

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

DRAFT MINERAL ORDER No. 1335

 X Closing Lands to Mineral Entry _____ Opening Lands to Mineral Entry

- I. Name of Mineral Order: Proposed Noncompetitive Conveyance to Matanuska-Susitna Borough – ADL 234738
- 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 (2011); and
 - Preliminary Decision, Proposed Noncompetitive Conveyance to Public and Charitable Applicant – ADL 234738, April 23, 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: Located within DNR’s Southcentral Region, within the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, more specifically described as:
- Lots 3 and 4, Block 26, U.S. Survey No. 1260, Talkeetna Townsite, according to the plat approved by the United States Department of the Interior, General Land Office in Washington D.C., on August 22, 1919, containing 1.42 acres, more or less.
- V. Mineral Order: This order is subject to valid existing rights and is issued under the authority granted by *AS 38.05.185 – AS 38.05.275* and *AS 38.05.300* to the Alaska Department of Natural Resources. In accordance with *AS 38.05.185(a)*, I find that the best interests of the State of Alaska and its residents are served by the closure of the lands 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-designee
Department of Natural Resources
Date _____

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DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE FINDING
MINERAL ORDER NO. 1335
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**Proposed Noncompetitive Conveyance to Matanuska-Susitna
Borough
ADL 234738**

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 (DMLW) proposes to issue a Final Finding and Decision to convey State-owned land into borough ownership through a noncompetitive conveyance, ADL 234738. As noted in the Preliminary Decision – Matanuska-Susitna Borough Noncompetitive Sale, issued April 23, 2026, the subject parcel is within Unit S-22 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 the area to be closed to mineral entry.

DMLW requests the mineral estate of approximately 1.42 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 land disposal. Mining activity on the subject parcel would be incompatible with the current and proposed land estate use. The land does not contain any known mineral deposits and was not selected for mineral value. There are no mining claims on the land.

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

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 the closure of the land to entry under the mineral location and mining laws of the State of Alaska, as described by Mineral Order (Closing) No. 1335.

Approved:

John Crowther, Commissioner-designee
Department of Natural Resources

Date