

ATTACHMENT D. DRAFT MINERAL ORDER (CLOSING)

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

MINERAL ORDER No. 1164

 X **Closing Lands to Mineral Entry** _____ Opening Lands to Mineral Entry

I. Name of Mineral Order: Monument Creek Remote Recreational Cabin Sites – ADL 229343

II. Reason for Mineral Order: This Mineral Order is based upon the attached *Finding of the Commissioner* and the written justification contained in the following:

Susitna Matanuska Area Plan, adopted (2011)

Preliminary Decision, Monument Creek Remote Recreational Cabin Sites – ADL 229343, September 29, 2014 and the subsequent Final Finding and Decision for same

Land Sale pursuant to AS 38.05.035(e)

III. Authority: AS 38.05.185 and AS 38.05.300.

IV. Location and Legal Description: Located within the Department's Southcentral Region along the south side of the Matanuska River, approximately 35 miles east of Palmer and 16 miles east of Chickaloon, the project area is within the Matanuska-Susitna Borough. The project area is further described as:

- Township 19 North, Range 8 East, Seward Meridian,
 - Section 1: all;
 - Section 2: E1/2, NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4 and SE1/4SW1/4, lying 200 feet east of the OHW of Gravel Creek;
 - Section 3: SW1/4NW1/4, W1/2SW1/4, and W1/2E1/2SW1/4, lying 200 feet west of the OHW of Gravel Creek and 100 feet south of the logging road;
 - Section 4: S1/2NE1/4, NW1/4NE1/4, W1/2, lying 300 feet south of the OHW of the Matanuska River and 100 feet south of the logging road, and SE1/4;
 - Section 5: all, lying 300 feet south of the OHW of the Matanuska River;
 - Section 6: all, lying 300 feet south of the OHW of the Matanuska River;
 - Section 11: NE1/4NE1/4 and NE1/4NW1/4NE1/4, lying 200 feet east of the OHW of Gravel Creek; and
 - Section 12: E1/2, NW1/4, and NE1/4SW1/4, lying 200 feet east of the OHW of Gravel Creek;
- Township 19 North, Range 9 East, Seward Meridian,
 - Section 6: all; and
 - Section 7: all;
- Township 20 North, Range 8 East, Seward Meridian,

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- Section 33: S1/2, lying 300 feet south of the OHW of the Matanuska River and 100 feet south of the logging road; and
- Section 35: all, lying 300 feet south of the ridgeline.

V. Mineral Order: This order is subject to valid existing rights and is issued under the authority granted by AS 38.05.185 – AS 38.05.275 to the Alaska Department of Natural Resources. In accordance with AS 38.05.185(a), I find that the best interests of the State of Alaska and its residents are served by closure of the land described in this mineral order to entry under mineral location and mining laws of the State of Alaska. The above described lands are hereby **closed** to entry under the locatable mineral and mining laws of the State of Alaska.

Concurrence by: Brent Goodrum
Director
Division of Mining, Land, and Water
Department of Natural Resources
State of Alaska

Date

Approved by: Joseph R. Balash
Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources
State of Alaska

Date