

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

**PRELIMINARY DECISION**  
**ADL 109371**

**Grants of Land After Natural Disaster**  
**AS 38.05.870**

**RELATED ACTIONS**  
**None**

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ENDS 5:00 PM, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2025**

**I. Proposed Actions**

*Preliminary Decision: Identification of Natural Disaster, Identification of Lands Rendered Unusable, and Approval of Noncompetitive Conveyance Grant of Land*  
*Attachment A: Lands Rendered Unusable*  
*Attachment B: Available Grant Land*  
*Attachment C: Public Notice*

Primary Proposed Action, Noncompetitive Grants of Land: Grants of land under Alaska Statute (AS) 38.05.870 Grants of Land After Natural Disaster may be issued to persons and municipal corporations after the governor has formally declared a natural disaster severe enough to warrant state assistance to persons or municipal corporations. The grant land is used to replace land rendered unusable by the natural disaster for the purposes for which it was used before the natural disaster. The proposed decision will allow grants of land to owners of private lands located within Blocks 2 and 7, Wrangell Island West Subdivision, Plat 83-11, Wrangell Recording District, Wrangell, Alaska that were rendered unusable by the landslide occurring on November 20, 2023, and within the area covered by the disaster declaration issued by the Governor on November 21, 2023. The land rendered unusable is identified in *Attachment A: Lands Rendered Unusable*, and replacement land is identified in *Attachment B: Available Grant Land*.

Public Notice of Proposal: In accordance with AS 38.05.945 Notice, during a period of 30 consecutive days, the public will have the opportunity to submit a written comment on this proposal and eligible landowners will have the opportunity to submit an application for a grant of land.

See **Section X. Submittal of Public Comments and Applications for Grant Land** at the end of this document and *Attachment C: Public Notice* for details on how to submit a comment for consideration as well as how to submit an application for a grant of land. Within 30 days of receipt of the application, LCS will approve or disapprove the application. Following application approval, a Final Finding and Decision (FFD) will be issued identifying approved applications, land to be granted, lottery procedures if appropriate, and any requirements remaining.

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### **II. Authority**

DNR has the authority under AS 38.05.870 Grants of Land After Natural Disaster to grant state-owned land to eligible persons and municipal corporations to replace land rendered unusable by a natural disaster for the purposes for which it was used before the natural disaster if, on preparation and issuance of a written finding, it is determined to be in the best interest of the State, as required by AS 38.05.035(e) Powers and Duties of the Director. Pursuant to AS 38.05.945 Notice, LCS will issue public notice inviting comment on this Preliminary Decision (PD).

### **III. Administrative Record**

The project file for Alaska Division of Lands (ADL) 109371 constitutes the administrative record for this proposed action. Also incorporated by reference are:

- Nicolazzo, J.A., Wikstrom Jones, K.M., Salishbury, J.B., Horen, K.C. Alaska Division of Geological & Geophysical Survey. (2024, February). *Post-Landslide Elevation Changes Detected from Multi-Temporal LIDAR Surveys of the November 2023 Wrangell, Alaska, Landslides*. <https://dggs.alaska.gov/pubs/id/31124>
- Zechmann, J.M., Wikstrom Jones, K.M., Wolken, G.J. Alaska Division of Geological & Geophysical Survey. (2023, July). *Lidar-Derived Elevation Data for Wrangell Island, Southeast Alaska, Collected July 2023*. <https://dggs.alaska.gov/pubs/id/31098>
- Alaska State Emergency Operations Center. (2023, December). *2023 Wrangell Landslide Incident Situation Report*. [12.6.2023 Wrangell Landslide SITREP.pdf](https://www.alaska.gov/1262023-Wrangell-Landslide-SITREP.pdf)
- State of Alaska, Governor Mike Dunleavy. (2023, November). *Declaration of Disaster Emergency. 2023.11.28 Press Release - Alaskans impacted by 2023 Wrangell Landslide eligible for Individual Assistance.pdf*

### **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 determining the following: (1) the natural disaster determined by the governor to be of sufficient severity to warrant state assistance, (2) which lots located within Blocks 2 and 7, Wrangell Island West Subdivision, Plat 83-11, Wrangell Recording District, Wrangell, Alaska were rendered unusable by the landslide occurring on November 20, 2023, and (3) which state-owned land is available to be granted to an eligible applicant, considering the value, size, and use of the land rendered unusable as a result of the natural disaster. The scope of this decision does not include the control of post-patent use on granted land, and LCS does not intend to impose deed restrictions for this purpose. Restrictions regarding land use will be handled by the local zoning authority, if any.

### **V. Background**

Two large, rain-induced landslides occurred late in the evening on November 20, 2023, in Wrangell, Alaska. The first recorded landslide covered the Zimovia Highway near milepost 11.2, within Blocks 2 and 7, Wrangell Island West Subdivision and Alice Subdivision. The event cut off residents south of the landslide from Wrangell, as the sole access road was covered, and electric and communication lines were downed. This landslide destroyed two homes and resulted in six fatalities and one survivor. The second landslide occurred nearby on Middle Ridge Road, crossing the switchback forestry road in three places and stranding one person between the two upper crossings. On November 21, 2023, Governor Mike Dunleavy declared a Disaster Emergency under AS 26.23.020(c) The Governor and Disaster Emergencies for the landslide that occurred in Wrangell on November 20, 2023. The declaration supports ongoing

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emergency responses, mass care, and disaster recovery efforts and activates the state's Public and Individual Assistance programs.

On November 28 and 29, 2023, geologists from the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys (DGGs), conducted a field visit to assist with slope-stability assessments. DGGs developed the preliminary interpretive report to describe field investigations conducted in the days immediately after the event, the methodology, and preliminary interpretations of the pre- and post-landslide lidar datasets.

DGGs collected aerial lidar data over the two landslides and other areas of concern. DGGs also examined rainfall and wind data to characterize the weather conditions during the 24 hours preceding the event. The National Weather Service (NWS) reported 2.23 inches of rain at the Wrangell Airport between 9:00 PM AKST on November 19 and 9:00 PM AKST on November 20, with 1.13 inches of the total rainfall occurring within the six hours immediately preceding the [MP 11.2] landslide event (Nicolazzo et al., 2023). According to NWS Juneau, the November 19-20 precipitation event in Wrangell was not out of the ordinary for the area, except for the six hours preceding the MP11.2 landslide event, which included more than the average amount of rain (Nicolazzo et al., 2023). Winds gusted up to 40 mph at the Wrangell Downtown Harbor at 4:00 PM but were less than 25 mph at the time of the event. However, funneling winds and orographic-driven precipitation rates can cause significant differences in observed rain accumulation and wind gusts. Weather recorded at the Wrangell Airport, located at sea level, may not accurately represent conditions at other sites on the island (Nicolazzo et al., 2023). The landslide [at MP 11.2] spanned approximately 3,750 feet from head scarp to shoreline, with roughly an additional 500 feet extending into Zimovia Strait and approximately 350 feet wide where it crossed the highway, tapering to about 100 feet at the head scarp (Nicolazzo et al., 2023).

DGGs assessed topographic changes that occurred between July and November 2023 by comparing two lidar datasets (Zechman et al., 2023, 2024). The lidar differencing suggests that roughly 2.8 million cubic feet of material was released/eroded and approximately 1.7 million cubic feet was deposited by the landslide at MP 11.2. Material that had already been removed from the Zimovia Highway is not included in the above estimate. Further, additional bathymetric lidar or sonar would be necessary to calculate the deposited material that ran into the ocean (not currently planned).

The State of Alaska has previously assisted residents following natural disasters. During a special session in 1967, the legislature established a land grant program to assist individuals who lost their homes and businesses due to a significant flood in Fairbanks and the Nenana Valley. The land grant program created by this special session was enacted that year as AS 38.05.870 Grants of Land After Natural Disaster. Grants of state land under AS 38.05.870 have formerly been completed following the Matanuska River natural disaster in 1991 when the river altered its course and caused severe erosion to properties along its banks and following the Haines Borough natural disaster in 2020 when a powerful atmospheric river system triggered a landslide along Beach Road, destroying two homes and severely damaged a third.

## **VI. Discussion**

Pursuant to AS 38.05.870 Grants of Land After Natural Disaster, the director of DMLW may make grants of state land to persons and municipal corporations to replace land which is rendered unusable by a natural disaster for the purposes for which it was used before the

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natural disaster. The land grant is approved through a written finding prepared under AS 38.05.035(e) Powers and Duties of the Director and distributed for public comment under AS 38.05.945 Notice.

AS 38.05.870 Grants of Land After Natural Disaster states the following:

*“(a) The director may make grants of state land to persons and municipal corporations to replace land which is rendered unusable by a natural disaster for the purposes for which it was used before the natural disaster. The director shall designate state land which is available to replace land rendered unusable.*

*(b) Only a person who is the owner of land rendered unusable that was used or leased before the natural disaster for private residential, business, or commercial purposes is eligible for a grant of state land. A person who incurred a binding obligation to purchase land before the natural disaster shall be considered the owner of the land for the purposes of this section.*

*(c) An application for a grant of state land shall be filed with the director, and shall contain*

*(1) the name and address of the applicant;*

*(2) a legal description of the land rendered unusable;*

*(3) proof of ownership of the land; and*

*(4) a statement of the purpose for which the land was used before the natural disaster rendered it unusable.*

*(d) The director shall, within 30 days of receipt of the application, approve or disapprove the application. The director's determination of eligibility for a grant of state land is final. Upon approval of the application or as soon thereafter as possible, the director shall specify the land which shall be granted to an eligible applicant. In making the designation the director shall consider the value, size and use of the land rendered unusable as a result of the natural disaster, and shall as nearly as possible grant land of equal size, or value or of equal utility.*

*(e) The applicant shall pay costs, not to exceed the administrative cost of transferring the property and the cost of surveying the land. In addition, the state may require a quitclaim deed to the unusable land in exchange for the grant of state land.*

*(f) In this section “natural disaster” means a flood, drought, fire, storm, earthquake, or other catastrophe which, in the determination of the governor, is or threatens to be of sufficient severity to warrant state assistance to persons and municipal corporations to alleviate damage, suffering, and hardship caused by the catastrophe.”*

Land may be granted upon satisfaction of the criteria in the statute listed above. Governor Mike Dunleavy's November 21, 2023, disaster emergency declaration constitutes a determination that land within the City of Wrangell has been affected by a natural disaster. The November 20, 2023, landslide destroyed two properties that were utilized for private residential, business, or commercial purposes before the disaster. After the disaster, these properties can no longer be

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used for the same private residential, business, or commercial purpose, which renders them unusable.

Per AS 38.05.870(c)(4) Grants of Land After Natural Disaster, the application for grant of state land will require a statement detailing the purpose for which the land was used before the natural disaster rendered it unusable. Only lots containing structures assigned a value by the City and Borough of Wrangell before the natural disaster, that can no longer be used for the same purpose after the disaster, will be considered eligible for replacement. Lots within the slide area that were vacant, unused, and/or contained structures not valued by the City and Borough of Wrangell prior to the landslide will not be rendered unusable. See **Section VII. Lands Rendered Unusable** for the specific parcels that have been determined to be unusable.

Pursuant to AS 38.05.870(d) Grants of Land After Natural Disaster, within 30 days of receipt of the application, the director shall approve or disapprove the application. The director's determination of eligibility for a grant of state land is final. Upon approval of the application or as soon thereafter as possible, the director shall specify the land which shall be granted to an eligible applicant. The available grant land shall consider the value, size, and use of the land rendered unusable as a result of the natural disaster, and shall as nearly as possible grant land of equal size, value, or of equal utility. See **Section VIII. Available Grant Land** for the available state land to be granted.

Pursuant to AS 38.05.870(e) Grants of Land After Natural Disaster, the state may grant replacement land, but the applicant shall pay costs, not to exceed the administrative cost of transferring the property and the costs reimbursed to the state of surveying the land. All grant land lots have been surveyed and appraised. The costs reimbursed to the state vary by subdivision and are detailed in *Attachment B: Available Grant Land*. If the total amount due to the state is \$2,000 or more, the grantee may enter into a payment contract, if desired. DMLW may require a quitclaim deed to unusable land in exchange for the grant of state land.

## VII. Lands Rendered Unusable

The intent of AS 38.05.870 Grants of Land After Natural Disaster is to render aid to persons affected by a natural disaster whose land has been rendered unusable for the purposes for which it was used before the natural disaster. The following lots affected by the November 20, 2023, landslide have been determined to be unusable. Landowners of these lots are eligible to apply for state replacement land through AS 38.05.870 Grants of Land After Natural Disaster. See *Attachment A: Lands Rendered Unusable* showing lots within the Wrangell Island West Subdivision, Plat 83-11.

Table 1

Block	Lot	Acreage	2023 Assessed Building Value	2024 Assessed Building Value	2023 Assessed Land Value	2024 Assessed Land Value
2	41	1.796	\$160,000	\$0	\$78,200	\$0
7	16	4.581	\$373,800	\$0	\$68,900	\$0

The findings from the Alaska Division of Geological & Geophysical Survey along with data from the City and Borough of Wrangell Assessor's office assisted DMLW with determining which lots along Zimovia Highway were rendered unusable on November 20, 2023. The two lots listed in

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Table 1 above are within the identified slide area and contained residences that were destroyed during the November 20, 2023, landslide. The lots are now unusable for the residential purposes for which they were used before the disaster.

Table 2

Block	Lot	2023 Assessed Building Value	2024 Assessed Building Value	2023 Assessed Land Value	2024 Assessed Land Value
17	7	\$305,300	\$305,300	\$68,900	\$3,400
42A	2	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$67,100	\$3,100
15	7	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$50,000	\$3,400
40	2	\$ N/A	\$ N/A	\$91,600	\$6,800

The four lots listed in Table 2 above are also within the identified slide area; however, they have been determined to be only partially impacted and not rendered unusable. Two of these lots were vacant prior to the landslide (containing no residences) and do not qualify for a grant because the lots were not actively “used” prior to the natural disaster. Providing grants of state land to replace lots that were never utilized would not be in the state’s best interest.

The two remaining lots contain residences and were assessed to have the same building value before and after the landslide. This indicates that the structures remained usable for the purpose for which they were used before the landslide. Therefore, it is not in the state’s best interest to grant state land to replace these lots, as they were not rendered unusable and retained their building value. The building values used for this determination were obtained from the City and Borough of Wrangell Assessor’s office, with the 2023 values determined prior to the landslide.

## VIII. Available Grant Land

See *Attachment B: Available Grant Land* detailing state-owned land that is available to replace the land rendered unusable by the natural disaster. These surveyed lots consist of the only currently available state lands, classified Settlement, that have been approved by the DMLW Director and/or DNR Commissioner for conveyance out of state ownership. Pursuant to AS 38.05.870(d) Grants of Land After Natural Disaster, grant land must be of equal size, or value, or of equal utility to the land that is rendered unusable. The pool of state replacement grant lands has been selected to be of equal size or value based on the 2023 City and Borough of Wrangell assessed value of the land rendered unusable. In order to be considered equal, the appraised value of available grant land must be within 10% of the 2023 City and Borough of Wrangell assessed land value, and the acreage of available grant land must be within 0.10 acres of the land rendered unusable.

DNR does not currently have any available land within the City and Borough of Wrangell to be granted. Some of the available grant land choices may be within an organized borough or platting authority and may be subject to borough taxes, and/or reservations or restrictions of the local platting authority.

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### **X. Submittal of Public Comments and Applications for Grant Land**

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

Pursuant to AS 38.05.945 Notice, LCS is issuing public notice inviting written comments on this Preliminary Decision. LCS is also accepting applications for grants of land from eligible landowners. Applications for grants of land must be made on the form provided by DMLW and will be available at <http://landsales.alaska.gov/>, <http://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/>, or at the regional offices. Within 30 days of receipt of the complete application and \$280 application filing fee, DMLW shall approve or disapprove the request. Following application approval, a FFD will be issued identifying approved applications, land to be granted, lottery procedures if appropriate, and any requirements remaining.

In accordance with AS 38.05.946(a) Hearings, a municipality or corporation entitled to receive notice under AS 38.05.945(c) Notice 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 PD, additional public notice will be given. Making minor changes to the proposal will not be considered significant changes requiring additional public notice.

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

Only persons from whom 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/> and sent with an explanation of the appeal process to any party who provides timely written comment.

LCS 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 C: Public Notice*.

**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENT OR AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT LAND IS  
5:00 PM, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2025**

### **IX. Decision and Stipulations**

The November 20, 2023, landslide affecting lots on Zimovia Highway was declared a Disaster Emergency by Governor Mike Dunleavy under AS 26.23.020(c) The Governor and Disaster Emergencies. Following the disaster, the City and Borough of Wrangell drastically decreased the assessed value of the buildings on two lots within the slide area. Individuals who owned, or incurred a binding obligation to purchase, subdivision lots listed in **Section VII. Lands Rendered Unusable** that contained homes used for private residential purposes, businesses, or commercial enterprises before the natural disaster, are eligible to apply for the grant. Owners of vacant or unused lots prior to the landslide are not eligible for a grant of state land. It is not in the state's best interest to provide grants of state land to replace lots that were never used for the purposes listed above.



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The intent of AS 38.05.870 Grants of Land After Natural Disaster is to allow the release of State lands to be used to compensate eligible individuals who occupied land rendered unusable in a natural disaster. Granting land to eligible applicants is in the best interest of the state under the requirements of AS 38.05.870 Grants of Land After Natural Disaster and the following stipulations:

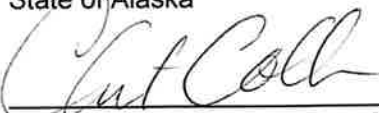
1. Each owner of a lot that is rendered unusable is eligible for a grant of one state subdivision lot to replace the lot that was used for residential, business, or commercial settlement use prior to the disaster. This is a one-time offer for the disaster declaration described above.
2. During a period of 30 consecutive days, eligible landowners of lots listed in *Attachment A: Lands Rendered Unusable* will have the opportunity to submit an application for a grant of land from the pool of replacement grant lands set out in *Attachment B: Available Grant Land*. To submit an application or for direct inquiries, contact Denise Wiltse: [dnr.noncompland@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.noncompland@alaska.gov), fax # 907-500-9011, or P.O. Box 111020 Juneau, AK 99811. Within 30 days of receipt of the application, DMLW shall approve or disapprove the application.
3. If only one eligible applicant selects one parcel of state land from the land grant pool, the selection will be approved. If more than one eligible applicant selects the same land grant parcel, the applicants will be noticed, and the parcel will be awarded by lottery pursuant to AS 38.05.057 Disposal of Land by Lottery. The unsuccessful applicant will be allowed to choose another state parcel.
4. DMLW may require a quitclaim deed to unusable land in exchange for the grant of state land.
5. Eligible applicants will be required to pay the administrative cost of transferring the property in addition to the cost of surveying the land. If the total amount due to the state is \$2,000 or more, the grantee may enter into a payment contract, if desired.



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

August 8, 2025

Date of Signature



Approved by: Christy Colles, Division Director  
Division of Mining, Land and Water  
Department of Natural Resources  
State of Alaska

  
Date of Signature



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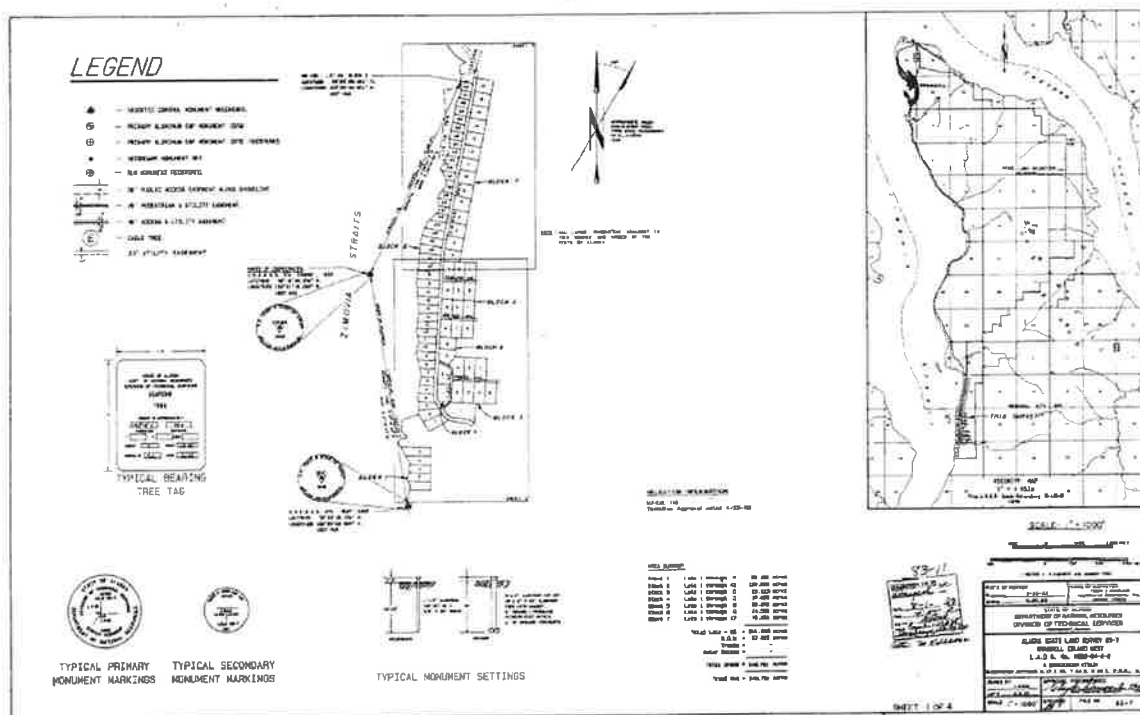
**ATTACHMENT A: LANDS RENDERED UNUSABLE**

Grants of Land After Natural Disaster  
Wrangell Zimovia Highway Landslide  
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Lot 41, Block 2, Wrangell Island West Subdivision, containing 1.796 acres more or less, according to Alaska State Land Survey 83-7 filed in the Wrangell Recording District as Plat No. 83-11, Wrangell Recording District, First Judicial District, State of Alaska.

Lot 16, Block 7, Wrangell Island West Subdivision, containing 4.581 acres more or less, according to Alaska State Land Survey 83-7 filed in the Wrangell Recording District as Plat No. 83-11, Wrangell Recording District, First Judicial District, State of Alaska.

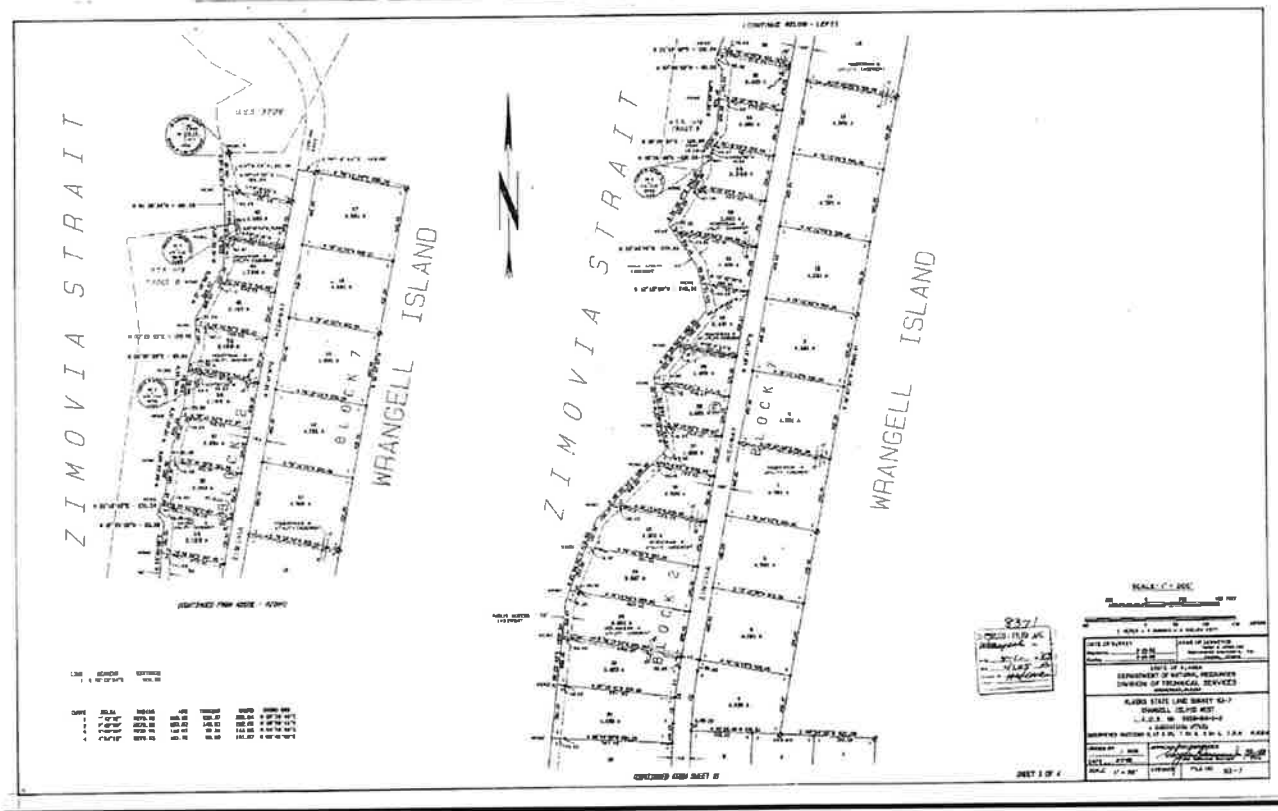
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**ATTACHMENT B: AVAILABLE GRANT LAND**

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Lot 41, Block 2, Wrangell Island West Subdivision, containing 1.796 acres. 2023 Borough Assessed Value \$78,200.							
ADL	Subdivision	Location	Acres	Appraised Value	Total Costs Reimbursed to the State	Admin Cost for Patent (Application Fee and Recording Fee)	Admin Cost for Contract (Application Fee and Recording Fee)
<b>+/-10% in Value</b>							
109402	Lil Coal Bay	Ketchikan, AK	5.76	\$86,100	\$3,180	\$265	\$405
109407	Lil Coal Bay	Ketchikan, AK	5.37	\$85,600	\$2,964	\$265	\$405
109357	Lil Coal Bay	Ketchikan, AK	5.36	\$83,900	\$2,959	\$265	\$405
109359	Lil Coal Bay	Ketchikan, AK	4.28	\$78,000	\$2,363	\$265	\$405
107777	Clark Bay North	Hollis, AK	3.3	\$72,600	\$2,237	\$265	\$405
<b>+/-10% in Acres</b>							
109082	Coffman Loop, Phase II	Coffman Cove, AK	1.95	\$28,100	\$1,652	\$265	\$405
109092	Coffman Loop, Phase II	Coffman Cove, AK	1.94	\$28,100	\$1,643	\$265	\$405
109115	Coffman Loop, Phase II	Coffman Cove, AK	1.66	\$26,800	\$1,406	\$265	\$405
234366	Tip Levarg	Kasilof, AK	1.7	\$19,600	\$1,787	\$265	\$405
422298	Windy City	Fairbanks, AK	1.89	\$24,000	\$0	\$265	\$405
422299	Windy City	Fairbanks, AK	1.89	\$24,000	\$0	\$265	\$405

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Lot 16, Block 7, Wrangell Island West Subdivision, containing 4.581 acres. 2023 Borough Assessed Value \$68,900.							
ADL	Subdivision	Location	Acres	Appraised Value	Total Costs Reimbursed to the State	Admin Cost for Patent (Application Fee and Recording Fee)	Admin Cost for Contract (Application Fee and Recording Fee)
<b>+/-10% in Value</b>							
107777	Clark Bay North	Hollis, AK	3.3	\$72,600	\$2,237	\$265	\$405
224839	Kupreanof Peninsula Homestead	Kodiak, AK	19.83	\$69,800	\$416	\$265	\$405
234400	North Fork Micro Ag (residential)	Anchor Point, AK	13.87	\$66,900	\$3,828	\$265	\$405
<b>+/-10% in Acres</b>							
108844	Coffman Loop, Phase I	Coffman Cove, AK	4.36	\$35,800	\$16,315	\$265	\$405
109406	Lil Coal Bay	Ketchikan, AK	4.83	\$81,000	\$2,666	\$265	\$405
109359	Lil Coal Bay	Ketchikan, AK	4.28	\$78,000	\$2,363	\$265	\$405
109363	Lil Coal Bay	Ketchikan, AK	4.62	\$36,600	\$2,550	\$265	\$405
109364	Lil Coal Bay	Ketchikan, AK	5.01	\$37,400	\$2,766	\$265	\$405
204397	Willowcrest	Copper Center, AK	4.965	\$8,600	\$1,539	\$265	\$405
210757	Peters Creek	Trapper Creek, AK	4.967	\$23,600	\$1,500	\$265	\$405
419813	Cascaden	Livengood, AK	4.81	\$14,400	\$1,765	\$265	\$405
420194	Cascaden	Livengood, AK	5.038	\$16,600	\$1,849	\$265	\$405

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**ATTACHMENT C: PUBLIC NOTICE**

Requesting Input for  
Grants of Land After Natural Disaster:  
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**COMMENT AND APPLICATION PERIOD ENDS 5:00 PM, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2025**

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water (DNR DMLW) is conducting a public notice for the granting of state-owned land pursuant to AS 38.05.870 Grants of Land After Natural Disaster. Land grants may be issued to persons and municipal corporations after the Governor has formally declared a natural disaster severe enough to warrant state assistance to persons or municipal corporations. The grant land is used to replace land rendered unusable by the natural disaster for the purposes for which it was used before the natural disaster, as described in the Preliminary Decision document.

To obtain a copy of the Preliminary Decision, instructions on submitting comment, or an application for grant of state land, go to <http://landsales.alaska.gov/> 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 10AM and 5PM in Anchorage at 907-269-8400, Fairbanks at 907-451-2705, or the Southeast Land Office in Juneau at 907-465-3400 (TTY for the hearing impaired for all locations: 711 for Alaska relay or 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 4:00 PM, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2025.

Owners of the unusable lots described in the Preliminary Decision are eligible to submit an application for a grant of state land. **The deadline for application submission is 5:00 PM, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2025.** Applications may be received by email, fax, or postal mail. To submit an application or for direct inquiries, contact Denise Wiltse: [dnr.noncompland@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.noncompland@alaska.gov), fax # 907-500-9011, or P.O. Box 111020 Juneau, AK 99811. Within 30 days of receipt of the complete application and \$280 application filing fee, DMLW shall approve or disapprove the request. Within 30 days of the end of the public notice comment period, a Final Finding and Decision will be issued identifying approved applications, land to be granted, lottery procedures if appropriate, and any requirements remaining.

Pursuant to AS 38.05.945 Notice, the public is invited to submit comment on the Preliminary Decision. **The deadline for public comment is 5:00 PM, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 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. Written comment may be received by email, fax, or postal mail. To submit comments or for direct inquiries, contact Denise Wiltse: [dnr.noncompland@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.noncompland@alaska.gov), phone # 907-465-1240, or P.O. Box 111020 Juneau, AK 99811.

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

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