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

DRAFT MINERAL ORDER No. 1218

☐ Closing Lands to Mineral Entry  ☐ Opening Lands to Mineral Entry

I. Name of Mineral Order: One Thousand Skies II Subdivision – ADL 233295

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:

- Susitna Matanuska Area Plan, adopted (2011)
- Preliminary Decision, One Thousand Skies II Subdivision – ADL 233295, September 2, 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:

Section 2 excluding USS 5634, South 1710 feet of the East 990 feet Section 3, East 990 feet Section 10, Section 11, W ½ Section 12, N ½ Section 13, N ½ Section 14, and East 990 feet NE ¼ Section 15, Township 2 North, Range 10 West, Copper River Meridian

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, Division of Mining, Land, and Water proposes to issue a Final Finding and Decision to convey State-owned land into private ownership within the One Thousand Skies II Subdivision project area (ADL 233295). As noted in the Preliminary Decision – Proposed Land Offering One Thousand Skies II Subdivision – ADL 233295, issued September 2, 2020, the project area is within Unit G-21 (Glenn Highway Region) of the Susitna Matanuska Area Plan. In accordance with the area plan, DMLW proposes to close the entire project area 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 2420 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. 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. 1218.