

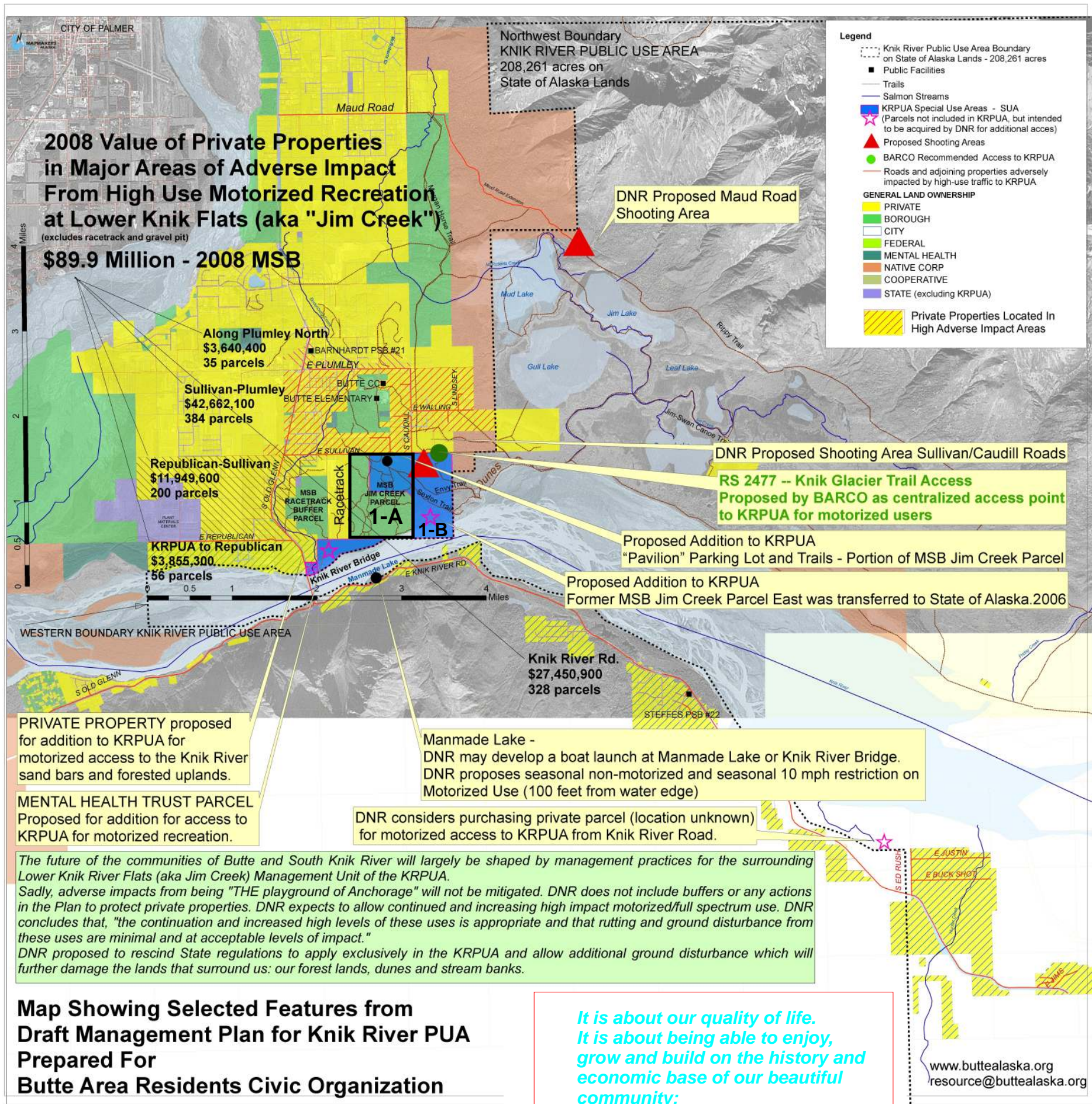
Better Planning on Jim Creek Parcel Means More Economic Opportunities for Butte

Butte needs a chance to enhance its economic development by building on existing community assets of farming, horses, the scenic beauty of Knik River Valley, an outstanding elementary school, our proximity to Anchorage, and the recreational values of Jim Creek Parcel 1-A on Borough-owned lands. Opportunities for horse boarding along with guided horseback trips and other quiet endeavors were lost when the State of Alaska made all existing trails multi-use.

The main access to the state-owned Knik River Public Use Area is still located on Mat-Su Borough Jim Creek 1-A parcel, even though the Mat-Su Borough gave the 320 acres of the adjoining parcel 1-B to the State of Alaska and asked that the primary access to the KRPUA be relocated to the Rs2477 (Knik Glacier Trail).

The safety of recreational users is compromised until separate access and separate trails for quiet and motorized users are designated on this parcel. The value of our private properties depends on respectful use of the public lands surrounding us.

It's not about motorized vs. non-motorized - It's about Respect!



Continuing the current level of exclusive motorized use on, and free uncontrolled access to, Borough Parcel Jim Creek 1-A is not the highest and best use of our land.

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The Community of Butte deserves a community park with play grounds sports venues picnic areas, and controlled access to Jim Creek and Knik River

Request A Master Plan for JC Parcel 1-A

It's time for the Mat-Su Borough to

- **Protect our property rights,**
- **Protect our investment,**
- **Allow us to enhance our economy**
- **Protect our trails, lands and waters from further abuse**

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Private property that is currently negatively impacted by KRPUA activities is valued at \$89.9 million (see hatched areas on map-2008). Separate access and trails for motorized and non-motorized users will keep us safe and venues for family recreation in the core of our community will assure property owners of healthy growth and economic opportunities