

# Aesthetic Resources

## Scenery and Soundscape Study Status

### Winter, Spring, Summer 2013

# Overview

- Analysis Goals
- Analysis Locations Definitions
- Field Study Status To-Date
- Virtual tour through the project area



# Analysis Goals

- Evaluate potential project-related impacts to aesthetic resources
- Evaluate change in both landscape character and mechanism of view(s) within inundation zone
- Evaluate new access-based landscape viewing opportunities (i.e., new views)

# Field Study Status

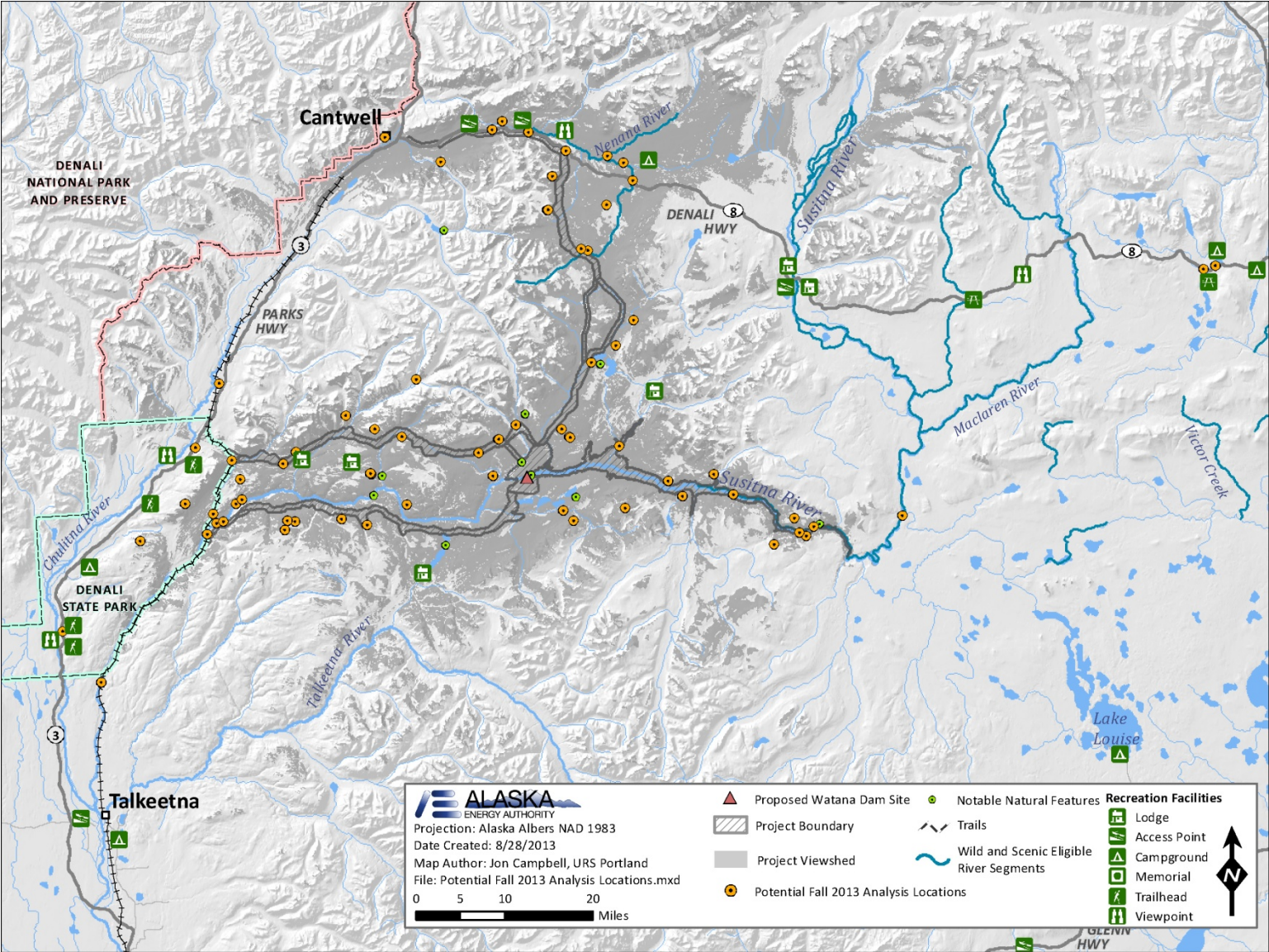
- Winter Season (March 2013)
  - 31 *Visual* Analysis Locations
  - 5 Short-term (ST) *Sound* Analysis Locations
  - 8 Long-term (LT) *Sound* Analysis Locations
- Spring Season (May 2013)
  - 37 *Visual* Analysis Locations
  - 2 ST *Sound* Analysis Locations
  - 9 LT *Sound* Analysis Locations
- Summer Season (July 2013)
  - 76 *Visual* Analysis Locations (more trails-based points)
  - 28 ST *Sound* Analysis Locations
  - 9 LT *Sound* Analysis Locations



# Coordination for Summer/Fall Sound Monitoring Locations

- Coordination with other resources
- Improved understanding of types of activities occurring in Study Area
- Spider tracking data available

# Proposed Visual Analysis Locations Fall 2013



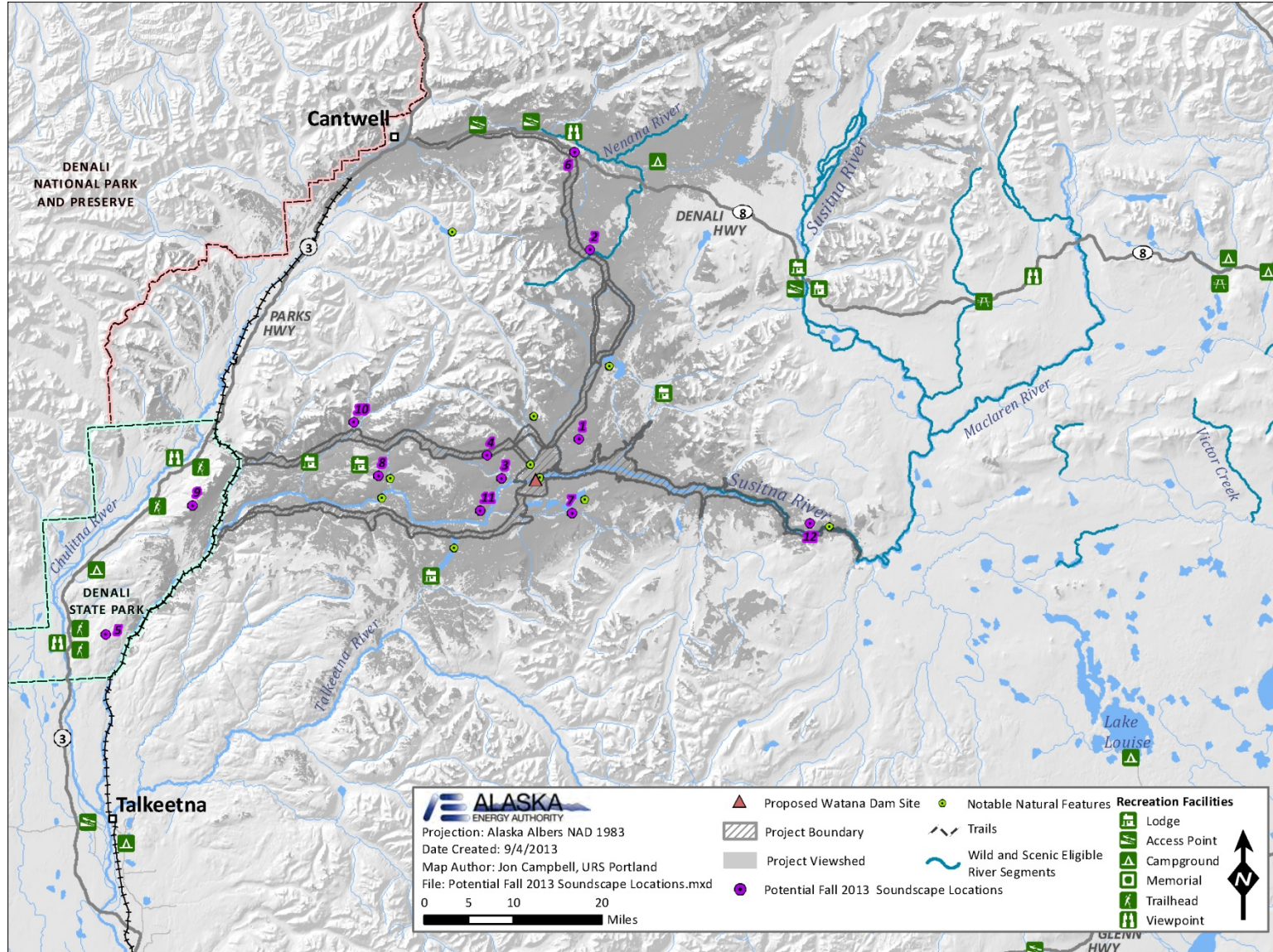
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# Proposed Sound Analysis Locations

## Fall 2013



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# Virtual Tour

- What types of infrastructure exist in SA
- Highlights of the baseline assessment
- Analysis considerations
- Areas of high aesthetic value / opportunities\*
- Distinguishing characteristics



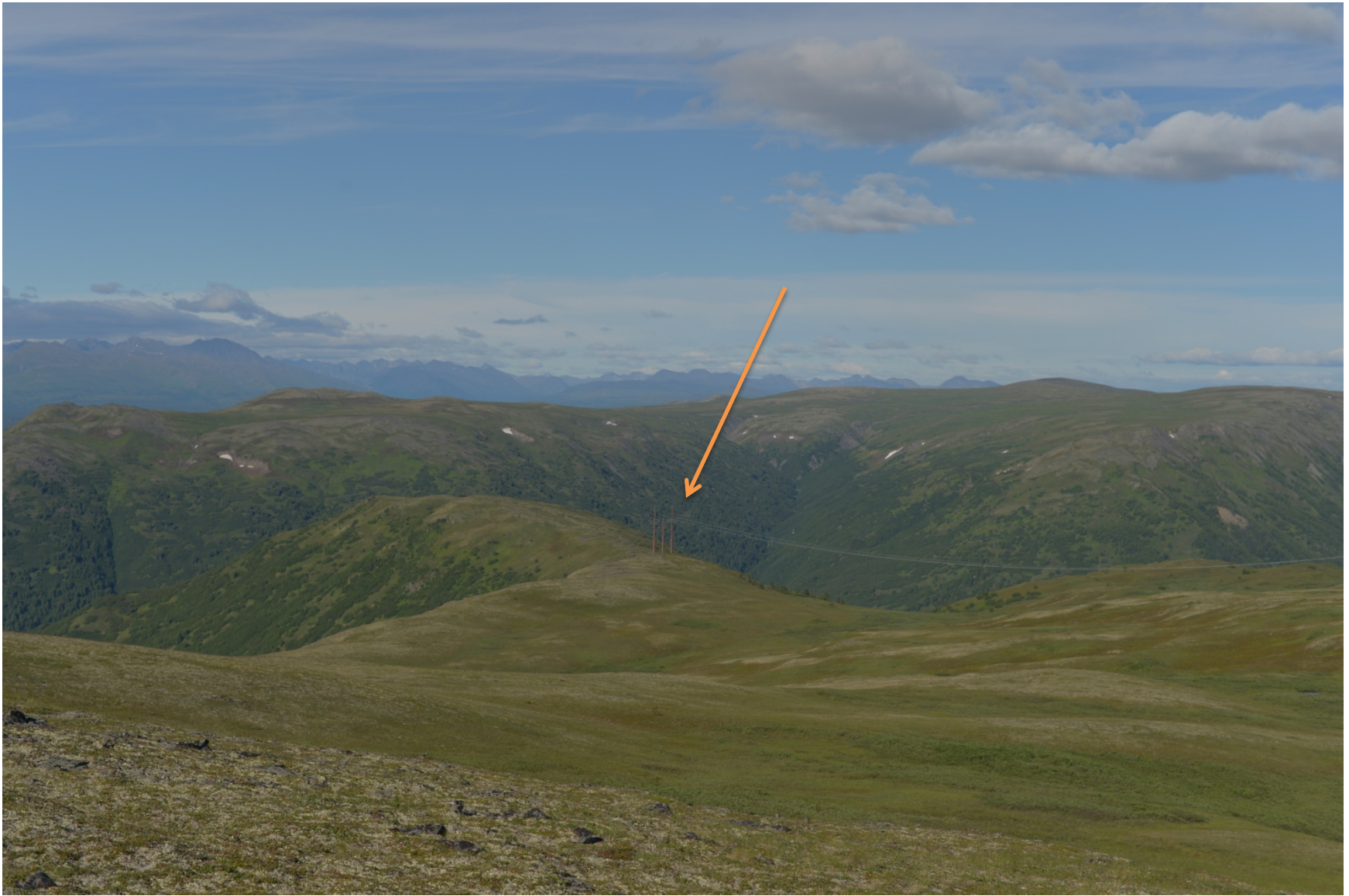


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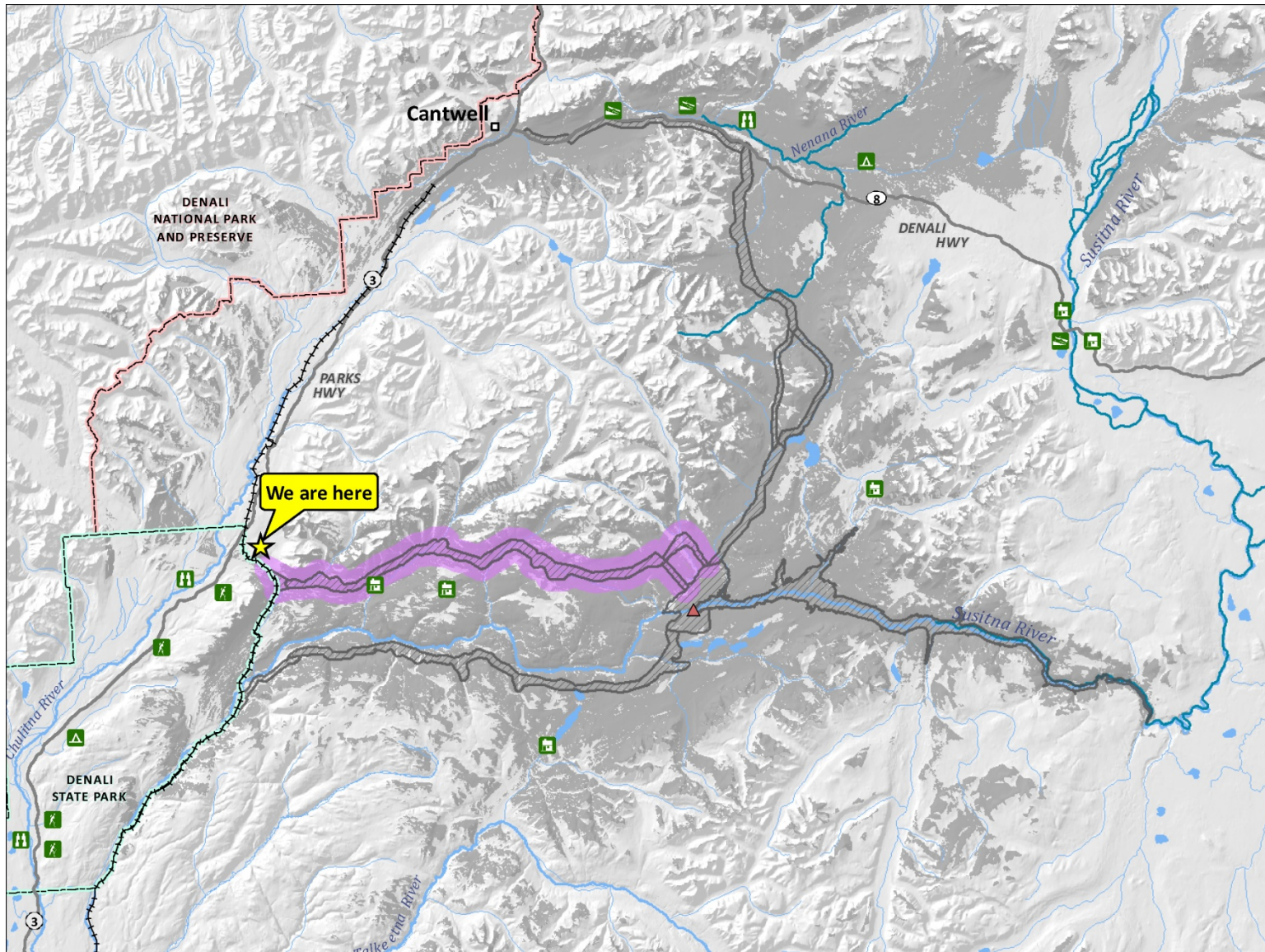














**Looking Northeast Toward  
Eastern Terminus of Chulitna Corridor  
State of Alaska  
Spring 2013**

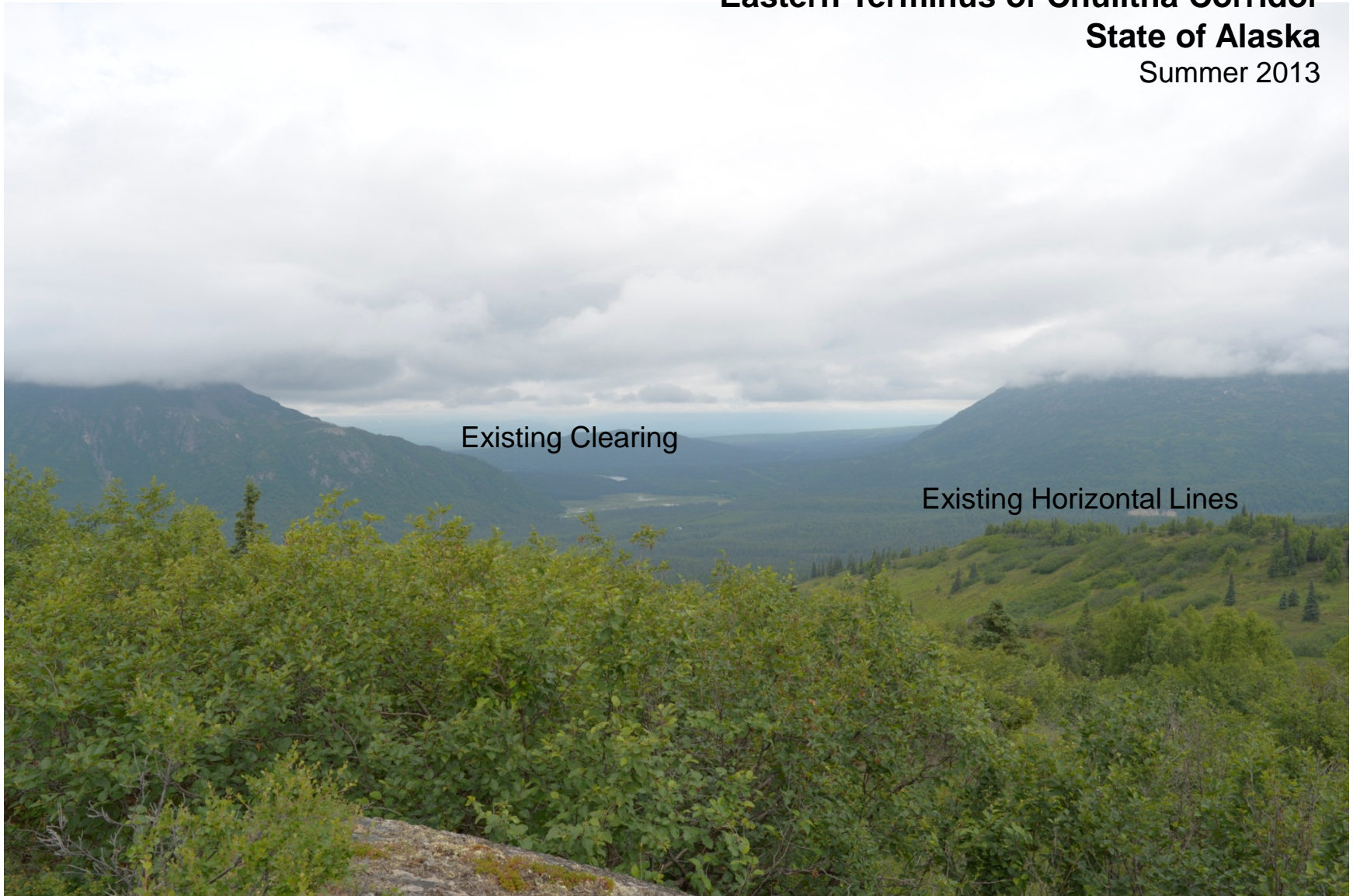


**Proposed Rail Spur &  
Staging Area**

**Proposed Chulitna Corridor**



**Looking Northeast Toward  
Eastern Terminus of Chulitna Corridor  
State of Alaska**  
Summer 2013



Existing Clearing

Existing Horizontal Lines



**View westward along Chulitna Corridor, east of Chulitna  
BLM- Administered  
Summer 2013**



Proposed Chulitna Corridor



**Looking South from  
Chulitna Corridor**  
Summer 2013

Proposed Chulitna Corridor

**Looking South from  
Chulitna Corridor**  
Winter 2013





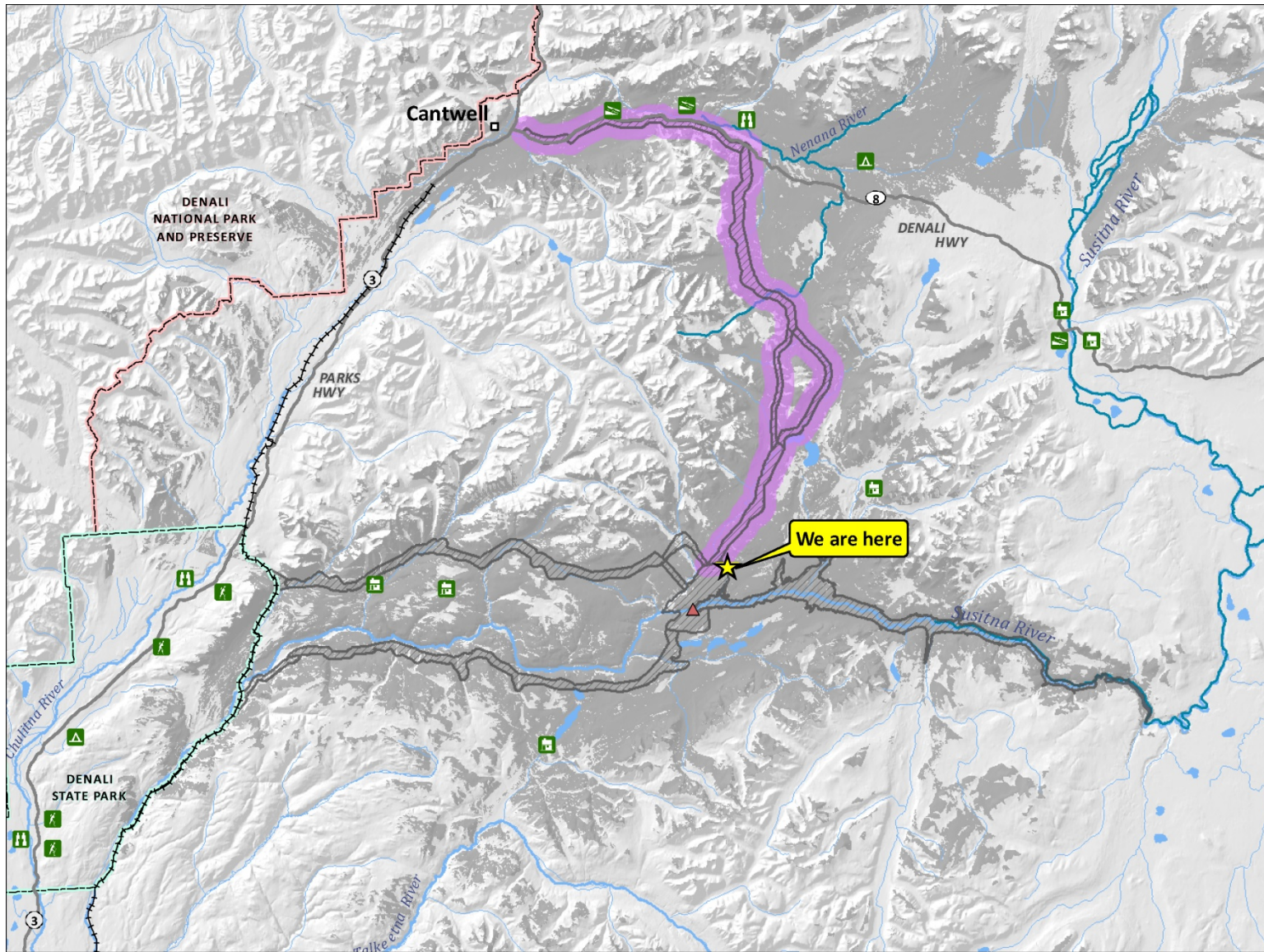
**Looking West along  
Chulitna Corridor**  
Summer 2013





**Looking West along  
Chulitna Corridor**  
Winter 2013







**Looking South accross  
Susitna Upland Terrace  
Summer 2013**







View of Deadman Lake from Denali Corridor, looking north.

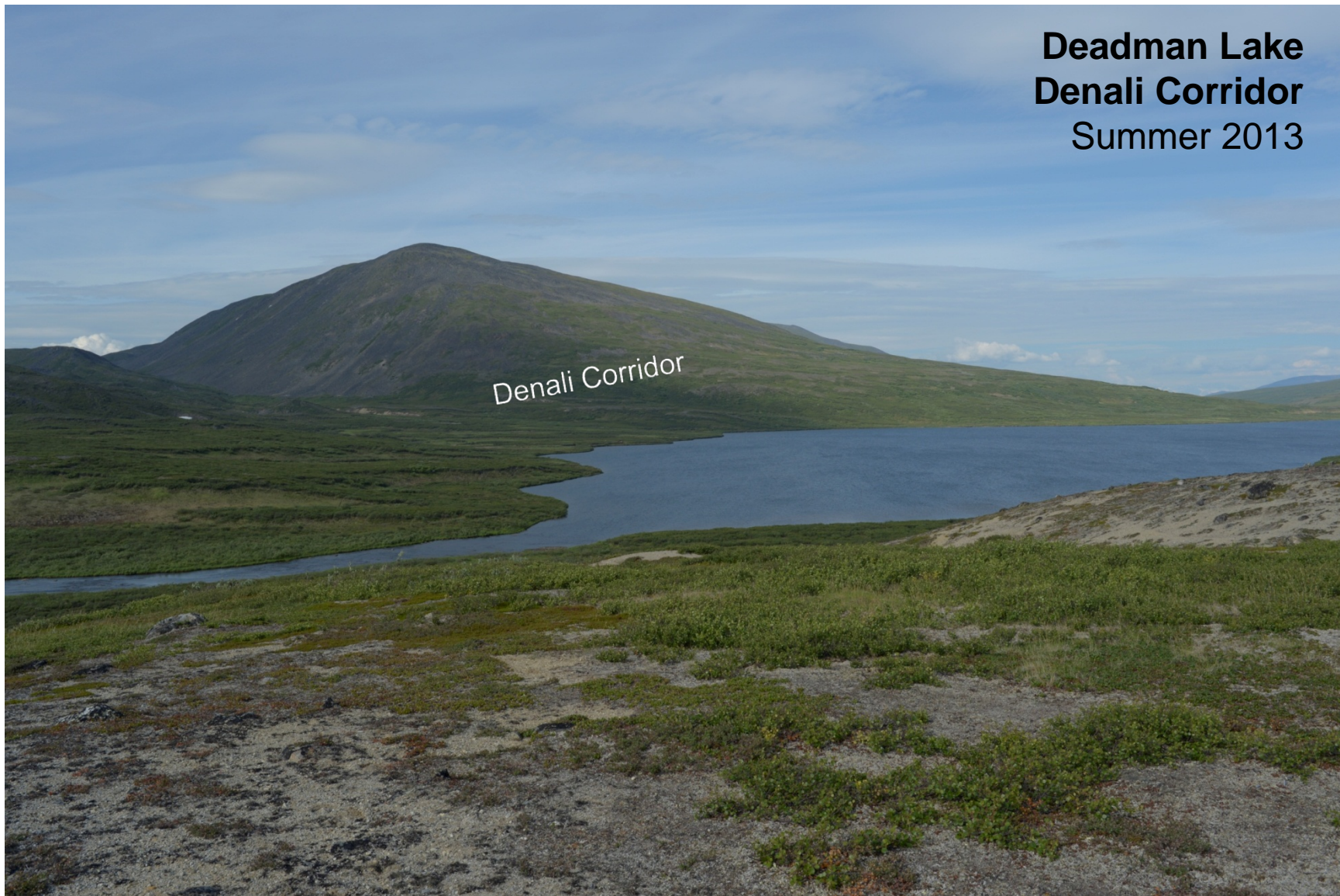
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**Deadman Lake**  
**Denali Corridor**  
Summer 2013

Denali Corridor





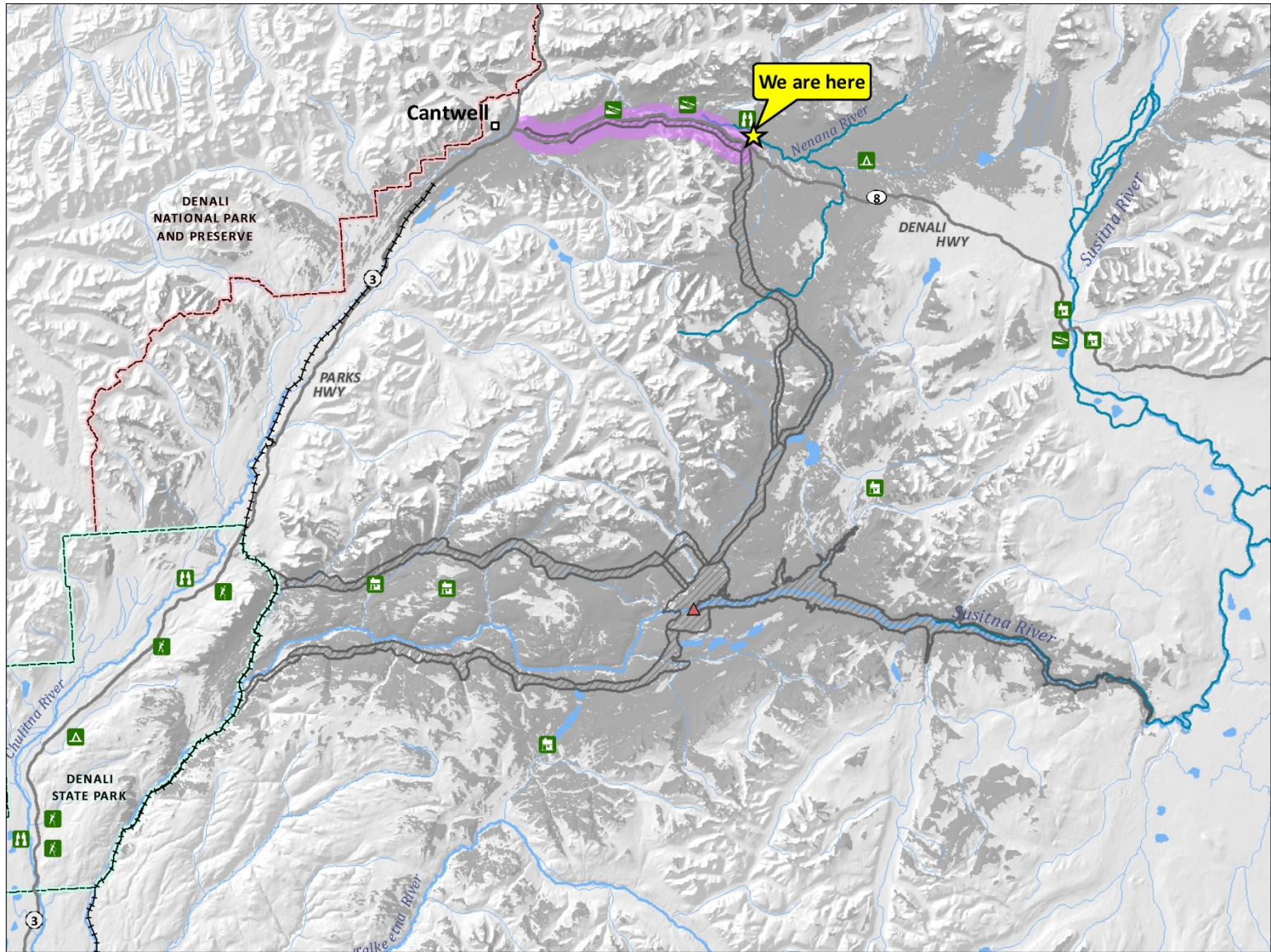
**Wet Upland Tundra LCT**  
**Denali Corridor**  
Summer 2013



**Existing Trail  
Denali Corridor  
View East to Talkeetna Mountains  
Summer 2013**









**Denali Highway, View to the west**  
**Denali Corridor**  
Winter 2013



Denali Corridor



**Denali Highway, View to the west**  
**Denali Corridor**  
Summer 2013

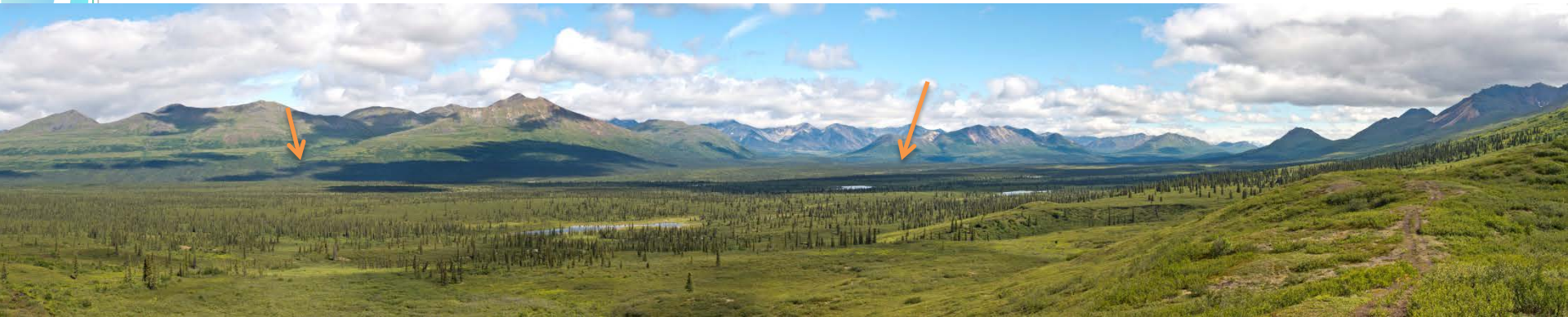


Denali Corridor

# Jack Creek Trail

## View to the north toward Denali Corridor

Summer 2013

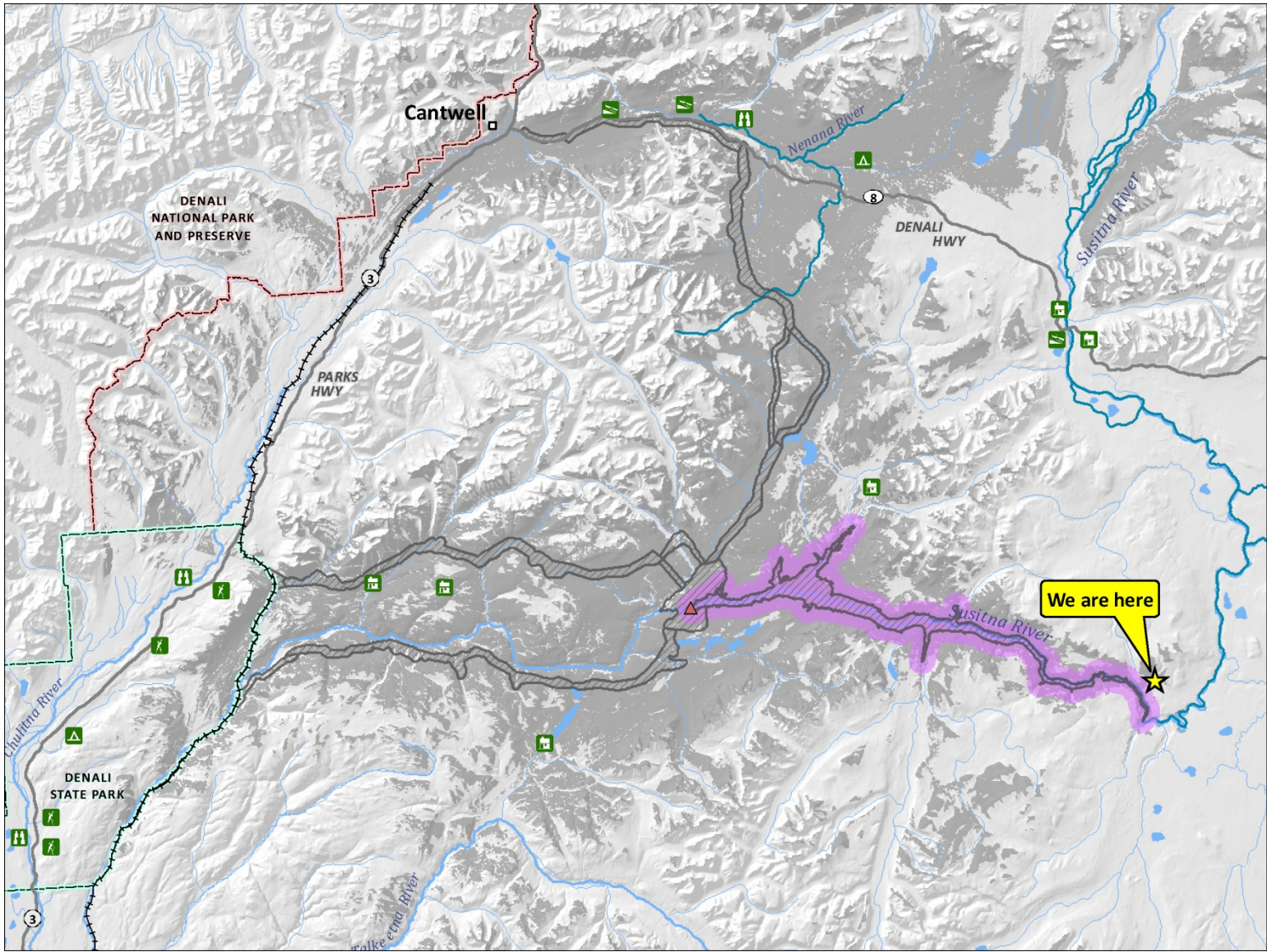




**View to the East from Cantwell**  
Summer 2013









# Vee Canyon

Spring 2013





# View Downriver

Summer 2013





**View Downriver @ 2050 ft**  
Summer 2013





**Upland Trail leading to upper portion  
of Proposed Reservoir**  
Summer 2013

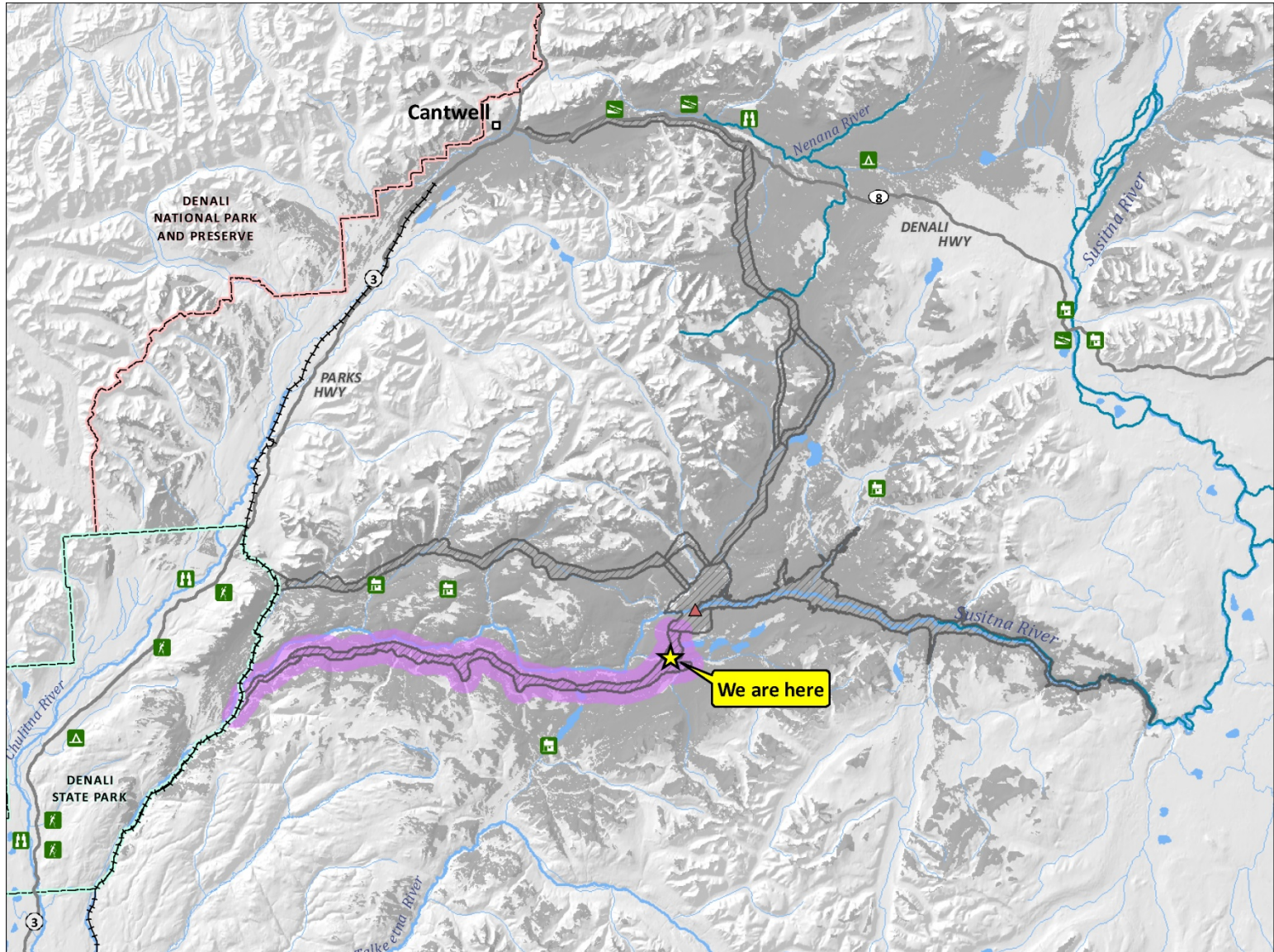




# New Viewing Opportunity Proposed Reservoir Summer 2013









**Tributary crossed by Gold Creek Corridor  
Proposed Reservoir  
Summer 2013**





**New Viewing Opportunity**  
**Gold Creek Corridor**  
Summer 2013





**New Viewing Opportunity**  
**Gold Creek Corridor**  
Summer 2013





**Gold Creek Corridor  
Confluence of  
Indian River and Susitna River  
Spring 2013**





**Gold Creek Corridor  
Confluence of  
Indian River and Susitna River  
Spring 2013**



**Kesugi Ridge Trail  
View to East toward Chulitna Corridor  
Spring 2013**





**Kesugi Ridge Trail**  
**View to East toward Chulitna Corridor**  
Spring 2013

