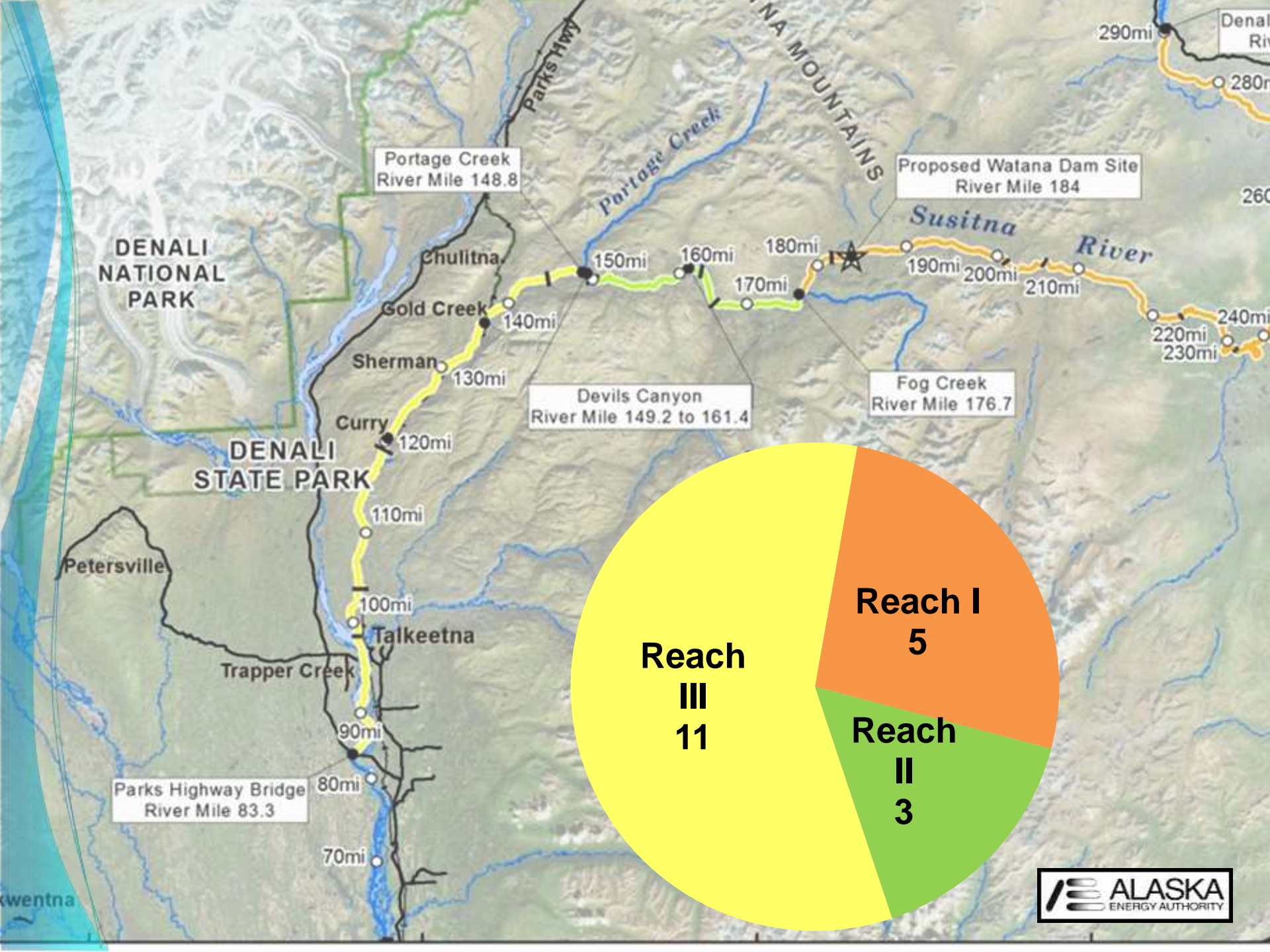


Q2 Update

March - May 2013

- **Recreation activity overlap**
 - Skiers (primary activity) who also snowmachine
 - Trappers who use snowmachines and snowshoes
 - Bush pilots who are also skijourers
 - Human powered race events that are snowmachine supported or include trail grooming





DENALI NATIONAL PARK

DENALI STATE PARK

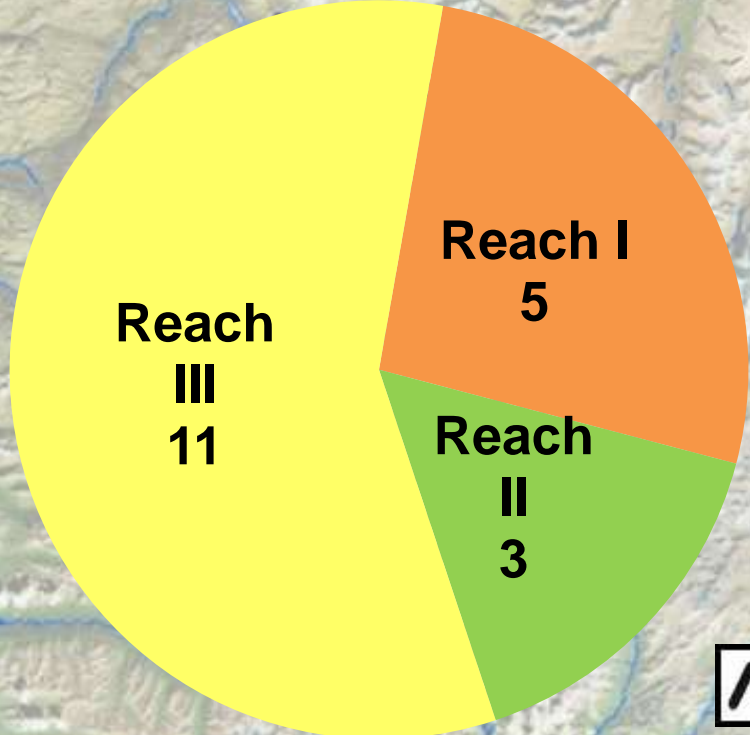
DENALI MOUNTAINS

Proposed Watana Dam Site
River Mile 184

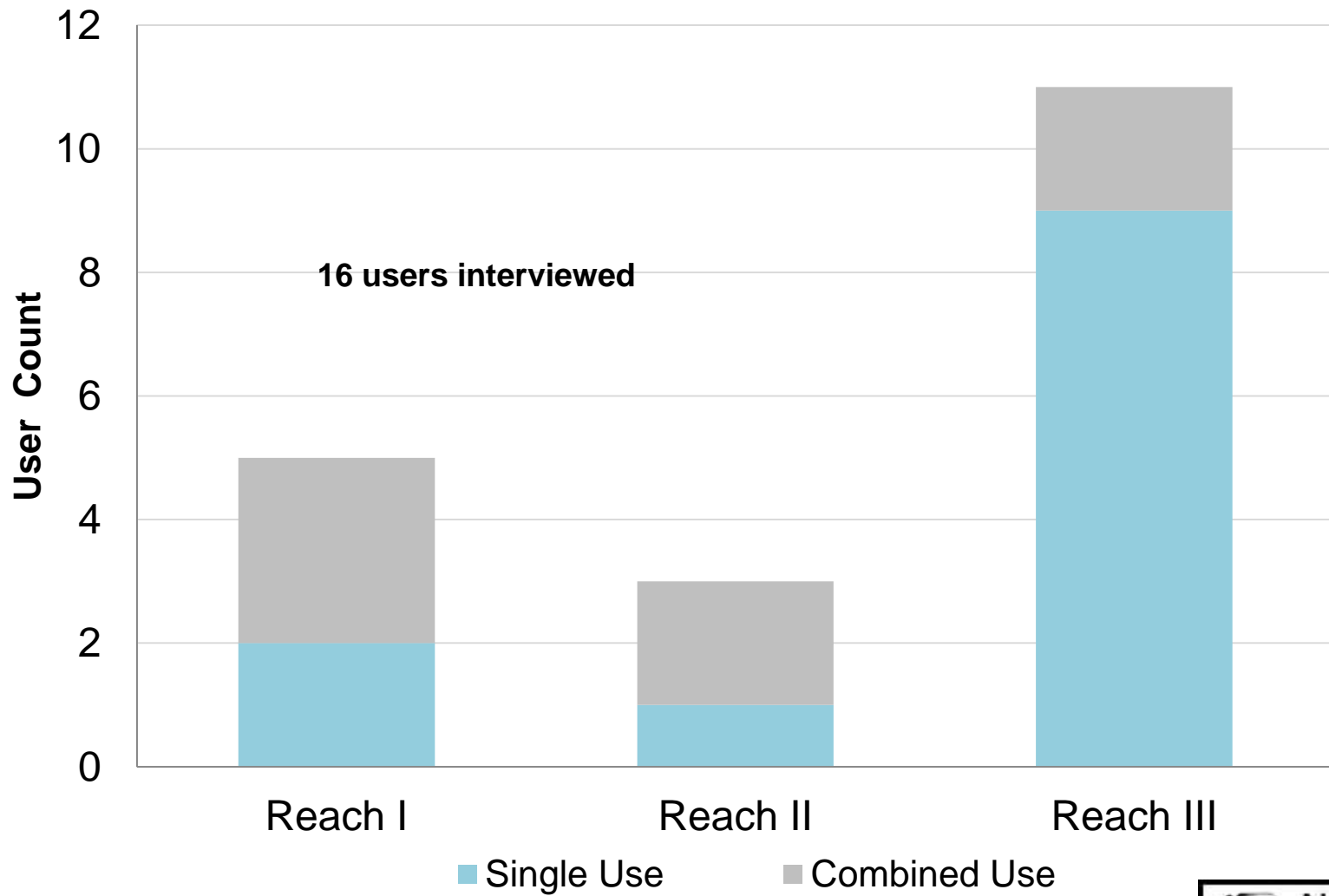
Portage Creek
River Mile 148.8

Devils Canyon
River Mile 149.2 to 161.4

Fog Creek
River Mile 176.7



Spatial Distribution of Winter Use/Recreation



Q3 Tasks

June - August 2013

- Finalize field logistics for documentation of river recreational flow; begin field work
- Coordination with ice processes, fish resources, hydrology, and geomorphology study efforts
- Launch river recreation flow and access internet survey (June 15, 2013)
 - Soliciting river user groups & individuals to participate
- Summer use executive interviews