

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

DRAFT MINERAL ORDER
MO 1268

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

I. Name: Mineral Order MO 1268 related to the Alexander Creek Odd Lot
Subdivision – ADL 232474

II. Reason for Mineral Order: This Mineral Order is based upon the attached *Commissioner's Administrative Finding*, applicable statutes, and the written justification contained in the following:

Susitna Matanuska Area Plan, adopted (2011)
Preliminary Decision, Alexander Creek Odd Lot Subdivision – ADL 232474, February 18,
2026, and the subsequent Final Finding and Decision for same

III. Authority: AS 38.05.185 Generally and AS 38.05.300 Classification of Land.

IV. Location and Legal Description: Lot 5 of U.S. Survey No. 3733, Alaska, containing 4.99 acres more or less, according to the Survey Plat accepted by the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management in Washington, D.C. on January 19, 1965.

V. Mineral Order: This order is subject to valid existing rights and is issued under the authority granted by AS 38.05.185 Generally – AS 38.05.275 Recognition of Locations and AS 38.05.300 Classification of Land to the Alaska Department of Natural Resources. In accordance with AS 38.05.185(a) Generally, 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.

Concur:

Christianna Colles, Director
Division of Mining, Land and Water
Department of Natural Resources

Date

Approved:

John Crowther, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

Date

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**DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE FINDING
MINERAL ORDER MO 1268
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ALEXANDER CREEK ODD LOT SUBDIVISION

Pursuant to AS 38.05.035 Powers and Duties of the Director, the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land, and Water proposes to issue a Final Finding and Decision to convey State-owned land into private ownership within the Alexander Creek Odd Lot project area (ADL 232474). As noted in the Preliminary Decision – Proposed Land Offering Alexander Creek Odd Lot Subdivision – ADL 232474, issued February 18, 2026, the project area is designated Settlement within unit M-18 of the Susitna Matanuska Area Plan. In accordance with the area plan, DMLW proposes to close the entire project area to mineral entry. The attached mineral order includes the legal description of area to be closed to mineral entry.

The Division of Mining, Land, and Water requests the mineral estate of approximately 4.99 acres, identified in the attached mineral order, be closed to mineral entry and location, in accordance with AS 38.05.300 Classification of Land for a land disposal. Mining activity on the project area would be incompatible with the current and proposed land estate uses. The land does not contain any known mineral deposits and was not selected for mineral values. There are no mining claims on the land.

Public notice of the comment period for the proposed mineral order is being conducted in accordance with AS 38.05.945 Notice. Review of comments will be addressed in the final document.

In accordance with AS 38.05.185(a) Generally and AS 38.05.300 Classification of Land, I find that the best interests of the State of Alaska and its residents are served by closure of the land to entry under the mineral location and mining laws of the State of Alaska as described by Mineral Order MO 1268.

Approved:

John Crowther, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

Date