

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

DRAFT MINERAL ORDER No. 1346

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

I. Name of Mineral Order: Noncompetitive Sale for Public and Charitable Use – Alaska Housing Finance Corporation – ADL 422800

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:

- Eastern Tanana Area Plan (adopted 2015)
- Preliminary Decision, Proposed Noncompetitive Sale to Public and Charitable Use Applicant – ADL 422800, July 29, 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 Northern Region, within the Fairbanks North Star Borough, more specifically described as:

ADL 422800: LOT 5, SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST, FAIRBANKS MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY PLAT APPROVED BY THE U.S. SURVEYOR GENERAL'S OFFICE IN JUNEAU, ALASKA ON AUGUST 6, 1919, CONTAINING 30.92 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
Department of Natural Resources

Date

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**DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE FINDING
MINERAL ORDER NO. 1346
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**Alaska Housing Finance Corporation Noncompetitive Sale for Public
and Charitable Use – ADL 422800**

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 to the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation through a Noncompetitive Sale to Public and Charitable Use Applicant (ADL 422800). As noted in the Preliminary Decision – A Proposed Noncompetitive Sale to Public and Charitable Use Applicant, issued July 29, 2026, the subject parcel is within Unit F-147 of the Fairbanks region of the Eastern Tanana Area Plan. In accordance with the area plan, DMLW proposes to close the entirety of the subject parcel 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 30.92 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 values. 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 lands to entry under the mineral location and mining laws of the State of Alaska as described by Mineral Order (Closing) No. 1346.

Approved:

John Crowther, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

Date