

Tangle Lakes/MAN Prospect

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Summary

The MAN project (also known as the Tangle Lakes project) is a large collection of nickel-copper-platinum mining leases spread over 173,000 acres of land in Southcentral Alaska, about 100 miles south of Fairbanks. The project area overlaps parts of the **Delta Wild and Scenic River Corridor**, as well as part of the **Tangle Lakes Archeological Area**. Since 2007, the small Canadian mining company **Pure Nickel Inc.** has held the mining leases, and exploration was funded through a Japanese conglomerate called **ITOCHU**. In November 2013, ITOCHU withdrew from the project.

Although still in the early stages of exploration, this project has already encountered **significant local opposition** because of the proximity of the numerous claims to important wildlife habitats, archeological sites, and recreation areas. Efforts are underway to **create a state wildlife refuge**, which would protect the most historically and ecologically important lands within the mining leases.

Tangle Lakes Recreation



A Recreation Area at Tangle Lakes

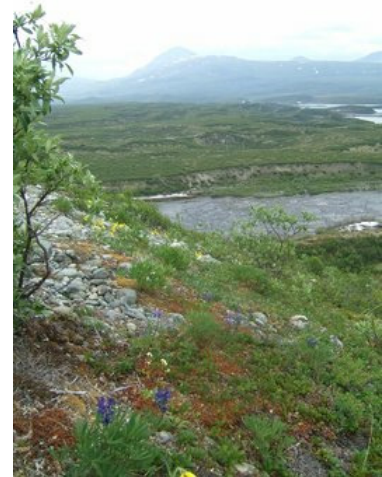
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Current status

Exploration is ongoing, with \$3.5 million budgeted for the 2013 season. The withdrawal of the funding partner in late 2013 makes the future of this project uncertain.

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Tangle Lakes Area



A river in the Tangle Lakes Area

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