

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

**DRAFT COPPER RIVER BASIN AREA PLAN AMENDMENT
SC-86-030A07**

Management Unit 21: Tazlina, Subunit 21C

related to the
Copper Wilderness Subdivision – ADL 229732

The Commissioner of the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) finds that the following amendment to the Copper River Basin Area Plan, described more fully in the Attachment, meets the requirements of AS 38.04.065 Land Use Planning and Classification and 11 AAC 55.010-030 Land Planning and Classification for land use plans and hereby adopts the amendment. The Department of Natural Resources will manage state lands within the area of the revision consistent with this designation and management intent.

- Designation: Settlement
- Management Intent: Add management intent: “New land offerings are appropriate within Subunit 21C.”

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

ATTACHMENT

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Location: Within DNR's Southcentral Region, approximately 1 mile north of Copper Center and 11 miles south of Glennallen, the project area is within Government Lot 9, Section 12, Township 2 North, Range 1 West, Copper River Meridian, within the Unorganized Borough.

Authority: The authority to revise plans derives from *AS 38.04.065(b) Land Use Planning and Classification*. *11 AAC 55.030(f) Land Use Plan* defines when a revision constitutes a plan amendment.

Current Plan: At time of plan adoption this parcel was not included in a management unit. The parcel is not designated or classified.

Proposed Plan Amendment: The Copper Wilderness Subdivision project area will be included into Copper River Basin Area Plan (CRBAP) Subunit 21C, which is designated settlement. Management intent for Subunit 21C will be modified to add: "New land offerings are appropriate within Subunit 21C."

Explanation: The Copper River Basin Area Plan was adopted in 1986 and has not been updated since. At time of plan adoption this parcel was not included in a management unit. There is a demand from the public to obtain quality settlement land in the area, and the parcel is appropriate for offering as provided in the Preliminary Decision dated February 21, 2019. The parcel is adjacent to an existing residential subdivision to the south. The parcel is near Subunit 21C which is designated settlement and will be incorporated into Subunit 21C. Management intent for Subunit 21C provides that lots which were previously offered but are unsold or revert to State ownership can be reoffered. The addition to the management intent will make it clear that this parcel is appropriate for offering.

Assessment: The following alternatives are being considered:

1. (Preferred) Amend the Copper River Basin Area Plan as described above to include the Copper Wilderness Subdivision project area in CRBAP Subunit 21C. Amending the plan is the preferred alternative as it will allow the sale of settlement-designated land, providing the public an opportunity to obtain property in a desirable area.
2. (Status Quo) Do not amend the Copper River Basin Area Plan. This alternative is not preferred as it would disallow the offering of settlement-designated land and deny many Alaskans the opportunity to obtain land in this area.

Requirements of AS 38.04.065 (b): The factors identified in this section of statute have been considered in the Preliminary Decision for the proposed Copper River Basin Subdivision – ADL 229732 issued on February 21, 2019 and the proposed action is consistent with that portion of the statute.