STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Division of Mining, Land and Water

APPLICATION FOR EASEMENT

AS 38.05.850

ADL# 234961
(to be filled in by State)

Applications that are submitted with unfilled sections or inadequate explanation and/or without application fees, a location figure and/or a completed Division of Mining, Land and Water (DMLW) Environmental Risk Questionnaire will be deemed incomplete. Incomplete applications will be returned without review. See DMLW's current fee regulations (11 AAC 05) and associated Director's Fee Order for applicable non-refundable fee amounts. The filing of an application does not guarantee processing or approval of the requested authorization.

Applicant: Alaska Division of Forestry & Fire Protection Doing Business As: _____

Agent: (if applicable; attach record of authorization to represent) Stephen Nickel, Mat-Su/Southwest Area Forester

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General Location: Houston/Meadow Lakes Municipality: Mat-Su Borough

Section(s): 1-6,10,11,16 Township: 18N Range: 3W Meridian: Seward

Section(s): 10,16,17 Township: 18N Range: 2W Meridian: Seward -see development plan

Attach a location figure, plan drawing or survey that shows the detailed location of the requested easement in relation to adjoining property boundaries and reference points. All features must be labeled.

Dimensions requested (Complete line 1 for a lineal easement or line 2 for an easement with an irregular shape):

1. Length: (feet) 89,804 Width: (feet) 200 feet

2. Area: 412 Are units in ☐ square feet or ☒ acres? (check one)

Term requested and rationale: Indefinite, intent is for long-term access for forest management

Are you applying for a ☒ public or a ☐ private easement? (check one) Rationale:
Formalize access to state-owned lands for forest management, and secure public access to state land.

Development plan summary/specific purpose of easement: (e.g., electric utility, fiber-optic cable, road, bridge, airstrip/airport, driveway, trail, drainage). This information will be used to determine the scope of use of the easement.

The purpose of this easement application is to formalize access to state lands classified for forestry use to sustain forest management activity by the Division, protecting decades of investments from the timber industry and DFFP into this road network. This easement application is for the constructed forest roads depicted in the attached map, and are located in S18N3W Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11,16 and S18N2W Sections 9,10,16,17, and S19N3W Sections 31, 32.

See attachments for additional information.

Is this an existing use? ☒ Yes ☐ No. If yes, explain extent and duration of use to date:

Yes. This road network has provided DFFP access for forest management activities since the 1980's. It also provides access to Mat-Su Borough Lands that support timber sales and forest management. The road is part of a regional network of trails supporting multiple forms of recreation including valuable training grounds for mushers.

Describe plans for initial construction. Be detailed. Include a list of authorizations for portions of the project that are proposed for construction on adjoining lands, other permitting, and/or third-party non-objections: (Use extra sheets as needed)

No new construction or roadwork is planned. The roads included in this application are already built and in use. These gravel roads receive periodic maintenance to maintain the running surface, sight lines and proper drainage. Summer 2027 is the next interval for evaluating road maintenance needs.

The Zero Lake Road mainline is constructed within a platted Right of Way terminating at the northern border of section 9 of S18N3W.

DFFP will apply for an easement with the Mat-Su Borough for the segment of existing forestry road located in the northeast corner of section 9. No additional authorizations are anticipated.

Anticipated construction timeframe: No construction planned at this time.

If this authorization is granted, I agree to construct and maintain the authorized improvements in an acceptable manner, and to keep the area in a neat and sanitary condition; to comply with all the laws, rules, and regulations pertaining thereto; and provided further that upon termination of the easement for which application is being made, I agree to remove or relocate the improvements and restore the area without cost to the State and to the satisfaction of DMLW.

Applicant's Signature Stephen Nickel Digitally signed by Stephen Nickel Date: 2026.11.06 16:23:14 -09'00' Date: November 6, 2026

This form must be filled out completely and submitted with the applicable fees. Failure to do so will result in a delay in processing. AS 38.05.035(a) authorizes the director to decide what information is needed to process an application for the sale or use of state land and resources. This information is made a part of the state public land records and becomes public information under AS 40.25.110 and 40.25.120 (unless the information qualifies for confidentiality under AS 38.05.035(a)(8) and confidentiality is requested, AS 43.05.230, or AS 45.48). Public information is open to inspection by you or any member of the public. A person who is the subject of the information may challenge its accuracy or completeness under AS 44.99.310, by giving a written description of the challenged information, the changes needed to correct it, and a name and address where the person can be reached. False statements made in an application for a benefit are punishable under AS 11.56.210.

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Receipt Types:
- ☐ **13A Pipeline Easement**
- ☐ **13 Other Easement**

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APPLICANT ENVIRONMENTAL RISK QUESTIONNAIRE

ADL # 234961 *(assigned by DNR)* Date 11.6.2026

Applicant *(should match business license)* Alaska Division of Forestry & Fire Protection

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Does the applicant have a current Alaska business license? ☐ Yes ☐ No License # _____

Type of license (partnership, LLC, corporation, etc.)? _____

Describe the proposed use of and activity on the state land:

The purpose of this easement application is to formalize access to state lands classified for forestry use and to sustain forest management activity by the Division of Forestry & Fire Protection, concurrent with multiple use management intent. Forest management activities include providing public firewood cutting opportunities, commercial timber operations that include cutting and hauling of timber and associated road construction/maintenance, reforestation, and forest health monitoring and research projects.This road system is regularly used by the public to access an established network of regional trails for recreation and is anticipated to continue and may increase over time as timber sale activity expands and the local population grows.

In the course of your proposed activity will you generate, use, store, transport, dispose of, or otherwise come in contact with toxic and/or hazardous materials, and/or hydrocarbons? ☑ Yes ☐ No. If yes, please list the substances and the associated quantities. Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

No toxic or hazardous materials will be generated or disposed of on-site, however, hydrocarbons associated with equipment needed for timber harvest and forest management operations and road construction or maintenance, such as gasoline/saw mix, diesel fuel, bar oil, hydraulic oil, coolant and transmission fluid will be present while the equipment is on-site. Quantities of these fluids vary by equipment type and size and will be contained in/on the equipment. No bulk storage tanks are anticipated with this proposal, however, the use and transport of small quantities of stated fluids in manufacturer-provided containers to maintain fluid levels in equipment is anticipated.

If the proposed activities involve any storage tanks, either above or below ground, address the following questions for each tank. Please use a separate sheet of paper, if necessary, and, where appropriate, include maps or plats:

a) Where will the tank be located?

No storage tanks are proposed.

b) What will be stored in the tank?

Not applicable, no storage tanks are proposed.

c) What will the tank's size be in gallons?

Not applicable, no storage tanks are proposed.

d) What will the tank be used for? (Commercial or residential purposes?)

Not applicable, no storage tanks are proposed.

e) Will the tank be tested for leaks? ☐ Yes ☐ No

f) Will the tank be equipped with secondary containment? ☐ Yes ☐ No. If yes, describe:

Not applicable, no storage tanks are proposed.

g) Will the tank be equipped with leak detection devices? ☐ Yes ☐ No. If yes, describe:

Not applicable, no storage tanks are proposed.

Do you know or have any reason to suspect that the site may have been previously contaminated? ■ Yes ☐ No.
If yes, please explain:

Contamination associated with an informal shooting range may be present in 18N3W section 16

I certify that due diligence has been exercised and proper inquiries made in completing this questionnaire, and that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Stephen Nickel

Applicant Name

Stephen Nickel Digitally signed by Stephen Nickel Date: 2026.11.06 16:26:27 -09'00' November 6, 2026

Applicant Signature Date

Mat-Su/Southwest Area Forester, State of Alaska, Dept of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry & Fire Protection

Agency, Municipality, or Organization and Position Title (if applicable)

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