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APPLICATION FOR AN INTERAGENCY LAND MANAGEMENT ASSIGNMENT
AS 38.05.020(B)(2)

Date 10/23/2026 ADL # _____

Agency Name Alaska Division of Forestry & Fire Protection

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Legal Description/Location of application site: N 1/2 and the SW 1/4 of Section 16

Meridian Seward, Township 18N, Range 3W, Section _____, _____ 1/4 _____ 1/4

Meridian _____, Township _____, Range _____, Section _____, _____ 1/4 _____ 1/4

Municipality Matanuska-Susitna Borough

Applicable to easements/rights-of-way only:

Total length within application area: _____ feet;

Total width within application area: _____ feet;

Total acreage within application area: 480 acres

Purpose of ILMA: Maintain existing Experimental Forest for continued research and demonstration purposes.

Statutory and/or regulatory authority to manage State lands: AS 41.17.10, AS 41.17.030, AS 41.17.055

Is infrastructure ☐ already or ☐ to be constructed at the site applied for? ☐ Yes ■ No.

What capital investment is to be made at the site? $Road maintenance

Will the site applied for be restricted or closed to public use? ☐ Yes ■ No

Planned construction start date N/A and planned completion date _____

Other permits or authorizations applied for in conjunction with this proposed project:

This application is intended to complete efforts initiated in 2016 to convert management authority for this experimental forest from a lease to an interagency land management agreement, case file ADL 220524.

DFFP is applying for an easement for the forestry roads originating from Zero Lake Road.

_____	10/23/2026
Signature of Authorized Representative, Title	Date

*** Include a map or sketch plat, showing location of proposed activities in relation to survey monumentation or fixed geographical features, that fully illustrates the intended use, including the location of buildings and improvements and access points, labeled with all dimensions, and a development plan providing a complete list of proposed activities.**

In submitting this form, the applicant certifies that no changes have been made to the original text of the form or any attached documents provided by the Division.

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, or qualifies for confidentiality under AS 43.05.230, AS 45.48, or other state or federal laws. Public information is open to inspection by you or any member of the public. A person who is the subject of the personal information may challenge its accuracy or completeness under AS 40.25.310, 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. In submitting this form, the applicant agrees with the Department to use "electronic" means to conduct "transactions" (as those terms are used in the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, AS 09.80.010 – AS 09.80.195) that relate to this form and that the Department need not retain the original paper form of this record: the Department may retain this record as an electronic record and destroy the original.

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Mike Pacock Experimental Forest ILMA Application

Development Plan

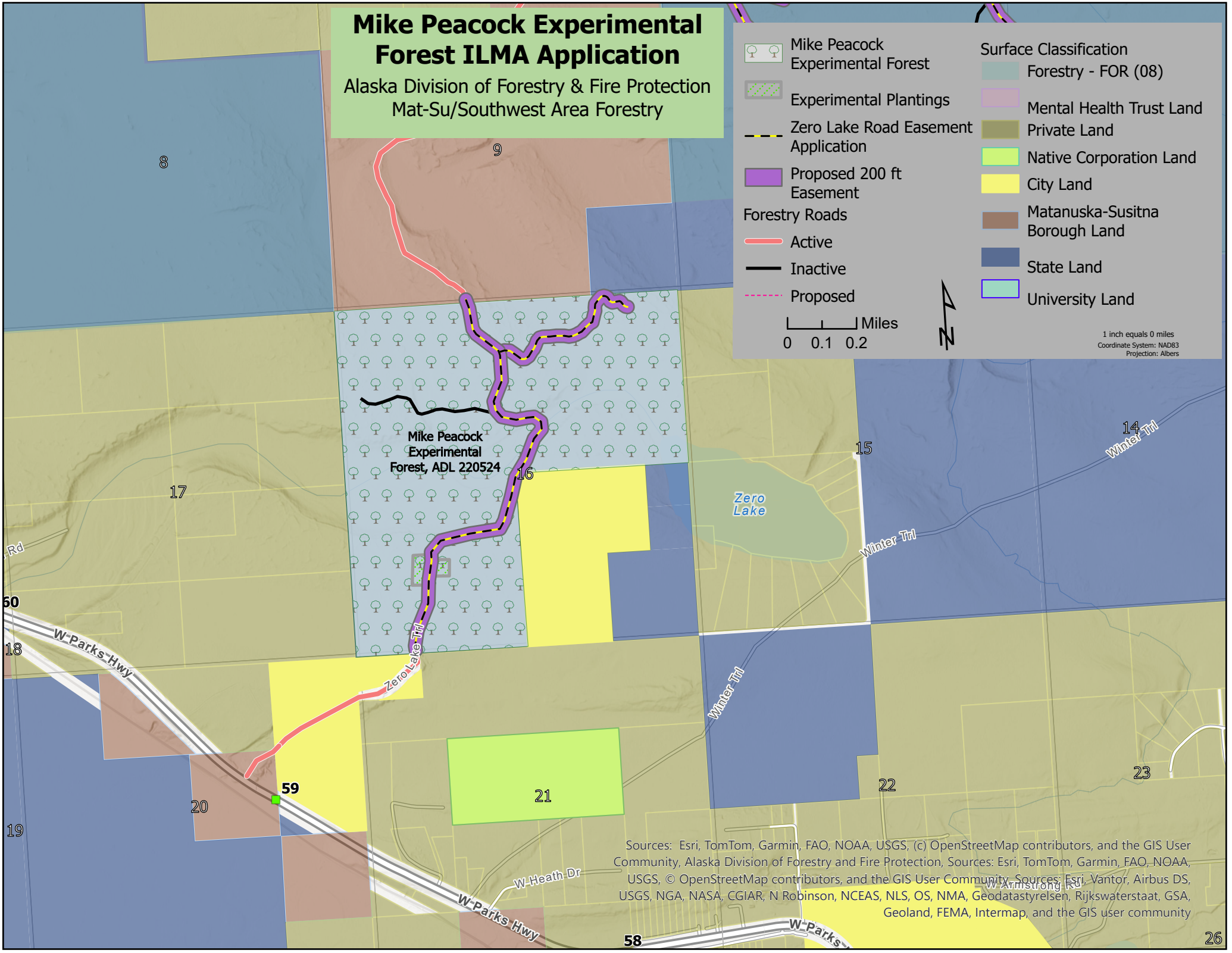
The Division of Forestry & Fire Protection is submitting this application to formalize management authority under an Interagency Land Management Agreement, replacing the existing lease ADL 220524, as suggested by DNR case managers. The Division is requesting retention of the original 480 acres in this ILMA application.

The experimental forest was established in 1984 to create a dedicated site for applied forestry research. The forest was later renamed in memory of Mike Peacock, a division forester who worked in the Matanuska Valley and Anchorage earlier in his career and was murdered while on duty in a Southeast logging camp in 1993.

The Division has managed the site continuously since 1984. Experimental plantings of pine and larch cultivars that were established on approximately 4 acres within the experimental forest have now completed decades of growth under local conditions. The plantings provide long-term data related to survival and growth that cannot be recreated and gain value with each year. Since the last spruce beetle outbreak in southcentral, estimated to have begun in 2015, the division's Forest Health Program has maintained a site within the Experimental Forest to monitor forest conditions and bark beetle population trends. Assigning management authority for this site to the DFFP will allow the division to continue providing valuable research opportunities and management insights for Alaska's forests.

DFFP intends to continue using this site for research, experimentation, and demonstration purposes. DFFP will continue monitoring the plantings, remeasure survival and growth, and apply silvicultural treatments such as thinning and pruning to test response. The site also gives DFFP a place where such treatments can be applied and left undisturbed for decades, which other state lands cannot guarantee.

No construction is planned, however, the road receives periodic maintenance to maintain the running surface and drainage. The next window to evaluate road maintenance is spring 2027. Traffic associated with state and borough timber sales in the area should be anticipated.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Experimental Plantings
Zero Lake Road Easement Application
Proposed 200 ft Easement
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