

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

**DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE FINDING
MINERAL ORDER NO. 1231
Closing Lands to Mineral Entry**

Clearwater Agriculture Reoffer Parcel

Pursuant to AS 38.05.035, the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land, and Water (DMLW) and Division of Agriculture (DAg) issued a Final Finding and Decision to convey State-owned land into private ownership within the Clearwater Agriculture Reoffer Parcel (ADL 417437) in 2007. The project area is within Subunits D-31 (Agriculture) of the *Eastern Tanana Area Plan*. DMLW proposes to close the entire reoffer parcel to mineral entry. The attached mineral order includes the legal description of the area to be closed to mineral entry.

The Division of Mining, Land, and Water requests the mineral estate of approximately 49.83 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. (Review of comments will be addressed in the final document.)

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. 1231.

Concur:

Martin W. Parsons, Director
Division of Mining, Land and Water
Department of Natural Resources

Date

Approved:

Corri A. Feige, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

Date

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I. Name of Mineral Order: 1231 Clearwater Agriculture Reoffer Parcel – ADL 417437

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:

Eastern Tanana Area Plan, adopted 2015

III. Authority: AS 38.05.185 and AS 38.05.300.

IV. Location and Legal Description: Tract G of the Alaska State Land Survey No. 2005-53, containing 49.83 acres, more or less, according to the survey plat recorded in the Fairbanks Recording District on September 21, 2007 as plat 2007-147, Fourth Judicial District, Alaska, as depicted on Attachment A: Vicinity Map..

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:

Martin W. Parsons, Director
Division of Mining, Land and Water
Department of Natural Resources

Date

Approved:

Corri A. Feige, Commissioner
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