

# DNR AUTHORIZATION PROCESS for LARGE-SCALE PROJECTS

## IDENTIFY PROJECT AREA

Initial project area is identified based on data from existing sources.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Increasing scope and scale of project will increase adjudication timeframes.

Large-scale projects tend to require 12-24 months for the authorization process.

## INITIAL SITE SPECIFIC DATA ACQUISITION

Land Use Permits for exploration activities to collect additional data necessary to fill any high-level data gaps.

Feasibility and/or application for Land Use Permit for data gathering.

Land Use Permit expected within 30-45 days from application.

Does not commit applicant to construction or DNR to authorization of project.

## IDENTIFY AUTHORIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR CONSTRUCTION

Leases for infrastructure.

Easements for access or utility lines.

Material site designation or sales for road and foundation pad construction.

Lease and easement decisions may be combined for efficiency.

## AGENCY REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS, DRAFT PRELIMINARY DECISION

Seeks input from other state and federal agencies to include in the subsequent public notice and inform Preliminary Decision.

Input provides awareness for the public and the applicant how the project fits within related governmental requirements.

Often includes the role other agencies play in monitoring or authorizing activities on public lands.

## PRELIMINARY DECISION

30-day minimum Public Notice and Comment Period.

Pursuant to AS 38.05.035, AS 38.05.070(b), AS 38.05.075, AS 38.05.850 and AS 38.05.945

## FINAL FINDING & APPEAL PERIOD

Issuance of decision commits DNR to issue lease authorization within the project area.

20-day Appeal Period and 10-day Reconsideration Period.