

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

**DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE FINDING
MINERAL ORDER NO. 1232
Closing Lands to Mineral Entry**

LANE CREEK RESALE PARCEL

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 the Lane Creek Resale Parcel (ADL 54560), State-owned land, into private ownership. As noted in the Preliminary Decision, Lane Creek Resale Parcel – ADL 54560, Proposed Land Offering in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, issued September 20, 2019, the project area is within management unit S-07 of the South Parks Highway Region of the *Susitna Matanuska Area Plan*. In accordance with the area plan, DMLW proposes to close the parcel to mineral entry. The attached mineral order includes the legal description of the parcel to be closed to mineral entry.

The Division of Mining, Land and Water requests the mineral estate of approximately 4.90 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 parcel 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 will be 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. 1232.

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: Lane Creek Resale Parcel – ADL 54560

- 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:
 - Susitna Matanuska Area Plan, adopted 2011
 - Preliminary Decision, Lane Creek Resale Parcel – ADL 54560, Proposed Land Offering in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, September 20, 2019, and the subsequent Final Finding and Decision

- III. Authority: AS 38.05.185 and AS 38.05.300.

- IV. Location and Legal Description: Tract A of ASLS No. 77-95, which is within the E ½ of the SW ¼ and the W ½ of the SE ¼ of protracted section 7, Township 28 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian, containing 4.90 acres, more or less, according to the survey plat filed in the Talkeetna Recording District on June 2, 1981, as Plat No. 81-68, within Alaska's Third Judicial District.

- 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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Date _____