

STATE OF ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF MINING, LAND & WATER
SOUTHCENTRAL REGIONAL LAND OFFICE

**AMENDED
RENEWAL DECISION
ADL 226872**

Ray Paniwozik dba Hurtle Creek Outfitters
AS 38.05.070(b), AS 38.05.070(e)

This Amended Renewal Decision complements and updates the Renewal Decision (RD) dated July 25, 2025.

History:

The lands within which this lease resides were selected by the State of Alaska in 1972 under application AA-6800 and later granted tentative approval in October of 2012. Prior to conveyance to the State, the lands were managed by BLM, during which time a previous individual held leases and permits on the affected lands dating back to 1995. This authorization was first initiated in 2013 after receiving an application from Hurtle Creek Outfitters (HCO). Although SCRO's 2014 Final Finding and Decision was appealed, that appeal was denied, and a lease was issued with an effective date of January 1, 2015. The site passed a field inspection in 2014 prior to lease issuance.

On October 10th, 2024, HCO applied to renew the lease for 10 additional years. HCO is the current lessee for ADL 226872, which is set to expire at midnight December 31, 2025.

Changes to the Decision:

The "History" and "Authorization and Term Length" paragraphs are revised as follows.

Following issuance of the July 25, 2025 Renewal Decision, it was discovered that the previous, existing lease was erroneously issued for an 11-year term length. That Renewal Decision also erroneously listed the start date of the new lease term as 1 January 2025, rather than 1 January 2026. This Amended Renewal Decision serves to identify the errors and move forward with an appropriate 10-year term.

Authorization and Term Length:

Pursuant to AS 38.05.070(e) leases may only be renewed once and for a duration no longer than the original lease term. As such, this renewal lease will be issued for an additional 10-year term. Unless an appeal is received, the lease term will begin upon **1 January 2026**.

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Recommendation:

SCRO has completed a review of the information provided by the applicant, examined the relevant land management documents, and has found the proposed lease is consistent with all applicable statutes and regulations. SCRO recommends the issuance of another 10-year lease to support Ray Paniwozik dba Hurtle Creek Outfitters commercial recreational activities as they provide private recreation which enhances public recreation opportunities.



09/05/2025

Leiana Cox, Natural Resource Specialist 2

Date

Division of Mining, Land and Water, Southcentral Regional Land Office

Decision:

The findings presented above have been reviewed and considered. The case file has been found to be complete and the requirements of all applicable statutes and regulations have been satisfied. SCRO finds that it is in the best interests of the State to renew this lease as described under the authority of AS 38.05.070(e).



9/4/2025

Todd Derks, Natural Resource Specialist 4

Date

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Appeal:

An eligible person affected by this decision may appeal to the DNR Commissioner per AS 44.37.011 and 11 AAC 02. Any appeal must be received within twenty (20) calendar days after issuance of this decision under 11 AAC 02.040. An eligible person must first appeal a decision to the Commissioner before seeking relief in superior court. The Alaska Court System establishes its own rules for timely appealing final administrative orders and decisions of the department. Appeals may be mailed or hand-delivered to the DNR Commissioner's Office, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1400, Anchorage, Alaska, 99501; or faxed to (907)-269-8918; or sent by electronic mail to dnr.appeals@alaska.gov. Appeals must be accompanied by the fee established in 11 AAC 05.160(d)(1)(F), which has been set at \$200 under the provisions of 11 AAC 05.160 (a)-(b). A copy of 11 AAC 02 is available on the department's website at <https://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/pdf/DNR-11-AAC-02.pdf>.