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SUBJECT: Draft Tanana Basin Area Plan Amendment Released

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources has released a Draft Amendment to the 1991 Tanana Basin Area Plan. The purpose of the Amendment is to reassess plan classifications and guidelines that determine which state lands may be conveyable to the Denali Borough. The borough has a remaining municipal entitlement of approximately 29,000 acres. While the Denali Borough has selected its lands, they cannot be conveyed under the classification in the 1991 plan without amending the plan. Concurrent with this amendment, the Department has issued a Preliminary Decision pursuant to AS 29.65 to convey approximately 24,821 acres to the Denali Borough.

The plan amendment and land conveyance are proposed in separate, but related, decision documents. The public is invited to review and comment on both decision documents. To receive full consideration, comments on the Draft Amendment must be received no later than 5:00 P.M., Thursday, July 31, 2008. Written comments can be mailed, emailed or faxed to the addresses below. Copies of the documents and information for commenting on the Preliminary Decision can be found on the internet at:

<http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/mlw/muni/index.htm>

You may also request a copy of the Draft Amendment or Preliminary Decision by contacting Merry Johnson at the contact information below.

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