

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

**FINAL FINDING AND DECISION**

for  
Reconveyance of Alaska Native Allotment Case File  
**ADL 421220**  
**BLM FF012548 Parcel D**

This Final Finding and Decision (FFD) complements and updates the Preliminary Decision (PD) for ADL 421220, issued on December 12, 2024.

**I. Recommended Action**

On December 12, 2024, the State of Alaska (State), Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Division of Mining, Land and Water (DMLW), Land Conveyance Section (LCS) proposed to voluntarily reconvey to the United States of America a parcel of wrongfully conveyed state land located within Sections 9 and 16, Township 20 North, Range 11 East, Copper River Meridian. The parcel is described as U.S. Survey No. 14503, Alaska, according to the plat accepted by the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Anchorage, Alaska, on January 14, 2021, and officially filed on October 27, 2021, containing 39.96 acres, more or less, in the Fairbanks Recording District. The parcel is claimed by Isabel John as her Native Allotment. There are no changes to the stipulations outlined in the attached PD.

**II. Authority**

This reconveyance is being adjudicated pursuant to Alaska Statute (AS) 38.05.020 Authority and Duties of the Commissioner, AS 38.05.035 Power and Duties of the Director, AS 38.05.830 Land Disposal in the Unorganized Borough, 11 Alaska Administrative Code (AAC) 67.930 Purpose and Procedure, and the settlement authority of the Attorney General in accordance with the Stipulated Procedures for Implementation of Order, *Ethel Aguilar v. United States of America*, 474 F. Supp. 840 (D. Alaska 1979) (herein cited as *Aguilar*). The authority to execute this Final Finding and Decision has been delegated to the Section Chief, LCS, DMLW, DNR, pursuant to AS 38.05.035(b)(1) Power and Duties of the Director.

**III. Public Notice**

Pursuant to AS 38.05.945 Notice, a public notice announcing the PD for the proposed Native allotment reconveyance along with the solicitation for public comment was published and distributed in compliance with the above statute in the following manner:

- Posted on the State of Alaska Online Public Notice and the LCS website from December 12, 2024, to January 28, 2025;
- Mailed, with a request to post for 30 days, to the postmasters in Tanacross and Tok per AS 38.05.945(c)(4) Notice;
- Mailed to the regional and village corporations per AS 38.05.945(c)(2)-(3) Notice (Native Village of Tetlin, Native Village of Tanacross, Tetlin Native Corporation, Tanacross Incorporated, and Doyon Limited); and
- Mailed to the Isabel John (allottee), Tanana Chiefs Conference, Alaska Legal Services Corporation, Bureau of Land Management, and Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The public notice stated that written comments must be received by 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 28, 2025, in order to ensure consideration and eligibility to appeal. For more information, refer to the attached PD.

#### **IV. Comments Received**

No written comments were received during the public comment period.

#### **V. Traditional Use Finding**

This parcel is in the Unorganized Borough and a traditional use finding is required pursuant to AS 38.05.830. No information was received concerning traditional use outside of the use by the Native allottee.

#### **VI. Modifications to Decision and Stipulations**

The recommended action has not been modified from the original proposed action described in the PD of December 12, 2024. An updated title report, Title Report No. 23264, was received on April 24, 2025. No new information was discovered. LCS would like to clarify the title information in PD for this parcel. The State did receive title to this parcel and the surrounding area by Tentative Approval issued November 30, 1979. However, Patent 50-2022-0076 is only for the surrounding land and does not apply to this parcel. This parcel is described as:

U.S. Survey No. 14503, Alaska, according to the plat accepted by the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Anchorage, Alaska, on January 14, 2021, and officially filed on October 27, 2021, containing 39.96 acres, more or less.

Situated in the Fairbanks Recording District.

It is in the best interest of the State to reconvey the land to the United States subject to the reservations, exceptions, and restrictions, as stated below. This will allow the heirs to the Native allottee to obtain title to the land while the State will retain public access on the property as prescribed by statute and thus avoid title recovery litigation by the federal government. The State may proceed with the reconveyance of this parcel to the United States of America subject to the following easements, reservations, exceptions, and restrictive covenants:

Subject to:

- (a) An easement fifty (50) feet in width along each side of the section line in common with Sections 9 and 16, Township 20 North, Range 11 East, Copper River Meridian, pursuant to AS 19.10.010 Dedication of Land for Public Highways, 11 AAC 51.025 Section Line Easements, and AS 19.25.010 Use of Rights-of-way for Utilities;
- (b) Pursuant to AS 19.30.400, the State of Alaska asserts an existing RS 2477 right-of-way identified as RST 391, Tanacross-Kechumstuk Trail that may impact U.S. Survey No. 14503, Alaska, according to the plat accepted by the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Anchorage, Alaska, on January 14, 2021, and officially filed on October 27, 2021. The precise location and width of RST 391 have not been formally surveyed and platted;
- (c) All other valid existing rights, including reservations, and exceptions in the U.S. Patent, or other state or federal conveyance, and in acts authorizing the issue

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thereof; easements, rights-of-way, covenants, conditions reservations, notes of the plat, and restrictions of record, if any.

The Division of Oil and Gas and DMLW have determined that it is not in the State's best interest to retain the mineral estate. The mineral estate will not be retained pursuant to AS 38.05.035(e) Powers and Duties of the Director. The State will receive an acreage credit for the lands.

Any reservations in the patent the State received from BLM will merge with the title once the land is conveyed back to the United States.

Recommendation and approval of the Final Finding and Decision follow.

**VII. Final Finding and Decision**

LCS recommends proceeding with the proposed action as described in the Preliminary Decision. This action is undertaken pursuant to relevant authorities. Public notice has been accomplished in accordance with AS 38.05.945 Notice, and comments received were considered. The case file has been found to be complete and the requirements of all applicable statutes, regulations, and court orders have been satisfied.



May 9, 2025

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Recommended by: Kathryn Young  
Native Allotment Coordinator  
Land Conveyance Section  
Division of Mining, Land and Water  
Department of Natural Resources  
State of Alaska

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Date

Under the authority of the applicable statutes and *Aguilar*, it is hereby found to be in the best interest of the State of Alaska to proceed with the recommended action as described and referenced herein.



May 9, 2025

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Approved by: Hannah Uher-Koch  
Section Chief  
Land Conveyance Section  
Division of Mining, Land and Water  
Department of Natural Resources  
State of Alaska

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Date

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### **Appeal Provision**

An eligible person affected by this decision, and who provided timely written comment or public hearing testimony to the department, may appeal the decision to the DNR Commissioner per AS 44.37.011 and 11 AAC 02. Any appeal must be received within twenty (20) calendar days after issuance of this decision under 11 AAC 02.040. An eligible person must first appeal a decision to the Commissioner before seeking relief in superior court. The Alaska Court System establishes its own rules for timely appealing final administrative orders and decisions of the department.

Appeals may be mailed or hand-delivered to the DNR Commissioner's Office, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1400, Anchorage, Alaska, 99501; or faxed to (907)-269-8918; or sent by electronic mail to [dnr.appeals@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.appeals@alaska.gov). Appeals must be accompanied by the fee established in 11 AAC 05.160(d)(1)(F), which has been set at \$200 under the provisions of 11 AAC 05.160 (a)-(b). A copy of 11 AAC 02 is available on the department's website at <https://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/pdf/DNR-11-AAC-02.pdf>.

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

**Proposed Reconveyance of an  
Alaska Native Allotment in the Unorganized Borough**

**PRELIMINARY DECISION  
ADL 421220  
BLM No. FF012548, Parcel D**

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ENDS 3:00 P.M., TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025**

**I. Proposed Action**

*Preliminary Decision:* Isabell John Native Allotment – ADL 421220

*Attachment A:* Vicinity Map

*Attachment B:* Public Notice

*Attachment C:* U.S. Survey 14503

Proposed Action: The primary proposed action of this Preliminary Decision (PD) of the State of Alaska (State), Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Division of Mining, Land and Water (DMLW), Land Conveyance Section (LCS) is to voluntarily reconvey to the United States of America, U.S. Survey No. 14503, containing 39.96 acres, more or less, of wrongfully conveyed state land. See *Attachment A: Vicinity Map* for a depiction of the project area.

The subject parcel is an Alaska Native allotment, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Serial No. FF012548, Parcel D claimed by Isabell John. The claim is being settled in accordance with the Stipulated Procedures for Implementation of Order approved by the Court to implement the decision in *Ethel Aguilar v. United States of America*, 474 F. Supp. 840 (D. Alaska 1979) (herein cited as *Aguilar*) and Alaska Statute (AS) 38.05.035(b)(9) Powers and Duties of the Director.

Public Notice of Proposal: In accordance with AS 38.05.945 Notice, during a period of at least 30 consecutive days, the public will have the opportunity to submit written comment on this proposal.

See **Section XVI. Submittal of Public Comments** at the end of this document and *Attachment B: Public Notice* for details on how to submit a comment for consideration. If, after consideration of timely, written comments, DNR DMLW LCS moves forward with the proposal, a Final Finding and Decision (FFD) will be issued.

**II. Authority**

This reconveyance is being adjudicated pursuant to AS 38.05.035(b)(9) Power and Duties of the Director, AS 38.05.830 Land Disposal in the Unorganized Borough, and the settlement authority of the Attorney General in accordance with *Aguilar*.

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### **III. Administrative Record**

The DNR case file ADL 421220 and BLM case file FF012548, Parcel D, constitutes the administrative record for this proposed action. Also incorporated by reference are:

- Eastern Tanana Area Plan for State Lands (ETAP, adopted August 8, 2015) and associated land classification files; and
- DNR case file GS 759.

### **IV. Scope of the Proposal**

The scope of this proposal, under the statutes described in the preceding **Section II. Authority**, is limited and specific to DNR DMLW's proposal to voluntarily reconvey this land to the United States of America in accordance with the Stipulated Procedures for Implementation of Order approved by the Court to implement the decision in *Aguilar* and AS 38.05.035(b)(9) Power and Duties of the Director, and whether the reconveyance should be made subject to any stipulations to best serve the interests of the public and the State.

### **V. Location**

Located in DNR's Northern Region and the Unorganized Borough, the subject parcel is approximately sixteen miles northwest of Tok and within Sections 9 and 16, Township 20 North, Range 11 East, Copper River Meridian. The subject parcel consists of 39.96 acres, more or less, identified for reconveyance by this proposed action. See *Attachment A: Vicinity Map* for a depiction of the subject parcel.

*USGS Map Coverage:* Tanacross C-5

*Borough/Municipality:* Unorganized Borough

*Native Councils and Corporations:* The subject parcel is within the boundaries of Doyon, Limited regional corporation. Tok, Tanacross, and Tetlin are within 25 miles of this proposed action. Notice will be sent to the Tanacross Incorporated, Native Village of Tanacross, Native Village of Tetlin, Tetlin Native Corporation, and Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC).

### **VI. Legal Description**

U.S. Survey No. 14503, Alaska, according to the plat accepted by the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Anchorage, Alaska, on January 14, 2021, and officially filed on October 27, 2021, containing 39.96 acres, more or less.

Situated in the Fairbanks Recording District.

### **VII. Title**

The State received title to the land on November 30, 1979, under a Tentative Approval. Patent 50-2022-0076 was issued on June 23, 2022. The State file is GS 759 (BLM F 027790). Title Report No. 11852 was issued on July 12, 2019. No third-party interests were identified. The parcel is subject to the reservations, easements, and exceptions contained in the Patent dated June 23, 2022. An updated title report has been requested; if any concerns are discovered, they will be addressed in the FFD.

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*Acquisition:* The State filed selection application GS 759 (BLM F 027790) for Township 20 North, Range 11 East, Copper River Meridian on May 25, 1961.

*Restrictions:* Any reservations in the Patent the State received from BLM will merge with the title once the land is conveyed back to the United States.

### VIII. Background

The following events for this case are:

- Isabell John began her use and occupancy of the subject lands in 1934 according to documentation in DNR case file ADL 421220.
- The State filed selection application GS 759 for Township 20 North, Range 11 East, Copper River Meridian on May 25, 1961, and received title by Tentative Approval on November 30, 1979. Patent 50-2022-0076 was issued on June 23, 2022.
- Her Native allotment application was reconstructed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and TCC, and filed on January 21, 1994, after it was determined that the application for Parcel D was lost.
- BLM determined Native allotment application FF012548, Parcel D, valid on December 13, 2007.
- The State received a request for reconveyance on February 20, 2009.
- BLM surveyed the 39.96-acre parcel and issued plat U.S. Survey No. 14503 in 2021.

### IX. Planning, Classification, and Mineral Orders

1. *Planning:* The subject parcel is located within Unit L-01 of the Upper Tanana Region of the Eastern Tanana Area Plan adopted on August 28, 2015, and within the Tanana Valley State Forest. As the plan states, the previous land classification order NC-82-065 is retained and still in effect. Recommended land use within this unit continues with management according to the Tanana Valley State Forest management plan and in accordance with the purposes for establishment of the forest in AS 41.17.400. The designation for the subject parcel continues to be Forestry. This designation converts to the classification of Forest Land.
2. *Land Use Classification:* The State classified the subject parcel as Forest Land under Classification Order CL NC-82-065 based on ETAP, adopted August 28, 2015. As this reconveyance falls under AS 38.05.035(b)(9) Powers and Duties of the Director, and pursuant to AS 38.05.035(c) Powers and Duties of the Director, this parcel of land may be reconveyed without classification or reclassification under AS 38.05.300 Classification of Land.
3. *Mineral Order:* The parcel is not subject to a mineral order.
4. *Local Planning:* This parcel does not exist within any local planning unit.

### X. Traditional Use Finding

In accordance with AS 38.05.830 Land disposal in the Unorganized Borough, a traditional use finding is required if the subject parcel is within the Unorganized Borough. This parcel is within the Unorganized Borough, and a traditional use finding is required. Information on traditional use is welcome during the public comment period and if this proposal is approved, LCS will address the information received in a subsequent FFD. See the **Section XVI. Submittal of Public Comments** at the end of this document and *Attachment B: Public Notice* for details on how to submit comment.

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### **XI. Access, including Access To and Along Public or Navigable Water**

*Public Access:* This parcel is accessed via RST 391, Tanacross-Kechumstuk Trail.

*Access To and Along Public or Navigable Waters:* In accordance with AS 38.05.127 Access To Navigable or Public Water, DNR will determine if a water body is navigable or public and establish easements or rights-of-way as necessary to ensure unobstructed access to and along the body of water. Regulations dictating the creation of easements or rights-of-way under this statute include 11 AAC 51.035 Determination of Navigable and Public Water, 11 AAC 51.045 Easements To and Along Navigable and Public Water, and 11 AAC 53.450 Buffer Strips, Reserved Areas, and Public Easements.

The streams that are adjacent to, or cross, the parcel are ephemeral and very small. They are determined to not be navigable or public waters. Therefore, the subject parcel is unaffected by AS 38.05.127 Access To Navigable or Public Water easements.

*Easements and Setbacks:* Under AS 19.10.010 Dedication of Land for Public Highways, the application of a 50-foot section line easement is required on all protracted or surveyed section or township lines on State land. There are no provisions under the law to exclude this 50' section line easement dedication at conveyance or reconveyance back to the federal government. However, an affected landowner may, under 11 AAC 51.065 Vacation of Easements, file a request with DNR to vacate, modify, or relocate a section line easement.

The section lines affecting this parcel are protracted section lines which have not been field surveyed or monumented on the ground. Therefore, the exact location of the section lines and attached section line easements are unknown. These section line easements cannot be used until the section lines and said easements have been surveyed and monumented by a licensed Professional Alaska Surveyor. If the section line is on or bordering State land the survey must be accomplished under instructions from the State of Alaska DNR. The estimated location of these easements is shown on *Attachment A: Vicinity Map*.

On USS 14503, a trail is shown to exit and enter at the north and south ends of the parcel. This trail is visible on aerial imagery, particularly at the south end of the parcel. Both DNR and Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) maps show RST 391 - Tanacross-Kechumstuk Trail, a RS 2477 trail, to be in this vicinity. The trail on the imagery is assumed to be RST 391. The precise location and width of this RST has not been formally located or surveyed. When the RST is formally located and surveyed, it may be in a different location than shown on *Attachment A: Vicinity Map*.

The reconveyance will except, reserve, or be subject to the reservations brought forth by the public notice, if any, and the following:

Subject to:

- (a) An easement fifty (50) feet in width along each side of the section line in common with Sections 9 and 16, Township 20 North, Range 11 East, Copper River Meridian, pursuant to AS 19.10.010 Dedication of Land for Public Highways, 11 AAC 51.025 Section Line Easements, and AS 19.25.010 Use of Rights-of-way for Utilities;



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- (b) Pursuant to AS 19.30.400, the State of Alaska asserts an existing RS 2477 right-of-way identified as RST 391, Tanacross-Kechumstuk Trail that may impact U.S. Survey No. 14503, Alaska, according to the plat accepted by the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Anchorage, Alaska, on January 14, 2021, and officially filed on October 27, 2021. The precise location and width of RST 391 have not been formally surveyed and platted;
- (c) All other valid existing rights, including reservations, and exceptions in the U.S. Patent, or other state or federal conveyance, and in acts authorizing the issue thereof; easements, rights-of-way, covenants, conditions reservations, notes of the plat, and restrictions of record, if any.

### **XII. Reservation of the Mineral Estate**

The Division of Oil and Gas (DOG) and DMLW have determined that it is not in the State's best interest to retain the mineral estate. The mineral estate will not be retained pursuant to AS 38.05.035(e) Powers and Duties of the Director. The State will receive an acreage credit for the lands.

### **XIII. Hazardous Materials and Potential Contaminants**

The Department of the Interior, BLM, is expected to inspect the parcel and familiarize itself with the condition and quality of the land. The State makes no representations and no warranties, express or implied, concerning the existence or absence of any hazardous substances, hazardous wastes, contaminants, or pollutants on the land here proposed for reconveyance. The State does not assume any liability for the removal of hazardous substances, hazardous wastes, contaminants, or pollutants, nor for the remediation of the site should such substances ever be identified.

### **XIV. Survey**

The parcel is adequately surveyed for reconveyance to the United States of America. See *Attachment C: U.S. Survey 14503*.

### **XV. DMLW and Agency Review**

Information and comments received from multiple sections within DMLW prior to and during agency review have been considered and included in the preparation of this preliminary decision. Agency review was conducted from November 15, 2023, to December 15, 2023. Comments pertinent to this proposed action received during agency review have been considered and addressed below. Additional timely comments received during the Public Notice period will be considered and addressed in a subsequent FFD.

DNR DMLW LCS received brief comments of non-objection from the following agencies:  
DNR Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.

*DNR DMLW LCS response:* Thank you for your review of this reconveyance.

Comments from DNR Division of Oil and Gas: DOG has no objection. There are no third-party interests. DOG does not request reservation of the mineral estate.

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*DNR DMLW LCS response:* Thank you for the information. The mineral estate will not be reserved.

The following agencies or groups were included in the agency review, but no comment was received:

- DNR Division of Agriculture
- DNR Division of Forestry and Fire Protection
- DNR Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys
- DNR State Historical Preservation Office
- Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation
- US Fish and Wildlife Service

## **XVI. Submittal of Public Comments**

**See *Attachment B: Public Notice for specific dates and conditions.***

Pursuant to AS 38.05.945 Notice, LCS is issuing public notice inviting comment on this Preliminary Decision.

In accordance with AS 38.05.946(a) Hearings, a municipality or corporation entitled to receive notice under AS 38.05.945(c) Hearings may hold a hearing within 30 days after receipt of the notice. If a hearing is held, the Commissioner (or representative) shall attend the hearing. The Commissioner has discretion whether or not to hold a public hearing.

LCS will consider all timely, written comments received. If analysis of such comments indicates the need for significant changes to the Preliminary Decision, additional public notice for the affected lands will be given. Reducing the amount of land offered and making minor changes to any of the proposals will not be considered significant changes requiring additional public notice.

If the proposal is approved and no significant change is required, the Preliminary Decision, including any deletions, minor changes, and summary of comments and LCS responses will be issued as a subsequent Final Finding and Decision, without further notice.

Only persons from whom DNR DMLW LCS receives timely, written comment during the identified comment period will be eligible to file an appeal of the FFD. Upon approval and issuance of a FFD, a copy of the decision will be made available online at <http://landsales.alaska.gov/> or <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/> and sent with an explanation of the appeal process to any party who provides timely written comment.

DNR is prepared to accommodate individuals with disabilities by providing auxiliary aids, services, or special modifications in order to participate in this review. Individuals who may need such assistance should contact DNR's Public Information Center. For more information, refer to *Attachment B: Public Notice*.

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENT IS  
3:00 P.M., TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025**

## **XVII. Alternatives**

The following alternatives were considered:

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### Alternative 1: Reconvey

Reconvey the land to the United States subject to the reservations, exceptions, and restrictions as stipulated in **Section XI. Access, Including Access To and Along Public or Navigable Water**. This will allow the Native allottee to obtain title to the land while the State will retain public access on the property as prescribed by statute and thus avoid title recovery litigation by the federal government. Therefore, it is in the best interest of the State to reconvey the parcel as proposed in this decision, and this is the preferred alternative.

### Alternative 2: Retain

Retain ownership and withhold reconveyance. DNR currently does not have a persuasive reason to pursue this option. This alternative may lead to title recovery litigation brought by the United States on behalf of the Native allottee, thus subjecting the State to an uncertain expenditure of resources and an uncertain result of litigation. This alternative is not preferred.

In accordance with the Stipulated Procedures for Implementation of Order in *Aguilar*, BLM reviewed and determined Ms. John's Native Allotment application to be valid on December 13, 2007. Based on documentation within BLM's case file and subsequent comments received from agency review, LCS has found no legal reason for denying this reconveyance subject to public notice and a final decision.

For the reasons outlined above, Alternative 1 is the preferred alternative.

*Recommendation follows.*

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### XVIII. Recommendation

This Preliminary Decision for the proposed reconveyance of state lands described throughout this document and its attachments may be within the State's best interest. Reconveyance under the conditions in Alternative 1 is preferable to title recovery litigation. The State's reconveyance will allow the BLM to transfer title of the land to the Native Allottee and will eliminate any further title recovery action. As represented by the preferred alternative, the PD described above has been reviewed and considered. I find that the recommended action is in the best interest of the State and that it is hereby approved to proceed to public notice.

This is a Preliminary Decision, and analysis of subsequent public review may result in changes to the preferred alternative of the proposed reconveyance of state lands. If the decision is approved, a Final Finding and Decision may be issued.



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Recommended by: Kathryn Young  
Native Allotment Coordinator  
Land Conveyance Section  
Division of Mining, Land and Water  
Department of Natural Resources  
State of Alaska

December 12, 2024

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Date



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Approved by: Hannah Uher-Koch  
Section Chief  
Land Conveyance Section  
Division of Mining, Land and Water  
Department of Natural Resources  
State of Alaska

December 12, 2024

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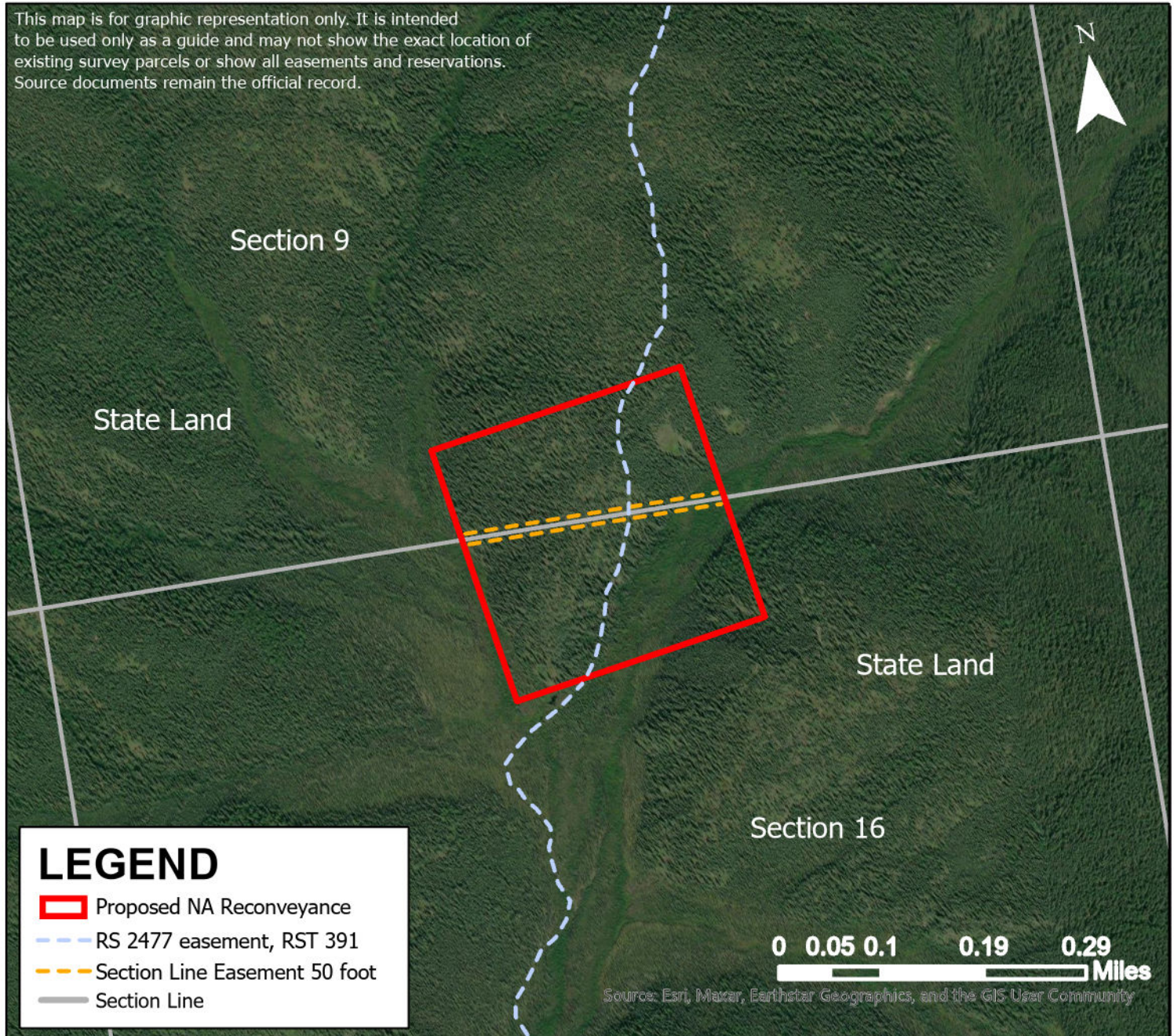




## Attachment A: Vicinity Map

## Isabell John Native Allotment, ADL 421220 / BLM FF012548-D

This map is for graphic representation only. It is intended to be used only as a guide and may not show the exact location of existing survey parcels or show all easements and reservations. Source documents remain the official record.



**Sections 9 and 16, Township 20 North,  
Range 11 East,  
Copper River Meridian**

USGS Quad 1:63,360 Tanacross C-5

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

**ATTACHMENT B: PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Requesting Input for Proposed  
Native Allotment Reconveyance - ADL 421220  
AS 38.05.035**

**COMMENT PERIOD ENDS 3:00 P.M., TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025**

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Division of Mining Land and Water (DMLW), Land Conveyance Section (LCS) is conducting a public notice to reconvey the following erroneously conveyed State land to the United States of America for conveyance to the Native allotment applicant. The parcel of land is sixteen miles northwest of Tok. The legal description for the parcel is U.S. Survey No. 14503, Alaska, according to the plat accepted by the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Anchorage, Alaska, on January 14, 2021, and officially filed on October 21, 2021, containing 39.96 acres, more or less.

To obtain the notice, Preliminary Decision (PD), or instructions on submitting comment, go to <http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/landsales/> or <http://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/>. For assistance in obtaining the documents by an alternative method, to request auxiliary aids, services, or special accommodations, contact DNR's Public Information Centers on State work days, Monday through Friday, between 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM in Anchorage at (907) 269-8400 or Fairbanks at (907) 451-2705 or the Southeast Land Office in Juneau at (907) 465-3400 or TTY: 711 for Alaska Relay or 1-800-770-8973 or go to <http://dnr.alaska.gov/commis/pic/> for additional contact information. Individuals who require special assistance must request assistance from the Public Information Center in Anchorage no later than 3:00 P.M., Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

Pursuant to AS 38.05.945 Notice, the public is invited to submit comments on the Preliminary Decision. **The deadline for public comment is 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 28, 2025.** Only persons from whom DNR DMLW LCS receives timely, written comment during the identified comment period will be eligible to file an appeal of the Final Finding and Decision (FFD). Written comment may be received by fax, email, or postal mail. To submit comments or for direct inquiries, contact Kathryn Young by mail at 550 West 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, Suite 640, Anchorage, AK 99501 or by fax at (907) 269-8916 or by email at [kathryn.young@alaska.gov](mailto:kathryn.young@alaska.gov). If you have questions, call Kathryn Young at (907) 269-8574.

If no significant change is required, the PD, including any minor changes and a summary of comments and responses, will be issued as the FFD, without further notice. A copy of the FFD will be sent to any persons who commented timely on the PD.

DNR reserves the right to waive technical defects in this notice.

