

APPENDIX P
VISUAL RESOURCES

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P.1 Visual Resources Photographic Documentation

Visual resources consist of views of the project area. Many viewsheds could be affected by any given alternative, thus affecting a variety of viewer groups. Important views or key observation points include public vantage points that have views of the proposed rail line, including immediate views from trail, road, and waterway crossings of the proposed rail line and more distant views of the proposed rail line from vantages such as local roadways, lakes, or by air. Vantages of the study area that have been chosen to the best degree possible to depict (a) existing conditions and (b) rail line affected environment for the purpose of illustrating the potential impact of the proposed rail line upon the landscape as seen by viewer groups. This Appendix contains the photographic documentation for key observation points within the study area taken September 14 to 17, 2010.



Photo 1. Looking West from West Little Su River Road toward the Connector 1 Segment Crossing and the Entrance of the Little Susitna River Public Use Facility



Photo 2. Looking West from South Guernsey Road near the Point MacKenzie Correctional Farm



Photo 3. Looking West from the West Holstein Avenue/Point MacKenzie Road Intersection toward the Mac East Crossing over West Holstein Avenue



Photo 4. Looking North from South Guernsey Road toward Connector 2 Segment Crossing



Photo 5. Trail Head Parking West of Point MacKenzie Road, Looking toward Mac East Segment



Photo 6. Looking West from Red Shirt Lake toward the Willow Segment



Photo 7. Looking East on Willow Creek East of the Willow Segment Bridge Crossing



Photo 8. Looking Southeast from West Parks Highway toward the Chugach Mountains



Photo 9. Looking South down the Existing Rail Line Right-of-Way from Cheri Lake Drive



Photo 10. Looking East from Cheri Lake Drive toward Existing Rail Line Crossing



Photo 11. Looking Southwest from South Guernsey Road near the Point MacKenzie Correctional Farm toward Connector 2



Photo 12. Looking East from South Guernsey Road down the Connector 2 Segment



Photo 13. Looking Southwest of Point MacKenzie Road toward Mac East Segment



Photo 14. Looking Southwest of Point MacKenzie Road toward Mac East Segment Near the Terminal Reserve



Photo 15. Looking East on West Willow Creek Parkway toward the Willow Segment At-grade Crossing



Photo 16. Looking West from Red Shirt Lake Access Trail toward the Willow Segment



Photo 17. Looking East on Hawks Lane Closure from the Big Lake Segment



Photo 18. Looking Southwest on the Big Lake Road Multi-use Trail toward the Big Lake Segment Crossing



Photo 19. Looking West from Hollywood Road toward the Big Lake Segment Grade-separated Crossing



Photo 20. Looking South from Hollywood Road toward the Big Lake Segment



Photo 21. Looking Northeast from Sculp Road toward the Big Lake Segment



Photo 22. Looking Northeast from Aurora Dog Musher's Club toward the Big Lake Segment



Photo 23. Looking East from Aurora Dog Musers Club Overlook toward the Big Lake Segment



Photo 24. Looking West from West Susitna Parkway toward the Houston Segment Crossing



Photo 25. Looking North from the Gated Entry of the FAA Air Traffic Facility



Photo 26. Looking East from Millers Reach Road toward the Houston South Segment Crossing



Photo 27. Looking Southeast from West Parks Highway toward the Houston South Segment