DETERMINATION OF PLAN DESIGNATION AND LAND CLASSIFICATION

for STATE LANDS INADVERTENTLY OMITTED in the

SOUTHEAST SUSITNA AREA PLAN

DETERMINATION 2012-1

Background: The Southeast Susitna Area Plan (SSAP) and Land Classification Order SC-08-001 (LCO) were adopted on April 28, 2008. The SSAP superseded the Willow Subbasin Area Plan and the LCO superseded all previous land classification orders within the plan area of the SSAP.

Within T17N2W (SM), the W1/2SE1/4 Section 2 is an 80 acre parcel (hereinafter referred to as the Parcel) that was thought to be owned by the University of Alaska and was therefore not included in the SSAP. Further research has shown that the University returned title to the State of Alaska by statutory quitclaim deed and the Parcel is state land (OSL 789.) Since the Parcel is state land, it should have been designated and classified by the SSAP and LCO had the ownership not been misidentified.

Authority: The SSAP provides for the determination of a missed area in the Chapter 4 section titled 'Applicability of Plan Designations/Classifications to State Lands not Identified in the Plan Text or Plan Maps'. These procedures were included in this and previous plans to provide guidance on how missed areas are to be designated and classified without the need for a formal plan amendment and land classification process.

The applicable part of this section is 'Parcels in or near Existing Communities'. It provides that "If the parcel is in or is immediately adjacent to an existing community or past state land offering, the designation of Settlement and classification of Settlement Land apply."

Determination: Map 6 in Chapter 3 identifies the Parcel as University land sitting just north of the Parks Highway at Mile 47. Its location is just 5 miles west of the center of Wasilla in a predominantly residential setting. It is surrounded by mostly private land with some borough land along the western boundary. This Parcel was in fact designated Settlement in the Willow Subbasin Area Plan, the plan superseded by the SSAP. It lies two miles north of unit P-18, another small parcel of state land that is designated Settlement by the SSAP.

It is my determination that the missed Parcel should have been designated Settlement and classified Settlement Land. The SSAP and Land Classification Order SC-08-001 are hereby amended to reflect this determination. Additionally, Plan Map #6 and the Resource Allocation Table for the Palmer-Wasilla region are amended to append the missed land area to unit P-18. The plan designation, management intent, and management guidelines of unit P-18 shall apply to the aforementioned lands.

Inadvertently Missed Lands Legal Description:

T17N R2W SM

W1/2 SE1/4 of Section 2

Containing 80 acres, more or less.

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Date

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