

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

**DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE FINDING
MINERAL ORDER NO. 1221
Closing Lands to Mineral Entry**

**Proposed Non-competitive Preference Right sale to Colaska
pursuant to AS 38.05.035 (b)(7) – ADL 231575**

Pursuant to AS 38.05.035, the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources (Department), Division of Mining, Land, and Water proposes to issue a Final Finding and Decision to convey State-owned land (Government Lot 9) into private ownership located near Mile Post 78 of the George Parks Highway, within U.S. 9031. As noted in the Preliminary Decision Proposed Non-competitive Preference Right sale to Colaska, issued March 8, 2019, Lot 9 is within, Unit K-58, of the *Southeast Susitna Area Plan*. In accordance with the area plan, the Department proposes to close the subject parcel 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 19 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 1221.

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