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**Re: Final Finding and Decision for the Land Exchange Between the  
Matanuska Susitna Borough and the State of Alaska  
ADL 231717 and MSB 006782**

Dear Alaskan,

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has issued a Final Finding and Decision for the exchange of land ownership with the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. The exchange involves the state conveying 594 acres of land to the Matanuska-Susitna Borough; in return the borough will convey 566 acres to the state. The borough and state land are of approximate equal value. The state land is situated along the expansion of the Alaska Railroad ROW between Houston and Port MacKenzie, generally west of Big Lake. The borough land is adjacent to, and on the west side of the Nancy Lake State Recreation area west of Willow. The purpose of this exchange is to allow the borough to acquire state land along the Alaska Railroad proposed ROW and for the state to acquire borough land adjacent to the Nancy Lake State Recreation Area in order to consolidate land ownership and management functions.

The Postmaster in each of the following communities will be requested to post the public notice per AS 38.05.945(b)(3)(B) and MSB 23.05.025: Anchorage, Houston, Wasilla and Willow. Public notice on the Internet will be posted on the State's web site (<http://www.state.ak.us>) under *Online Public Notice* and the Borough's web site (<http://www.matsugov.us>) under *Public Notices*. Additional public notice, as required by MSB 23.05.025 will be provided by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough concurrently with this notice.

The Final Finding and Preliminary Decision are available on the internet at: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/planning> or from the Division of Mining, Land and Water, Resource Assessment and Development Section (RADS), 550 W 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 1050, Anchorage, AK 99501-3579; telephone 1-907-269-8534; fax 1-907-269-8915; email: [Bruce.Phelps@alaska.gov](mailto:Bruce.Phelps@alaska.gov)

A person affected by this decision may appeal it, in accordance with 11 AAC 02. Any appeal 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 delivered to Daniel S. Sullivan, Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, 550 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 1400, Anchorage, AK, 99501; faxed to 1-907-269-8918; or sent by electronic mail to [dnr.appeals@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.appeals@alaska.gov). If no appeal is filed by that date, this decision goes into effect as a final order and decision on the 31<sup>st</sup> day after the date of issuance. An eligible person must first appeal 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.

Sincerely,

Bruce Phelps