

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

FINDING OF THE COMMISSIONER

AS 38.05.185 (a) and AS 38.05.300

for
MINERAL ORDER NO. 1159 (CLOSING)

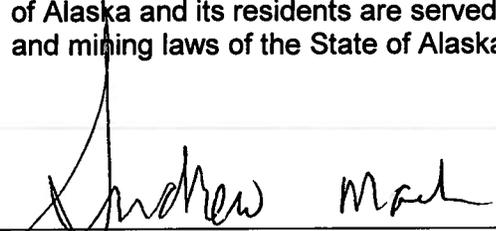
related to the
Snowshoe Subdivision - ADL 229514

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 Snowshoe Subdivision project area (ADL 229514). As noted in the Preliminary Decision – Proposed Land Offering Snowshoe Subdivision – ADL 229514, issued May 15, 2015 the project area is within Subunit 23D, Glennallen-Gulkana Management Unit 23 of the *Copper River Basin Area Plan (CRBAP)*. In accordance with the relevant area plan, DMLW proposes to close the entire project area to mineral entry. The attached mineral order identifies the area that must be closed to mineral entry and gives a legal description.

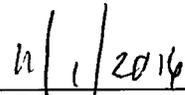
The Division of Mining, Land, and Water requests the mineral estate of approximately 40 acres, identified in the attached mineral order, be closed to mineral entry and location, in accordance with AS 38.05.300 for a land disposal. Mining activity on the project area would be incompatible with the current 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 Department did not receive objections or comments regarding the proposed mineral order from the public or agencies during the response 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 No. 1159 (Closing).



Approved by: Andrew Mack
Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources
State of Alaska



Date

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Reconsideration Provision

A person affected by this decision who provided timely written comment on this decision may request reconsideration, in accordance with 11 AAC 02. Any reconsideration request must be received within 20 calendar days after the date of "issuance" of this decision, as defined in 11 AAC 02.040 (c) and (d) and may be mailed or delivered to Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, 550 W. 7th Ave., Ste. 1400, Anchorage, Alaska 99501; faxed to 907.269.8918; or sent by electronic mail to dnr.appeals@alaska.gov.

If reconsideration is not requested by that date or if the commissioner does not order reconsideration on his own motion, this decision goes into effect as a final order and decision on the 31st day after issuance. Failure of the commissioner to act on a request for reconsideration within 30 days after issuance of this decision is a denial of reconsideration and is a final administrative order and decision for purposes of an appeal to Superior Court. The decision may then be appealed to Superior Court within a further 30 days in accordance with the rules of the court and to the extent permitted by applicable law. An eligible person must first request reconsideration of this decision in accordance with 11 AAC 02 before appealing this decision to Superior Court. A copy of 11 AAC 02 may be obtained from any regional information office of the Department of Natural Resources.

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MINERAL ORDER No. 1159

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

I. Name of Mineral Order: Snowshoe Subdivision – ADL 229514

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, Snowshoe Subdivision – ADL 229514, May 15, 2015 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: within the S ½ NW ¼ excluding land east of ATV trail Section 23, within Township 4 North, Range 2 West, Copper River Meridian, within the Unorganized Borough, located within the Chitina Recording District Third Judicial District, Alaska. See attached map.

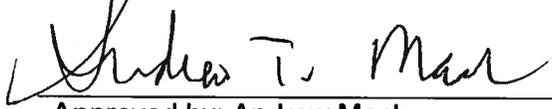
V. Mineral Order: This order is subject to valid existing rights and is issued under the authority granted by AS 38.05.185 – AS 38.05.275 to the Alaska Department of Natural Resources. In accordance with AS 38.05.185(a), I find that the best interests of the State of Alaska and its residents are served 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.



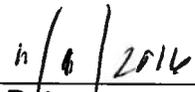
Concurrence by: Brent Goodrum
Director
Division of Mining, Land, and Water
Department of Natural Resources
State of Alaska



Date



Approved by: Andrew Mack
Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources
State of Alaska



Date



SNOWSHOE SUBDIVISION ADL 229514

Attachment A: Vicinity Map

to the Preliminary Decision for a
Proposed Land Offering
in the Unorganized Borough



This depiction is for illustrative purposes only. It is intended to be used as a conceptual guide only and may not show the exact location of existing surveyed parcels or show all easements and reservations. Source documents remain the official record.



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Legend

- ADL 229514 Subdivision Development Area
- ADL 232141 Area Retained by State of Alaska
- Section Lines

Township 4 North,
Range 2 West
Copper River Meridian

USGS QUAD 1:63,360
Gulkana A-4

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