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**ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY DECISION  
LEASE AMENDMENT  
ADL 108979  
HAINES HUTS**

In accordance with AS 38.05.035, the Division of Mining, Land and Water (DMLW) has issued a preliminary decision to amend a 10-year public and charitable lease to Haines Huts ("Applicant") for 2.6 acres of state-owned land within the Haines State Forest, along the southern flank of Mt. Tukgahgo, Haines, Alaska. The applicant plans to construct a 16-foot by 20-foot public use backcountry cabin and a 4-foot by 4-foot outhouse for the Haines community. The applicant was issued an Entry Authorization for the requested activity in 2019. In 2021, DMLW received an application requesting to amend the location of the proposed lease to reduce impacts to wildlife, which is the subject of this decision. All other aspects of the applicant's requested activity remain the same.

Public notice of this preliminary written decision will be posted on the Alaska Public Notice System website for 30 calendar days. The public may provide written comments to DMLW during that time. Additionally, notice of this preliminary decision will be given to adjacent landowners. The Haines Post Office will also be requested to post the notice of this preliminary decision.

The public is invited to comment on this preliminary decision. Written comments must be received by DNR no later than 5:00 p.m. October 3rd, 2022. All comments must be submitted to: DNR, Division of Mining, Land and Water, Southeastern Regional Office by mail at 400 Willoughby Avenue, P.O. Box 111020, Juneau, AK 99811-1020, by fax at 907-465-3886, or by electronic mail to [megan.hillgartner@alaska.gov](mailto:megan.hillgartner@alaska.gov) in order to ensure consideration. Please include your mailing address and telephone contact. In order to establish appeal rights regarding this decision, you are required by law to meaningfully participate in the decision process by commenting on the decision, in writing, prior to the comment deadline. Following the deadline, all timely written comments will be considered, and DNR may modify this decision based on public comments received.

The names of commenters and comments received will be part of the public record.

If DNR determines that public comments in response to this notice indicate the need for significant changes to the decision, additional public notice will be given. If no significant changes are required, the preliminary decision, after any necessary minor changes, will be issued as a final decision. A copy of the final decision, along with instructions on filing an appeal, will be sent to all persons who comment on the preliminary decision. Persons who do not submit written comments during the comment period will have no legal right to appeal the final decision.

The Division of Mining, Land and Water reserves the right to waive technical defects in this publication.

Post through: **October 3rd, 2022**