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

### **DRAFT MINERAL ORDER No. 1203**

	<u>(                                    </u>	ng Lands to Mineral Entry	Opening Lands to Mineral Entry
I.	Name of I	Mineral Order: Copper Wilderness Sul	odivision – ADL 229732
		or Mineral Order: This Mineral Order is Finding, applicable statutes, and the	based upon the attached <i>Commissioners'</i> written justification contained in the
	Coppe Prelimi an	r River Basin Area Plan, adopted 198 inary Decision, Copper Wilderness Sund the subsequent Final Finding and Decision of the Sale pursuant to AS 38.05.035(e)	bdivision- ADL 229732, February 21, 2019
III.	Authority:	AS 38.05.185 and AS 38.05.300.	
Cer	nter, Gover	and Legal Description: DNR's Southce nment Lot 9 of Section 12, Township ted within the Chitina Recording Distri	2 North, Range 1 West, Copper River
res loca	nted by AS ordance w idents are s ation and m	338.05.185 - AS 38.05.275 to the Alasith AS $38.05.185(a)$ , I find that the besserved by closure of the land describe	sting rights and is issued under the authority ska Department of Natural Resources. In t interests of the State of Alaska and its d in this mineral order to entry under mineral e above described lands are hereby <b>closed</b> of the State of Alaska.
Cor	ncur:	Martin W. Parsons, Director Division of Mining, Land and Water Department of Natural Resources	Date
App	proved:	Corri A. Feige, Commissioner Department of Natural Resources	Date

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### DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE FINDING MINERAL ORDER NO. 1203 Closing Lands to Mineral Entry

#### COPPER WILDERNESS SUBDIVISION - ADL 229732

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 Copper Wilderness Subdivision project area (ADL 229732). As noted in the Preliminary Decision – Proposed Land Offering Copper Wilderness Subdivision– ADL 229732, issued February 21, 2019, the project area is within Subunit 21C of the *Copper River Basin Area Plan*. In accordance with the 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 48.2 acres more or less, 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. 1203.

Concur:			
	Martin W. Parsons, Director Division of Mining, Land and Water	Date	
	Department of Natural Resources		
Approved:	Corri A. Feige, Commissioner	 Date	
	Department of Natural Resources		