

**STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF MINING, LAND AND WATER**

FINDING OF THE COMMISSIONER

AS 38.05.185 (a) and AS 38.05.600

for

MINERAL ORDER (CLOSING) NO. 1113

Aniak - Doestock

Pursuant to AS 38.05.035 (e) Powers and Duties of the Director, The Director of the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Division of Mining, Land, and Water (DMLW) recommends the Commissioner close to new mineral entry approximately 10,093 acres of State-owned land located in the Aniak – Doestock project area (ADL 229342), in accordance with AS 38.05.185 (a) Generally [Mining Rights] and AS 38.05.300 Classification of Land for a land disposal. The attached Mineral Order (Closing) No. 1113 identifies the area that must be closed to mineral entry and gives a legal description.

DNR DMLW proposes to issue a Final Finding and Decision to convey State-owned land into private ownership within the Aniak - Doestock project area (ADL 229342), for staking Remote Recreational Cabin Sites under AS 38.05.600.

As noted in the Final Finding and Decision Attachment I: Preliminary Decision, closing the project area to mineral entry and location prior to sale is consistent with the management intent of the Kuskokwim Area Plan for State Lands (KAP) Management Subunit 17d. KAP subsurface management policy states that, in general, areas scheduled for disposal will be closed to mineral entry prior to sale to minimize potential impact between surface and subsurface users. Furthermore, as noted in KAP, settlement areas designated in the plan generally do not coincide with patterns of historical or potential mining activity in the planning area. Settlement is designated the primary use within Subunit 17d Aniak - Doestock and the unit is classified Settlement under Classification Order SC-88-001A17. DNR DMLW proposes to close the entire project area to mineral entry as the location of parcels cannot be known prior to offering Remote Recreational Cabin Sites.

Public notice of the comment period for the mineral order was conducted in accordance with AS 38.05.945 Notice. DNR DMLW did not receive objections or comments regarding the proposed mineral orders from the public or agencies during the response period.

In accordance with AS 38.05.185 (a) and AS 38.05.300, I find that the best interests of the State of Alaska and its residents are served by closure of the land to entry under the mineral location and mining laws of the State of Alaska as described by Mineral Order (Closing) No. 1113.

/s/

Approved by Daniel S. Sullivan, Commissioner
State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources

11/03/2011

Date

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Closing Lands to Mineral Entry

Opening Lands to Mineral Entry

I. Name of Mineral Order: Aniak - Doestock

II. Reason for Mineral Order: This mineral order is based upon the related Finding of the Commissioner and the written justification contained within the following:

- Kuskokwim Area Plan for State Lands, adopted 1988, Management Subunit 17d; and
- Final Finding and Decision, Aniak - Doestock Remote Recreational Cabin Sites Project Area (ADL 229342), Proposed Land Offering pursuant to AS 38.05.035 (e) Powers and Duties of the Director.

III. Authority: AS 38.05.185 Generally [Mining Rights] and AS 38.05.300 Classification of Land.

IV. Location and Legal Description: Lands to be closed under this order include the area known as Aniak - Doestock, as described below and depicted in the attached map entitled Aniak - Doestock Mineral Order (Closing) No. 1113.

MTR	Section	Gross Acres	Acquisition Authority	Classification
Township 16 North, Range 56 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots 1 - 4 of Section 1 • Sections 2 - 4 • Sections 9 - 12 	5,078 acres	General Grant 2451	Classification Order SC-88-001A17
Township 17 North, Range 56 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sections 13 - 14 • Lots 1 - 3 of Section 23 • Lots 1 - 4 of Section 24 • Lots 1 - 3 of Section 25 • Lots 1 and 2 of Section 26 • Lots 1 - 3 of Section 35 • Section 36 	5,015 acres	General Grant 2518	Classification Order SC-88-001A17

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V. Mineral Order: This mineral order is subject to valid existing rights and is issued under the authority granted by AS 38.05.185 and AS 38.05.300 to the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources. In accordance with AS 38.05.185 (a), it is hereby found that mining activity in the project area would be incompatible with the current and proposed surface uses and therefore the best interests of the State and its residents are served by this mineral (closing) order. The above-described lands are hereby closed to entry under the locatable mineral and mining laws of the State of Alaska.

/s/

Concur: Brent Goodrum, Director
Division of Mining, Land, and Water
Department of Natural Resources, State of Alaska

10/21/2011

Date

/s/

Approved: Daniel S. Sullivan, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources, State of Alaska

11/03/2011

Date

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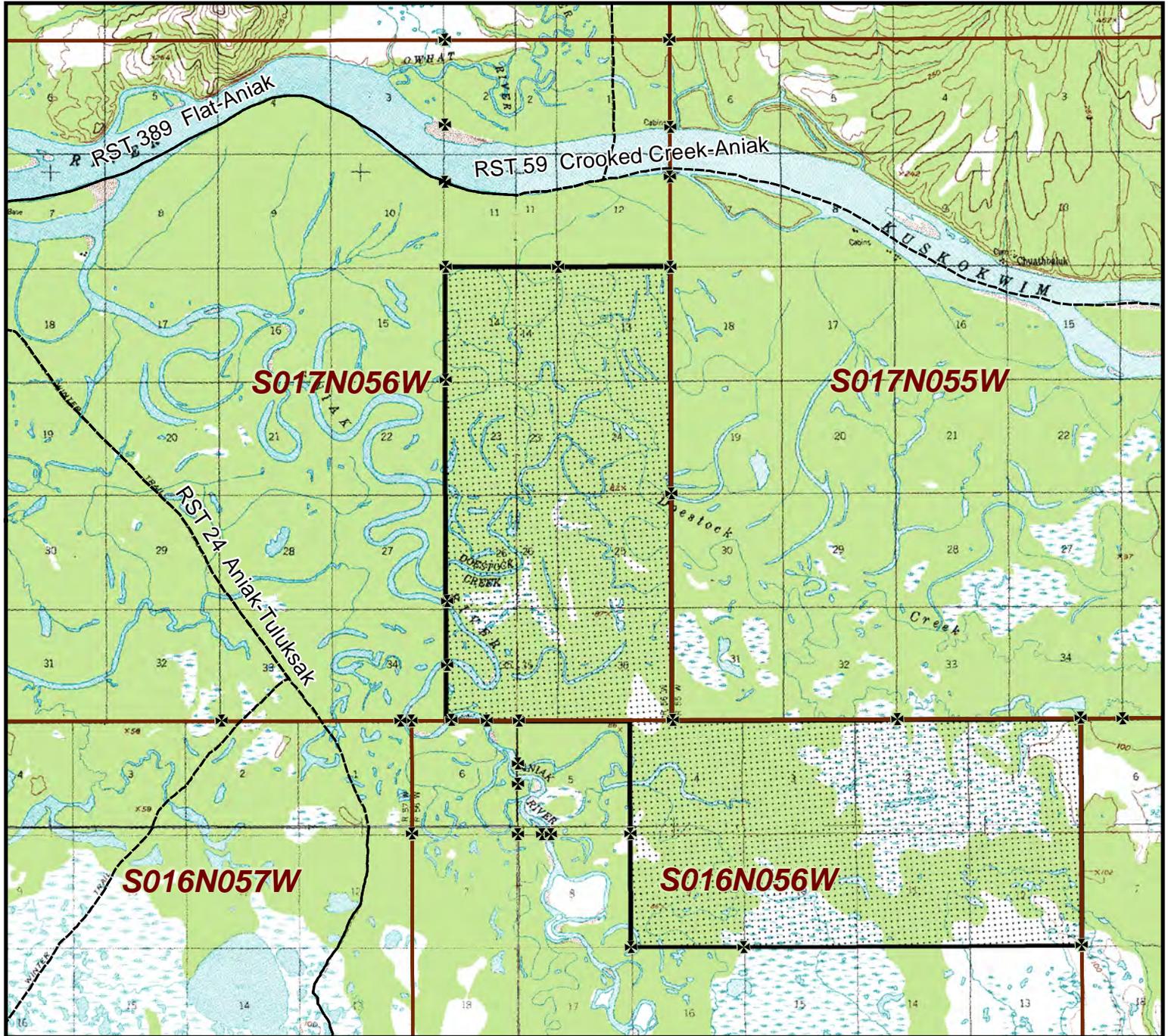
Request for Reconsideration

A person affected by this decision who provided timely written comment or public hearing testimony on this decision may request reconsideration, in accordance with 11 AAC 02. Any reconsideration request must be received within 20 calendar days after the date of "issuance" of this decision, as defined in 11 AAC 02.040 (c) and (d) and may be mailed or delivered to Daniel S. Sullivan, 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@alaska.gov.

If reconsideration is not requested by that date or if the commissioner does not order reconsideration on his own motion, this decision goes into effect as a final order and decision on the 31st day after issuance. 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.

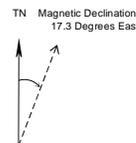


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Russian Mission B-1, C-1, C-2
Township 16 North, Range 56 West
Township 17 North, Range 56 West
Seward Meridian

This map is for graphic representation only. It is intended to be used as a guide only and may not show the exact location of existing surveyed parcels or show all easements and reservations. Source documents remain the official record.



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- BLM Monument
- Area Closed to Mineral Entry
- Project Area ADL 229342
- Township
- Easement or Other Trail