June 8, 2005

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Re: Amendment of the State’s Recordable Disclaimer of Interest Applications

Dear Mr. Bisson,

Pursuant to 43 CFR §1864, the State of Alaska has filed applications for Recordable Disclaimers of Interests for the lands underlying the following waterbodies: Wood River and Lakes System (AA-085089); Tazlina Lake and River (AA-085086); Kasilof River (AA-85446); Salcha River (FF-94263); Stikine River (AA-85787); Chilkoot River and Lake (AA-85442); Chilkat River (AA-85444); Chilkat Lake (AA-85443); Tskiru River (AA-85447); and Klehini River (AA-85445).

In all of the individual applications for Recordable Disclaimers of Interest previously filed, the State claimed ownership of the submerged lands by virtue of the Equal Footing Doctrine. In addition, some of the applications claimed ownership of the bed of the waterbody based on the State’s ownership of the adjacent uplands. The State hereby amends all its outstanding applications for Recordable Disclaimers of Interest to claim ownership based on the Equal Footing Doctrine; the Submerged Lands Act of May 22, 1953; the Alaska Statehood Act; the Submerged Lands Act of 1988; or any other legally cognizable reason. This amendment will permit the BLM to disclaim interest in the submerged lands on any of the grounds that may apply.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner

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