

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

**DRAFT MINERAL ORDER No. 1196**

**Closing Lands to Mineral Entry**       Opening Lands to Mineral Entry

**I.** Name of Mineral Order: Richardson Creek RRCS – ADL 420302

**II.** Reason for Mineral Order: This Mineral Order is based upon the attached *Commissioners' Administrative Finding, applicable statutes*, and the written justification contained in the following:

Preliminary Decision, Richardson Creek Remote Recreational Cabin Sites – ADL 420302, January 30, 2017 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: Located within DNR's Northern Region, approximately 60 miles north of Fairbanks and 15 miles northwest of Livengood, AK; between approximate mile post 16.5 to 23.5 of the Dalton Highway. The project area is in the Unorganized Borough and is further described as:

Fairbanks Meridian

- Township 9 North, Range 7 West
  - sections 4-9 and 16-21 all;
- Township 9 North, Range 8 West
  - sections 1, 2, 11-14, 23 and 24 all;
- Township 10 North, Range 7 West
  - sections 31 and 32 all; and
- Township 10 North, Range 8 West
  - sections 35 and 36 all.

All within the Rampart Recording District, 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

Concur:

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Brent Goodrum, Director  
Division of Mining, Land and Water  
Department of Natural Resources

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Date

Approved:

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Andrew T. Mack, Commissioner  
Department of Natural Resources

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Date