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February 28, 2006

Re: Final Finding and Decision, Falls Creek Land Exchange, Early Entry Authorization, and other related actions.

To Whom It May Concern:

The Department of Natural Resources has made Final Findings and Decisions for the Gustavus Electric Company Lease for a hydroelectric project, Falls Creek / Chilkoot Trail land exchange and other related actions. These actions include final decisions on:

- Gustavus Electric Company Lease for Hydroelectric Project (ADL 107234)
- Final Best Interest Finding, Falls Creek Land Exchange (ADL 107326) and related decisions
- Final Exchange Agreement, Falls Creek Land Exchange (ADL 107326)
- Mineral Closing Order (MO 1044)
- Northern Southeast Area Plan Amendment
- Land Classification Order Amendment (SE-02-002AO1)
- Chilkoot Trail Interagency Land Management Assignment Amendment #2 (ADL 65587)
- Permit to Appropriate Water (LAS 22301)
- Decision of Finding and Determination on Permit to Appropriate Water (LAS 22301)

These final decisions, a summary of the comments received, and responses to comments are available at: www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/fallscreek/ They can also be reviewed at the DNR Public Information Centers in Juneau and Anchorage.

A person affected by one or more of these decisions may request reconsideration of any of the decisions individually, in accordance with 11 AAC 02. Any reconsideration request must be received by March 20, 2006 and may be mailed or delivered to Michael Menge, Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1400, Anchorage, Alaska 99501; faxed to 1-907-269-8918, or sent by electronic mail to dnr_appeals@dnr.state.ak.us . If reconsideration is not requested by that date or if the commissioner does not order reconsideration on his own motion, these decisions go into effect as final orders and decisions on March 31, 2006. Failure of the commissioner to act on a request for reconsideration within 30 days after issuance of this decision is a denial of reconsideration and is a final administrative order and decision for purposes of an appeal to Superior Court. The decision may then be appealed to Superior Court within a further 30 days in accordance with the rules of the court, and to the extent permitted by applicable law. An eligible person must first request reconsideration of this decision in accordance with 11 AAC 02 before appealing this decision to Superior Court. A copy of 11 AAC 02 may be obtained from any regional information office of the Department of Natural Resources.

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If you have any questions or require assistance, please call or e-mail Bruce Talbot: 269-8536
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dick Mylius". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a horizontal line extending from the end.

Dick Mylius
Director, DNR Division of Mining, Land and Water