



August 28, 2015

Subject: **NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF THE EASTERN TANANA AREA PLAN**

The Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) adopted the Eastern Tanana Area Plan (ETAP) on August 28, 2015. The Public Review Draft (PRD) of the ETAP as modified by the Recommended Revisions constitutes the final plan adopted by the Commissioner. In addition to the adoption of the area plan, the Commissioner adopted land classification order NC-10-004, Leasehold Location Order 39, Leasehold Location Order 14A01 and Mineral Order 1145. The classification order rescinds all previous land use classifications and reclassifies about 6.5 million acres of state land consistent with the plan. Leasehold Location Order 39 applies to lands designated settlement or settlement-commercial. It requires the rights to locatable minerals be acquired under the leasehold system and provides requirements for mineral development activity on lands classified Settlement. Leasehold Location Order 14A01 is an amendment to Leasehold Location Order 14 which similarly requires the rights to locatable minerals be acquired under the leasehold system and establishes requirements for mineral development activity where mineral licks or trails to the licks are identified. Mineral Order 1145 closes approximately 4,000 acres of land in a roughly 33.5 mile long by ¼ mile wide discontinuous unit that is designated as transportation corridor land. Notice of this action is being provided to you because you or your agency participated in the plan revision process or were included in the distribution list used in the preparation of this plan.

The PRD of the ETAP, the Recommended Revisions document, and the associated orders can be viewed and downloaded at: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/planning/areaplans/etap/>. In addition to the previously mentioned documents, you can view and download the Issue Response Summary (IRS) from the website. The IRS addresses the substantive issues identified in comments received during the PRD comment period. The procedures for filing a request for reconsideration are provided below.

#### **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 D. 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 30 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.