



February 12, 2016

Re: Copper River Basin Area Plan Revision Initiated

Dear Fellow Alaskan:

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Division of Mining, Land and Water, Resources Assessment and Development Section has initiated the planning process to update the Copper River Basin Area Plan (CRBAP). The plan revision process is anticipated to occur over a two to three year period. The existing plan was adopted in 1986, and an update is necessary to account for changes in land ownership; to incorporate new or update resource information; to ensure a sufficient land base to support the development and conservation of the state's natural resources; to reflect the current and anticipated economic, social, and environmental conditions in the area; and to manage the increased and varied uses on state lands in the region. A public comment period associated with the initial plan scoping process begins on February 12, 2016 and ends on April 29, 2016.

The boundary of the CRBAP encompasses approximately 16 million acres of land located within the Copper River Basin in the eastern portion of southcentral Alaska. This plan will address the management of approximately 3.3 million acres of general state lands and waters within the plan boundary. It will not affect federal lands, University or Mental Health Trust lands, borough or municipal lands, private lands, lands owned by Alaska Native entities, or other state lands withdrawn from the public domain.

Scoping meetings related to this planning process will be held in several communities within the planning area and are expected to be scheduled for early spring 2016. Another notice will be sent out when the date, time, and location of the meetings are confirmed. The purpose of these meetings is to:

- Inform the public on the planning process, schedule, and scope of the plan;
- Provide basic background information on the planning area;
- Gather information about the area from users; and
- Provide information on how to meaningfully participate in the planning process.

For information related to the CRBAP planning process please visit our website at: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/planning/areaplans/crbap/>. Through this website you will be able to view the latest information on the planning process, sign up to the contact list, and submit your plan related comments online. You can Email questions to [crbaprevision@alaska.gov](mailto:crbaprevision@alaska.gov).

Please contact plan project staff indicated below with questions on the CRBAP revision.

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Regards,



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