

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

MINERAL ORDER No. 1167

 X **Closing Lands to Mineral Entry** _____ Opening Lands to Mineral Entry

- I. Name of Mineral Order: Emma Creek Subdivision – ADL 419930
- 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, Emma Creek Subdivision – ADL 419930, January 17, 2024 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 S1/2 SE1/4 of Section 11, Township 1 South, Range 3 West, Fairbanks Meridian, according to the plat filed by the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management in Washington D.C. on April 28, 1966, containing 80 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:	<u>Signature on File</u> Christianna Colles, Director Division of Mining, Land and Water Department of Natural Resources	<u>September 13, 2024</u> Date
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Approved:	<u>Signature on File</u> John Boyle, Commissioner Department of Natural Resources	<u>September 16, 2024</u> Date
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**ADMINISTRATIVE FINDING
MINERAL ORDER NO. 1167
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EMMA CREEK 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 Emma Creek project area (ADL 419930). As noted in the Preliminary Decision – Proposed Land Offering Emma Creek Subdivision – ADL 419930, issued January 17, 2024, the project area is within Fairbanks Region, Unit F-39 of the *Eastern Tanana 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 80 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. The Department received comments from the public in support of the proposed mineral order and closing the mineral estate to entry during the comment period.

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. 1167.

Approved: Signature on File
John Boyle, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

September 19, 2024
Date