



PUBLIC NOTICE

**ADL 236624 – Creation of a Public Access Easement
ADL 234025 – Closure of Easements
ADL 234035 – Partial Realignment of RST 76
Donlin Gold LLC**

June 29, 2022

The Southcentral Regional Land Office has received an application for multiple actions relating to public access easements in connection with the Donlin mine project:

APPLICANT: Donlin Gold LLC

PROJECT NAME: Donlin Mine Public Access Project

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION: Donlin Creek

REQUESTED ACTIVITY:

- *ADL 236624*: A public access easement State-owned, DMLW-managed land approximately 13.5 miles long, 100 feet wide, with a total area of approximately 165 acres. The purpose of the proposed easement is to create an alternative route around the Donlin Core Operating Area (COA) during mine development, operation, and reclamation; this route would continue to provide an alternative route after mine reclamation is completed. This request would be adjudicated pursuant to AS 38.05.850.
- *ADL 234035*: Realignment of a portion of an un-platted R.S. 2477 right-of-way, serialized by DNR as RST 76, outside the COA. This request would be adjudicated pursuant 11 AAC 51.65(k).
- *ADL 234025*: Closure of FAS 231 and donated easements within the COA. The underlying landowners propose to donate to the State, a series of easements to provide for public access post the reclamation of the mine. The donated easements are intended to replace existing R.S. 2477s, currently proposed for vacation under EV 3-244. The donated easements will be legally present but unconstructed and unfixed by a survey. The donated easements will be closed during mine development, operation, and reclamation. Post-mine reclamation, these easements will be constructed, surveyed, and recorded. This request would be adjudicated pursuant to AS 38.04.058, and AS 38.05.035(a)(2) and (a)(7).

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:

The proposed easement is located within:

Section	Township	Range	Meridian
23, 26, 35	23 North	50 West	Seward
26, 25	24 North	49 West	Seward
21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 32, 35	24 North	48 West	Seward
2	23 North	48 West	Seward

The proposed realignment is located within:

	Section	Township	Range	Meridian
From:	10	23 North	48 West	Seward
To:	11	23 North	48 West	Seward

Donated easements closures are proposed within:

Donated Easement	Township	Range	Meridian
1	22 North	49 West	Seward
	22 North	50 West	
2	23 North	49 West	Seward
3	23 North	48 West	Seward
	23 North	49 West	
4	23 North	48 West	Seward
	23 North	49 West	
5	22 North	48 West	Seward
	23 North	48 West	
6	22 North	48 West	Seward
	22 North	49 West	

REQUESTED TERM:

- Closure of FAS 231 and donated easements within the COA: The applicant proposes that the donated easements be closed during the mine's development, operation, and reclamation.
- Authorization of a public easement across state land: Indefinite.
- Realignment of RST 76: In perpetuity.

DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS: August 15, 2022

SPECIAL NOTICE:

- This project and the associated documents are available for review online at <https://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/mining/large-mines/donlin/>
- Public Notice for the Donlin Mine Public Access project is being released simultaneously with the public notice for easement vacation EV 3-244. Please reference ADL 236624 when submitting written comments regarding the decisions outlined above. Comments regarding vacation of easements must be submitted separately and reference EV 3-244

The public is invited to comment on this activity. The purpose of this notice is to gather input before a decision is made on this activity. To ensure consideration, written comments must be received by the Division of Mining, Land and Water at, 550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 900C, Anchorage, Alaska 99501 on or before 11:59 p.m. on the date noted above. Questions concerning this activity or requests to view the full application packet should be directed to Stuart Greenfield, Telephone: (907) 269-5035; Fax: (907) 269-8901 or e-mail: dnr.scro.donlin@alaska.gov.

After review and adjudication, we may issue an authorization with stipulations for the activity. The activity may be modified during the review and adjudication process.

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