STATE OF ALASKA, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF MINING, LAND, & WATER LAND SALES & CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION SECTION

EXTENSION of PUBLIC NOTICE

Requesting input for A Proposed Land Offering in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Monument Creek Remote Recreational Cabin Sites Project Area - ADL 229343 AS 38.05.045, and AS 38.05.600 and

Related Proposed Mineral Order (Closing) AS 38.05.185 and AS 38.05.300

<u>EXTENDED DATE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT</u> COMMENT PERIOD ENDS 4PM MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2016

Public comment period has been extended to Monday, March 7, 2016 for the following primary and related actions:

The Division is reopening public notice on a proposal to offer up to 30 authorizations to stake parcels generally ranging from 10 to 20 acres and create Administrative Parcels within the Monument Creek Remote Recreational Cabin Sites project area. The offering and development may be conducted in multiple offerings over time but will not exceed 600 acres under this proposal. As a Related Action, the Division would close the area to new mineral entry. The project area is located approximately 35 miles east of Palmer and 16 miles east of Chickaloon, the project area is within the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. The project area has been reduced in size from what was originally proposed in the Preliminary Decision issued September 29, 2014. The project area now compasses approximately 8.1 square miles (~5,180 acres) in two areas bisected by Gravel Creek and Tatondan Lake, within portions of Township 19 North, Ranges 8 and 9 East and Township 20 North, Range 8 East, Seward Meridian.

Pursuant to *AS 38.05.945 Notice*, the public is invited to submit comment on these proposed actions for which notice is being conducted concurrently. If commenting on more than one proposed action, separate comments should be submitted for each. **The deadline for public comment is 4PM, Monday, March 7, 2016.** Only persons from whom the Division's Land Sales and Contract Administration Section receives timely, written comment during the identified comment period will be eligible to file an appeal of the Final Finding and Decision. Written comment may be received by fax to 907.269.8916, email to <u>dnr.rrcs@alaska.gov</u>, or postal mail to LSCAS, ATTENTION: MONUMENT CREEK RRCS PROPOSAL, 550 W. 7th Ave., Ste. 640, Anchorage, Alaska 99501. For direct inquiries, contact Lauren Rouen at 907.269.8851.

To obtain the complete Preliminary Decision and attachments (issued September 29, 2014) and updated maps or to request auxiliary aids, services, or special accommodations, go to http://notice.alaska.gov or http://landsales.alaska.gov/mlw/landsale/public_notice/. For assistance in obtaining the documents by an alternative method, contact DNR's Public Information Centers on State work days, Monday through Friday, between 10AM and 5PM in Anchorage at 907.269.8400 (TDD for the hearing impaired: 907.269.8411) or Fairbanks at 907.451.2705 (TDD for the hearing impaired: 907.465.3400 (TDD for the southeast Land Section in Juneau at 907.465.3400 (TDD for the hearing impaired: 907.465.3888), or go to http://dnr.alaska.gov/commis/pic/ for additional contact information. Individuals who require special assistance must request assistance from the Public Information Center in Anchorage no later than 4PM, Friday, March 4, 2016.

If no significant change is required, the Preliminary Decision, including any minor changes and a summary of comments and responses, will be issued as a subsequent Final Finding and Decision without further notice. A copy of the Final Finding and Decision will be sent to any persons from whom we receive timely, written comment on the Preliminary Decision.

DNR reserves the right to waive technical defects in this notice. Please post until 4PM March 7, 2016.