



**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF THE  
PETERSVILLE RECREATIONAL MINING AREA MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The Commissioner of Natural Resources has adopted the Petersville Recreational Mining Area (PRMA) Management Plan (February 26, 2015).

A management plan is required for this legislatively designated area by Alaska Statute 41.23.630. This plan will serve as the basis for the management of state land and waters within the recreational area for the next 15 to 20 years or until revised. A copy of the management plan, including a map, can be found on the Mining Resources Section webpage: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/mining/>.

The PRMA is located several miles north of Petersville, Alaska as depicted on the plan map. The PRMA consists of one 274 acre unit that contains 17 closed federal mining claims. Originally, the PRMA was larger (487 acres) and designated as two separate units. However, the southern unit was removed from the PRMA via legislation (HB 135) on June 18, 2014. The management plan contains no recommendations for the southern unit.

The management plan provides guidance about the methods of mining and equipment permitted within the PRMA, stipulations for the protection of habitat and other restrictions relevant to recreational use of the area, consistent with uses that are generally allowed under 11 AAC 96.020 -.025. No new areas are closed to mineral entry and no new restrictions are recommended on mining activities in the plan. This plan will **not** affect borough, federal, Mental Health Trust, Municipal, University, Native, private, or other non-state lands and will not affect oil and gas lease sales or gas only lease sales. The plan does not include a Land Classification Order because the PRMA was classified for "minerals" within the 2011 Susitna Matanuska Area Plan (LCO SC-09-002). The plan does not require a Mineral Closing Order because the area was closed to mineral entry through Alaska Statute 41.23.630 upon inception in 1997.

This action is a final decision. Procedures to request reconsideration of this decision follow. Requests for reconsideration must be received within 20 days of February 26<sup>th</sup>. For additional information, contact:

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**Request for Reconsideration Procedures**

A person affected by 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 Mark Myers, 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](mailto:dnr.appeals@alaska.gov). If reconsideration is not requested by that date or the commissioner does not order reconsideration on his own motion, this decision goes into effect as a final order and decision on the 31st calendar day after issuance. Failure of the commissioner to act on a request for reconsideration within 31 calendar 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.