

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

DRAFT MINERAL ORDER No. 1197

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

I. Name of Mineral Order: Silverbow Creek RRCS – ADL 420295

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

Preliminary Decision, Silverbow Creek Remote Recreational Cabin Sites – ADL 420295, December 10, 2019 and the subsequent Final Finding and Decision for same Land Sale pursuant to AS 38.05.035(e)

III. Authority: AS 38.05.185 and AS 38.05.300.

IV. Location and Legal Description: Located within DNR's Northern Region, approximately 65 miles northwest of Fairbanks, 15 miles west of Minto, 15 miles northeast of Manley Hot Springs, and 25 miles south of Rampart, Alaska, between approximate mile posts 120 and 128 of the Elliott Highway. The project area is in the Unorganized Borough and is further described as:

Township 3 North, Range 12 West, Fairbanks Meridian,

Section 2, all;

Section 3, N½ and that portion of the S½ lying easterly of an unnamed trail; and

Sections 4 – 6, N½.

Township 3 North, Range 13 West, Fairbanks Meridian,

Section 1, N½.

Township 4 North, Range 11 West, Fairbanks Meridian,

Section 31, W½ and SE¼.

Township 4 North, Range 12 West, Fairbanks Meridian,

Sections 12, 13 and 14, those portions of located south of the Elliott Highway;

Section 15, that portion located south of the Elliott Highway and excluding Material Site ADL 419657;

Sections 16, 17, 19, and 20, those portions located south of the Elliott Highway; and

Sections 21 – 36, all.

Township 4 North, Range 13 West, Fairbanks Meridian,

Section 24, that portion located south of the Elliott Highway; and

Sections 25 and 36, all.

Encompassing approximately 17,500 acres, within the Manley Hot Springs Recording District, Alaska.

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 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 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:

Marty Parsons, Director
Division of Mining, Land and Water
Department of Natural Resources

Date

Approved:

Corri Feige, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

Date

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**DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE FINDING
MINERAL ORDER NO. 1197
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Silverbow Creek Remote Recreational Cabin Sites

Pursuant to AS 38.05.035, 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 Silverbow Creek project area (ADL 420295). As noted in the Preliminary Decision – Proposed Land Offering Silverbow Creek Recreational Cabin Sites – ADL 420295, issued December 10, 2019, the project area is within Unit T-36 of the *Yukon Tanana 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 17,500 acres, identified in the attached mineral order, be closed to mineral entry and location, in accordance with AS 38.05.300 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 was conducted in accordance with AS 38.05.945. (Review of comments will be addressed in the final document.)

In accordance with AS 38.05.185 (a) and AS 38.05.300, 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 (Closing) No. 1197.

Concur:

Martin W. Parsons, Director
Division of Mining, Land and Water
Department of Natural Resources

Date

Approved:

Corri A. Feige, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

Date