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

DRAFT MINERAL ORDER No. 1222

____ Closing Lands to Mineral Entry  ______ Opening Lands to Mineral Entry

I. Name of Mineral Order: Brian Buzby Preference Right Sale – ADL 418780

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

Yukon Tanana Area Plan, adopted January 3, 2014
Preliminary Decision, Proposed Non-competitive Preference Right sale to Brian Buzby pursuant to AS 38.05.035 (b)(5)– ADL 418780, February 19, 2020 and the subsequent Final Finding and Decision for same

III. Authority: AS 38.05.185 and AS 38.05.300.

IV. Location and Legal Description: The subject parcel is located within Section 26 of Township 10 South, Range 2 East, Fairbanks Meridian. 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 and AS 38.05.300 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: ___________________________________________ Date

Martin W. Parsons, Director
Division of Mining, Land and Water
Department of Natural Resources

Approved: ______________________________________ Date

Corri A. Feige, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources
Pursuant to AS 38.05.035, the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources (Department), Division of Mining, Land, and Water proposes to issue a Final Finding and Decision to convey up to 5 acres of State-owned land into private ownership located within Section 26 of Township 10 South, Range 2 East, Fairbanks Meridian. As noted in the Preliminary Decision for the Proposed Non-competitive Preference Right sale to Brian Buzby issued February 19, 2020, is within, Unit P-50 of the Yukon Tanana Area Plan. In accordance with the area plan, the Department proposes to close the subject parcel to mineral entry. 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 5 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 subject 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. (Review of comments will be addressed in the final document.)

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 1222.

Concur: 

[Signatures and dates]

Martin W. Parsons, Director
Division of Mining, Land and Water
Department of Natural Resources

Approved:

[Signatures and dates]

Corri A. Feige, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources