

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

DRAFT MINERAL ORDER No. 1254

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

I. Name of Mineral Order: Dennison Headwater RRCS – ADL 420909

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, Dennison Headwaters Remote Recreational Cabin Sites – ADL 420909, August 17, 2021 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: The project area is located within DNR's Northern Region, approximately nine miles north of Tetlin Junction, between mileposts 10 – 13.5 of the Taylor Highway, within the Unorganized Borough.

Prior to staking and until the RRCS survey and platting is complete, the mineral order will cover: Unsurveyed sections 1 through 15, Township 19 North, Range 15 East, Copper River Meridian, Alaska, according to the BLM plat accepted for the Director on July 20, 1966 by the Division of Engineering Chief, excluding material site ADL 419691, containing approximately 9,500 acres within the Fairbanks Recording District, Alaska.

After the RRCS survey and platting is complete, the mineral order will be retracted to surveyed parcels only and LLO 39 will remain in place for the remainder of the project area.

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. 1254
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Dennison Headwaters 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 Dennison Headwaters project area (ADL 420909). As noted in the Preliminary Decision – Proposed Land Offering Dennison Headwaters Recreational Cabin Sites – ADL 420909, issued August 17, 2021, the project area is within Unit U-69 of the *Eastern Tanana Area Plan*. DMLW proposes to close the project area to mineral entry as described below. 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 9,500 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. There are no mining claims on the land. Because there is some potential for mineral deposits in the project area vicinity, the mineral order will close the project area to mineral entry prior to staking and through the survey process. Once parcels are platted, the mineral order will be retracted to only the surveyed parcels, and leasehold location order 39 will remain in place for the remainder of the project area.

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. 1254.

Approved:

Corri A. Feige, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

Date