

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE FINDING
MINERAL ORDER NO. 1224
Closing Lands to Mineral Entry**

Tanana Loop Agriculture Reoffer Parcel

Pursuant to AS 38.05.035, the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land, and Water (DMLW) and Division of Agriculture (DAg) issued an Amended Final Finding and Decision to convey State-owned land into private ownership within the Tanana Loop Ag Reoffer Parcel (ADL 400460) in 2003. The reoffer parcel is within Subunits D-32 (Agriculture) of the Eastern Tanana Area Plan. In accordance with the area plan, DMLW and DAg proposes to close the entire reoffer parcel to mineral entry.

The Division of Agriculture requests the mineral estate of approximately 199 acres as 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 reoffer 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 was conducted in accordance with AS 38.05.945. On May 14, 2019 one non-objection comment was received from the State Pipeline Coordinators Section, Division of Oil and Gas, DNR, concerning the effects of this proposed mineral closing order on the Trans-Alaskan Pipeline System (TAPS) corridor. The TAPS is not affected by this proposed mineral order and is located outside of the area proposed to be closed.

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. 1224.

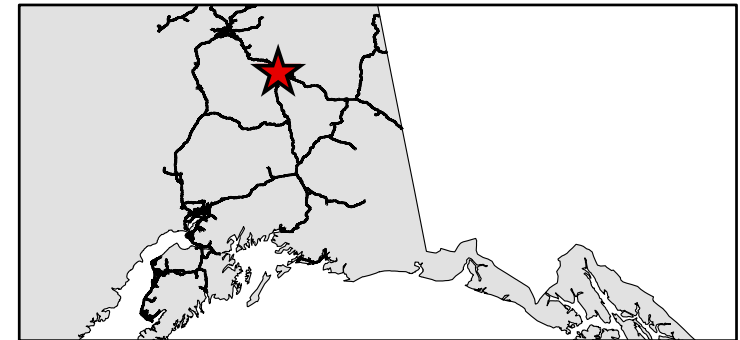
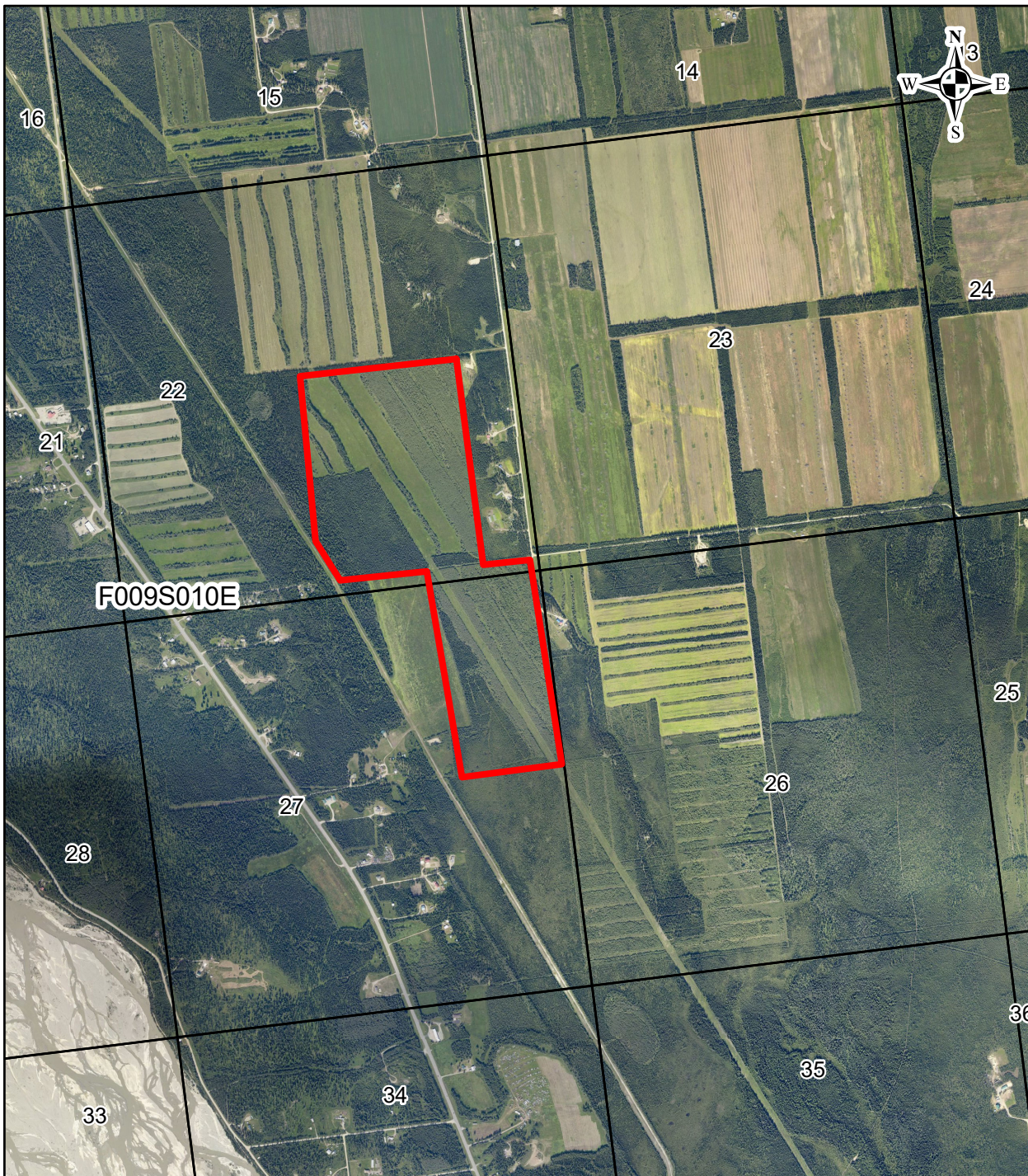
Concur: /s/ Martin Parsons
Martin W. Parsons, Director
Division of Mining, Land and Water
Department of Natural Resources

7/2/2019
Date

Approved: /s/ Brent Goodrum for Corri Feige
Corri A. Feige, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

7/9/2019
Date

Attachment A: Mineral Order (closing) 1224 Tanana Loop Ag



Legend

-  MCO 1224
-  Sections

Section 22: That portion of the W1/2SE1/4, and W1/2E1/2SE1/4, lying easterly of the right-of-way limits of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, as depicted on the Record of Survey recorded in the Fairbanks recording district on April 12, 2002 as Plat No. 2002-26, DNR Engineering Plat File No. 20010018, containing approximately 119.42 acres.

Section 27: E1/2NE1/4, according to the U.S. Rectangular Survey Supplemental Plat accepted December 10, 1968, containing approximately 80 acres.

