

## **Department of Natural Resources**

DIVISION OF MINING, LAND & WATER Resource Assessment & Development Section

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Subject: Draft Mineral Order (Closing) – Public Comment Period

Dear Interested Party,

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has issued multiple draft Mineral Closing Orders (MO) for public review and comment. These MOs would close certain lands to mineral entry along the James Dalton Highway as described by Mineral Orders: 1292, 1293, 1294, 1295, 1296, 1297, 1298, 1299, 1300, 1301, 1302, 1303, 1304, 1305, 1306, 1307, 1308, 1309, 1310, 1311, 1312, 1313, 1314, 1315, 1316, 1317, 1318, 1319, 1320, 1321, 1322, 1323, 1324, 1325, 1326, 1327. The total amount of land affected by these orders is more specifically described in each of the draft mineral orders at the URL below.

Under AS 38.05.185 and AS 38.05.300, the Department of Natural Resources may close lands to mineral entry where current and proposed land uses are determined to be incompatible with mining activity. Once approved, these mineral orders would close state-owned lands and are intended to close state-selected lands currently withdrawn under Public Land Order 5150 upon conveyance to the state.

Your written comments are encouraged during this public comment period. To facilitate your review and comment, the draft Mineral Order is available online at:

<u>Mineral Order (Closing) – Public Comment Period - Alaska Online Public Notices</u>. You may also use the short URL http://notice.alaska.gov/221850

Comments on the draft MO must be received in writing no later than DECEMBER 29, 2025 by mail or email to the addresses listed below:

DNR, DMLW

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Thank you for your participation.

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