

STATE OF ALASKA  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
DIVISION OF MINING, LAND AND WATER

**DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE FINDING  
MINERAL ORDER NO. 1214  
Closing Lands to Mineral Entry**

**CHITANANA LAKE SUBDIVISION**

Pursuant to AS 38.05.035, the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land, and Water proposes to issue a Final Finding and Decision to convey State-owned land into private ownership within the Chitanana Lake Subdivision project area (ADL 420359). As noted in the Preliminary Decision – Proposed Land Offering Chitanana Lake Subdivision – ADL 420359, issued January 4, 2019, the project area is within Unit T-11 (Lower Tanana Region) of the *Yukon Tanana Area Plan*. DMLW proposes to close the entire project area to mineral entry. The attached mineral order includes the legal description of area to be closed to mineral entry.

The Division of Mining, Land, and Water requests the mineral estate of approximately 500 acres, identified in the attached mineral order, be closed to mineral entry and location, in accordance with AS 38.05.300 for a land disposal. Mining activity on the project area would be incompatible with the current and proposed land estate uses. The land does not contain any known mineral deposits and was not selected for mineral values. There are no mining claims on the land.

Public notice of the comment period for the proposed mineral order was conducted in accordance with AS 38.05.945. The Department did not receive objections or comments regarding the proposed mineral order from the public or agencies during the comment period.

In accordance with AS 38.05.185 (a) and AS 38.05.300, I find that the best interests of the State of Alaska and its residents are served by closure of the land to entry under the mineral location and mining laws of the State of Alaska as described by Mineral Order (Closing) No. 1214.

Concur:

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Brent Goodrum, Director  
Division of Mining, Land and Water  
Department of Natural Resources

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Date

Approved:

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Corri A. Feige, Commissioner  
Department of Natural Resources

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Date

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**DRAFT MINERAL ORDER No. 1214**

  X   **Closing Lands to Mineral Entry**                      \_\_\_\_\_ Opening Lands to Mineral Entry

- I. Name of Mineral Order: Chitanana Lake Subdivision – ADL 420359
  
- II. Reason for Mineral Order: This Mineral Order is based upon the attached *Commissioner’s Administrative Finding*, applicable statutes, and the written justification contained in the following:
  - Preliminary Decision, Chitanana Lake Subdivision– ADL 420359, January 4, 2019 and the subsequent Final Finding and Decision for same
  
- III. Authority: AS 38.05.185 and AS 38.05.300.
  
- IV. Location and Legal Description: The portion of Section 10 within the protracted NE1/4; that portion of Government Lot 1 of Section 11 within the protracted W1/2, and Government Lots 2 and 3 of Section 11; and that portion of Section 14 within the protracted NW1/4; all within Township 1 North, Range 21 West, Fairbanks Meridian, Manley Hot Springs Recording District, Fourth Judicial District, Alaska, containing approximately 500 acres.
  
- V. Mineral Order: This order is subject to valid existing rights and is issued under the authority granted by AS 38.05.185 – AS 38.05.275 and AS 38.05.300 to the Alaska Department of Natural Resources. In accordance with AS 38.05.185(a), I find that the best interests of the State of Alaska and its residents are served by closure of the land described in this mineral order to entry under mineral location and mining laws of the State of Alaska. The above described lands are hereby **closed** to entry under the locatable mineral and mining laws of the State of Alaska.

Concur:                      \_\_\_\_\_                      \_\_\_\_\_  
Brent Goodrum, Director                      Date  
Division of Mining, Land and Water  
Department of Natural Resources

Approved:                      \_\_\_\_\_                      \_\_\_\_\_  
Corri A. Feige, Commissioner                      Date  
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