

EXTENSION OF PUBLIC NOTICE:
Proposed relinquishment of selected State Entitlement Lands –
University of Alaska land selection, Ester Dome
PROPOSED RELINQUISHMENT

January 26, 2024

On December 19th, 2023, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Division of Mining, Land and Water (DMLW), Realty Services Section, published a 30-day public notice soliciting comment on a proposed relinquishment of state selected lands. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is proposing to relinquish the State's entitlement land selection on those lands within the University of Alaska's Ester Dome selection, totaling approximately 316.65, to facilitate conveyance of the lands to the University of Alaska.

The purpose of this notice is to extend the public comment period for University of Alaska's Ester Dome selection for an additional 30 days to allow more time for public comment. The new deadline for submitting public comment is 4:00 pm on February 29th, 2024.

The public is invited to comment on this activity. The purpose of this notice is to gather input before a decision is made. To ensure consideration, written comments must be emailed directly to the adjudicator at cody.feldman@alaska.gov, or mailed to the Division of Mining, Land and Water at Department of Natural Resources Division of Mining, Land, and Water, Realty Services Section, Attention: Cody Feldman, 550 W. 7th Ave., Suite 1050A, Anchorage, Alaska, 99501 on or before 4:00 p.m. on the date noted above. Questions concerning this activity should be directed to Cody Feldman at cody.feldman@alaska.gov or 907-269-5515.

Individuals or agencies that have already submitted comments need not respond again unless they have additional comments.

This notice and any future decisions on this proposed action are available on the State of Alaska online public notice portal: <http://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/>. For assistance in obtaining documents by an alternative method, to request auxiliary aids, services, or special accommodations, contact DNR's Public Information Centers on State work days, Monday through Friday, between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in Anchorage at (907) 269-8400, Fairbanks at (907) 451-2705, Southeast Land Office in Juneau at (907) 465-3400, TTY: 711 for Alaska Relay or 1-800-770-8973, or go to <http://dnr.alaska.gov/commis/pic/> for additional contact information. Individuals who require special assistance must request assistance from the Public Information Center in Anchorage no later than 3:00 p.m., September 1, 2023.

The DMLW reserves the right to waive technical defects in this notice.



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Department of Natural Resources

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January 26, 2024

Dear Interested Party or Nearby Landowner:

Pursuant to *Alaska Statutes 38.05.945* and *38.05.035*, public notice is being conducted for a proposed relinquishment of state entitlement lands located near Ester Dome. You are invited to comment on the proposed relinquishment. Comments must be received on or before **4:00 pm, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024**, to ensure consideration. Written comments can be received in writing at:

State of Alaska, DNR Realty Services Section
Attention: Cody Feldman
550 W. 7th Ave. Suite 1050-A
Anchorage, AK 99501-3576

Comments can also be received by email to cody.feldman@alaska.gov.

Enclosed is the public notice for your reference.

Sincerely,

Cody Feldman
Natural Resource Specialist 3

Enclosure: Public Notice



PUBLIC NOTICE

Requesting Input on a Proposed Relinquishment of State Entitlement Lands

Comment Period Ends 4:00 PM, February 29, 2024

This notice is extending the public comment period by 30 days.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is proposing to relinquish the State's entitlement land selection of surface and subsurface estates for the lands listed below. A location map is available on page Attachment A of this notice. The lands are not currently owned by the State, they are under federal management and ownership. The purpose of relinquishment is to facilitate University of Alaska land selections under the Consolidate Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2023 and the University of Alaska Fiscal Foundation Act.

Lands to be relinquished:

T. 1 N., R. 2 W., F.M.
Sec. 30, Lots 1-12

Containing approximately 316.65 acres.

As authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2023 and the University of Alaska Fiscal Foundation Act, the Bureau of Land Management may convey up to 360,000 acres of land to the University of Alaska. The land available for conveyance is land that has been selected by the State of Alaska pursuant to section 6(b) of the Alaska Statehood Act. If the State and the University jointly identify the land to be conveyed to the University, the State may conditionally relinquish its selection, and the Bureau of Land Management will convey the land to the University. The University of Alaska has selected the land identified above and requests the State to consider relinquishment of its selection interests.

Alaska Statute (AS) 38.05.035 allows for disposals of interests in state lands, and AS 38.05.945 provides procedures for notice of those disposals.

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The public is invited to submit comments. If commenting on more than one proposed action, separate comments should be submitted for each. **The deadline for public comment is 4:00 PM, February 29, 2024.** Only persons from whom the Department of Natural Resources receives timely, written comment during the identified comment period will be eligible to request reconsideration of the decision. Written comments may be received by email or postal mail. To submit comments or for direct inquiries, contact Cody Feldman at cody.feldman@alaska.gov or 907-269-5515.

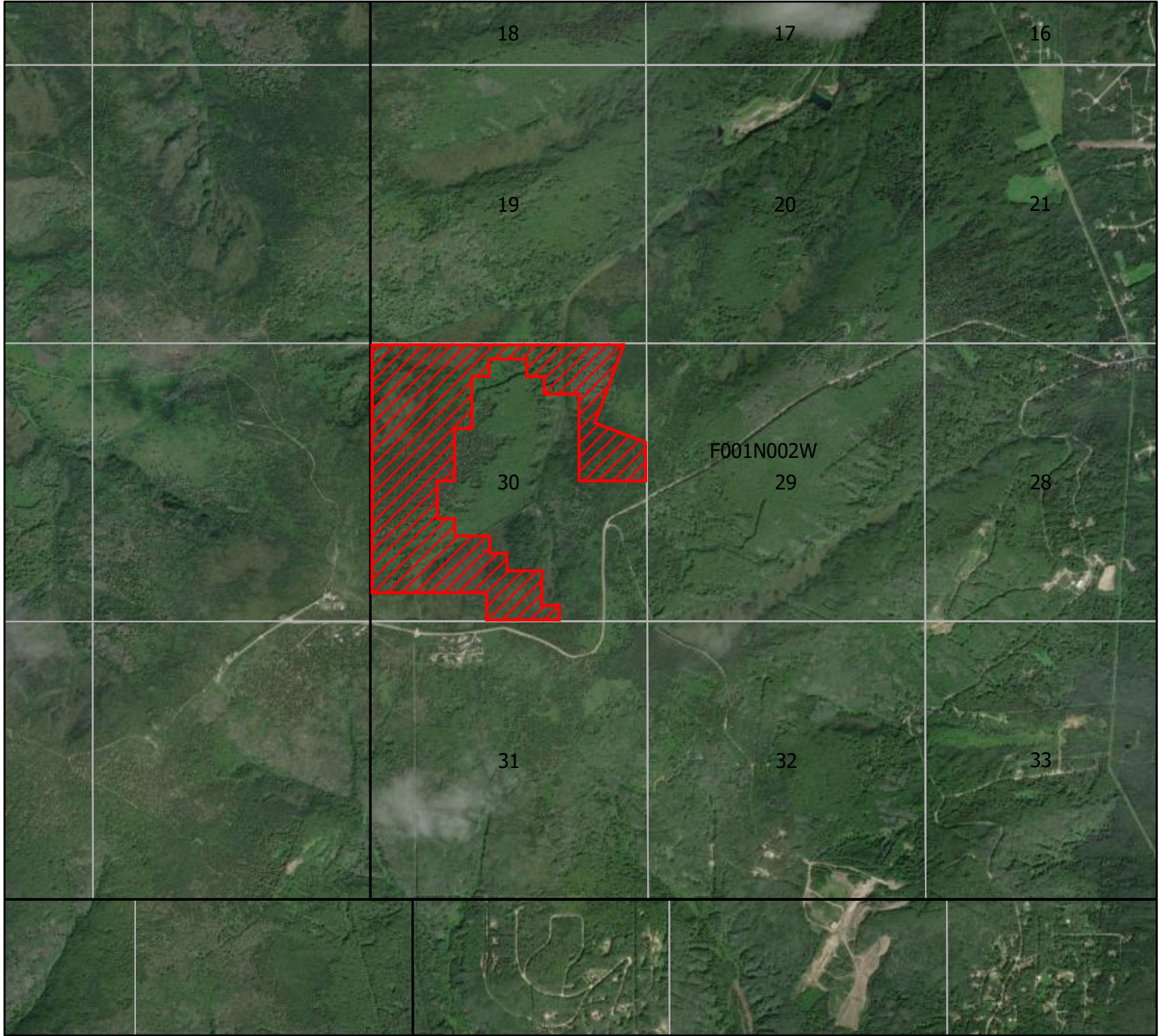
After public input is considered, the decision will be issued without further notice. A copy of the decision will be sent to any persons who provided input, and a copy will be posted on the States online public notice portal <http://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/>. To subscribe to the State's online public notice portal, visit the link and set up an email or RSS subscription using available criteria.

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Fairbanks Meridian
Township 2 N., Range 1 E.
Section 30

Attachment A: Vicinity Map
University of Alaska
Ester Dome Selection



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