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

DRAFT MINERAL ORDER No. 1246

| <u>X</u> Clos | sing Lands to Mineral Entry | Opening Lands to Mineral Entry |
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| I. Name of | Mineral Order: Alma Lakes Remote Recreation | onal Cabin Sites – ADL 421360 |
| Finding, appl Yukon T | licable statutes, and the written justification co anana Area Plan, adopted in 2014 | d upon the attached <i>Commissioner's Administrative</i> ntained in the following: al Cabin Sites – ADL 421360, February 17, 2021 |
| | subsequent Final Finding and Decision for sar | |
| III. Authority | y: AS 38.05.185 and AS 38.05.300. | |
| According to Anchorage, A 38.05.18 accordance was served by clothe State of A | Section 24, Government Lots 1 & 2; Section 25, Government Lots 1 & 2; Section 26, Government Lots 1-4; Section 27, all; Section 34, all; Section 35, Government Lots 1 & 2; and, Section 36, Government Lots 1 & 2; the plat filed by the United States Department Alaska, on May 11, 1987, containing approxim Order: This order is subject to valid existing right of the States of the land described in this mineral order is sure of the land described in this mineral order. | t of the Interior, Bureau of land Management in lately 5,163 acres more or less. Ights and is issued under the authority granted by |
| Concur: | Martin W. Parsons, Director Division of Mining, Land and Water Department of Natural Resources | Date |
| Approved: | Corri A. Feige, Commissioner Department of Natural Resources | - Date |

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DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE FINDING MINERAL ORDER NO. 1246 Closing Lands to Mineral Entry

ALMA LAKES REMOTE RECREATIONAL CABIN SITES

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 Alma Lakes project area (ADL 421360). As noted in the Preliminary Decision – Proposed Land Offering Alma Lakes Remote Recreational Cabin Sites – ADL 421360, issued February 17, 2021, the project area is within Kantishna Region East, Unit K-57 of the *Yukon Tanana 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 5,163 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. 1246.

| Approved: | | |
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| • • | Corri A. Feige, Commissioner | Date |
| | Department of Natural Resources | |