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Honorable Ken Salazar Secretary of the Interior 1849 C Street NW Washington, D.C. 20240

> Re: Mosquito Fork of the Forty Mile River; Tangle River, Tangle Lakes and Delta River

Dear Secretary Salazar:

The State of Alaska intends to file real property quiet title actions as to the submerged lands described below:

Mosquito Fork of the Forty Mile River System:

Mosquito Fork from its headwaters in Sec. 2, T. 25 N., R. 8 E., Copper River Meridian to its confluence with Dennison fork within Sec. 8, T. 26 N., R. 18 E., Copper River Meridian.

Tangle River, Tangle Lakes and Delta River System:

Tangle River from its source within Sec. 34, T. 14 N., R. 6 W., Copper River Meridian, to and through Tangle Lakes to its confluence with the Delta River within Sec. 25, T. 20 S., R. 9 E., Fairbanks Meridian; Tangle Lakes and Lower Tangle Lakes from the uppermost unnamed lake with inlet within Section 25, T. 22 S., R. 8 E., Fairbanks Meridian, to its confluence with the Delta River within Sec. 25, T. 20 S., R. 9 E., Fairbanks Meridian, including Upper Tangle Lake, Round Tangle Lake, Long Tangle Lake and Lower Tangle Lake; and the Delta River from its headwaters in Tangle Lakes in Sec. 25, T. 20 S., R. 9 E., Fairbanks Meridian, to its confluence

with the Tanana River within Sec. 6, T. 9 S., R. 10 E., Fairbanks Meridian.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2409a(m), the State of Alaska is providing notice of its intent to sue not less than one hundred and eighty days before bringing the quiet title action. Title to these lands passed to Alaska at statehood based on the equal footing doctrine, the Submerged Lands Act, 43 U.S.C. §§ 1301 *et seq.*, and the Alaska Statehood Act, 72 Stat. 339, 48 U.S.C. note preceding § 21.

Sincerely,

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