

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE FINDING
MINERAL ORDER NO. 1209
Closing Lands to Mineral Entry**

Mankomen Lake Remote Recreational Cabin Sites

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 Mankomen Lake project area (ADL 231542). As noted in the Preliminary Decision – Proposed Land Offering Mankomen Lake Remote Recreational Cabin Sites – ADL 231542, issued July 6, 2018, the project area is within Subunit 29B of the *Copper River Basin Area Plan*. DMLW proposes to close the entire project area to mineral entry, consistent with the management intent of the Copper River Basin Area Plan. 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 8,030 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. The DMLW Mining Section requested to modify the proposed mineral order to exclude the N1/2 of Section 9, Township 14N, Range 5E, Copper River Meridian. This requested modification has been made to the mineral order and proposed land sale project area. The Department also received comment in support of the proposed mineral order from the public during the comment period.

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. 1209.

Concur: Signature on file
Brent Goodrum, Director
Division of Mining, Land and Water
Department of Natural Resources

November 20, 2018
Date

Approved: Signature on file
Andrew T. Mack, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

November 29, 2018
Date

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 X **Closing Lands to Mineral Entry** _____ Opening Lands to Mineral Entry

I. Name of Mineral Order: Mankomen Lake Remote Recreational Cabin Sites – ADL 231542

II. Reason for Mineral Order: This Mineral Order is based upon the attached *Finding of the Commissioner* and the written justification contained in the following:

Copper River Basin Area Plan, adopted 1986

Preliminary Decision, Mankomen Lake Remote Recreational Cabin Sites – ADL 231542,
July 6, 2018 and the subsequent Final Finding and Decision for same

Land Sale pursuant to AS 38.05.035(e)

III. Authority: AS 38.05.185 and AS 38.05.300.

IV. Location and Legal Description:

Township 14 North, Range 4 East, Copper River Meridian;

Sections 1, 12, and 13, all; and Section 24, N1/2;

Township 14 North, Range 5 East, Copper River Meridian;

Section 7 excluding USS 4408; Section 8 all; Section 9, S1/2; Section 16 excluding USS 4050
and USS 14280; Section 17 excluding USS 4059 lots 3, 5, 6, 7, and 9; Section 18 excluding
USS 4406; Section 19, N1/2; Section 20, all; and Section 21 excluding USS 14280;

Township 22 South, Range 16 East, Fairbanks Meridian;

Section 12 and 13, all.

All within the Chitina Recording District, Third Judicial District Alaska.

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 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.

Signature on file

Concurrence by: Brent Goodrum
Director
Division of Mining, Land, and Water
Department of Natural Resources
State of Alaska

November 20, 2018

Date

Signature on file

Approved by: Andrew T. Mack
Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources
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