

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

**DRAFT MINERAL ORDER No. 1220**

  X   Closing Lands to Mineral Entry                      \_\_\_\_\_ Opening Lands to Mineral Entry

I. Name of Mineral Order: Boulder Lode – ADL 420891

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:

Eastern Tanana Area Plan, adopted (2015).

Preliminary Decision, Boulder Lode – ADL 420891, June 30, 2023 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: Located within DNR’s Northern Region, approximately 6 miles northeast of Fairbanks and 3 miles south of Fox within the Fairbanks North Star Borough. The project area has access from the platted (not constructed) Summer Street and across DOT property adjacent to the Old Steese Highway (Lot 13, Block 2 of the Blueberry Ridge Subdivision).

Government Lot 12 of Section 18, according to the BLM supplemental plat of Section 18, Township 1 North, Range 1 East, Fairbanks Meridian, Alaska, accepted for the Director on July 30, 1984 by the Deputy State Director for Cadastral Survey, Alaska, containing 14.3 acres, more or less.

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:

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Christianna D. Colles, Director  
Division of Mining, Land and Water  
Department of Natural Resources

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Date

Approved:

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John Boyle, Commissioner  
Department of Natural Resources

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Date

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**DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE FINDING  
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**BOULDER LODGE SUBDIVISION**

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 Boulder Lode project area (ADL 420891). As noted in the Preliminary Decision – Proposed Land Offering Boulder Lode – ADL 420891, issued June 30, 2023, the project area is within management unit F-47 of the *Eastern 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 14.3 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 proposed land estate uses. There are no active 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. 1220.

Approved:

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John Boyle, Commissioner  
Department of Natural Resources

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Date