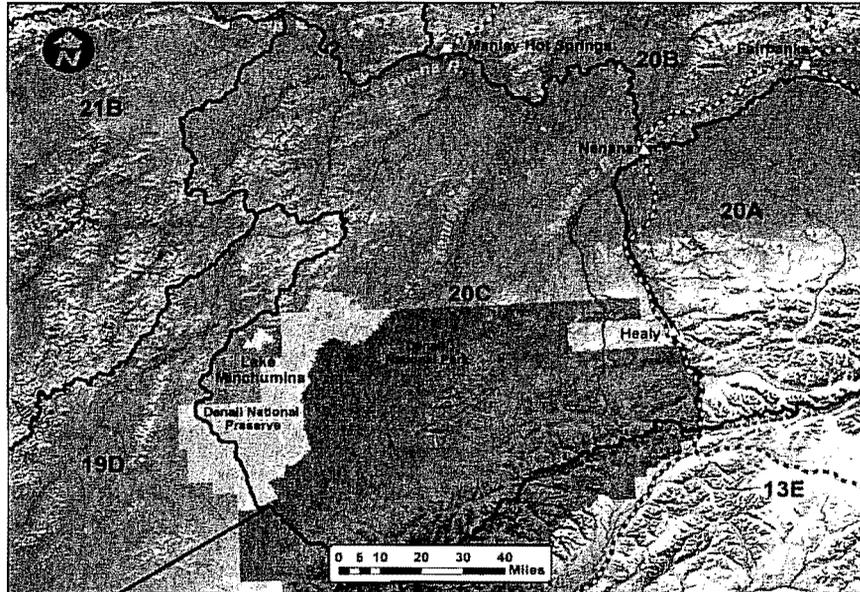


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Background on Unit 20C:

- Area = 11,902 square miles, 6,474 mi² outside of Denali National Park and Preserve
- Current moose season is Sept 1-20 for residents and Sept 5-15 for non-residents. The bag limit is any bull.
- Habitat is variable. Burns, riparian, subalpine, and black spruce forest.
- Moose hunting access is by highway vehicles, boats, atv's and airplane.
- In 2009, Over 600,000 acres burned between the Kantishna River and Teklanika River.

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Background continued:

- **Most of the moose harvested are taken East of the Kantishna River and along the Tanana River corridor.**
- **The Department has not conducted a population estimation survey in 20C.**
- **In 2006, the Department conducted a composition count in eastern 20C.**
- **In 2009, the Department conducted a twinning survey pilot study.**
- **In 2011, the Department will weigh calves to assess nutritional condition of the moose population**

ISSUES

- **Lack of biological information on moose, moose habitat, and predators (wolves, black bears, and grizzly bears)**
- **Challenges regarding antlerless moose hunt reauthorizations, maintaining public support, and meeting desired harvest objectives**
- **Concerns about compromising current IM programs in Units 20A and 20B**
- **Social issues (e.g., NMBY syndrome, access, parking, trespass, hunter crowding)**