

**PUBLIC NOTICE:**

Department of Natural Resources  
Notice of Public Hearing  
Notice of Preliminary Decision  
EV 3-244

Per 11 AAC 51.065, AS 19.30.410 and AS 38.05.945, the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water has made a Preliminary Decision (PD) giving contingent approval to a petition to vacate all or segments of several RST 2477 rights-of-way (ROW). More particularly described under AS 19.30.400 as RSTs 547, 549, & 550, and segments of RSTs 545, 546, 548, and 1475. This action is located approximately 10-miles north of Crooked Creek, AK within Townships 22 & 23 North, Ranges 48, 49 and 50 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska. Please see the Preliminary Decision for full details. Copies are available at: <https://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/>.

Persons wanting to provide comments on the proposed RS 2477 easement vacations can **submit their comments in writing, by e-mail or via the scheduled public hearing. In order to be eligible to appeal under AS 38.05.035(i)(j), meaningful participation by one of these methods is required. In order to ensure consideration, written comments must be received on or before August 15, 2022.** Correspondence should be addressed to DNR, DMLW, Survey Section, Attn: Victoria Braun, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 650, Anchorage, Alaska 99501. Comments can be e-mailed to [dnr.scro.donlin@alaska.gov](mailto:dnr.scro.donlin@alaska.gov). Please reference EV 3-244 in your correspondence, include your name, mailing address, e-mail address and telephone number to ensure you receive copies of all subsequent decisions.

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Natural Resources, under the authority of 11 AAC 51.065(b) and AS 40.15.305, shall hold a public hearing. The hearing concerns the easement vacation petition submitted by the Donlin Gold Mine, LLC for the vacation (or partial vacation) of RST 2477 easements within the Core Operating Area designated in the preliminary decision. **Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the public hearing will be held via teleconference at 11:00am on August 1, 2022.** Persons wishing to attend the public hearing must call 1-800-315-6338; at the prompts enter access code 98627 and #.

If public comment in response to this notice indicates the need for significant changes to the Preliminary Decision, additional public notice will be given. If no significant change is required, the Preliminary Decision, including any minor changes, will be issued as a Final Decision.

The Division of Mining, Land, & Water reserves the right to waive technical defects in this publication.

Individuals with audio impairments who require special accommodations should call TDD (907) 269-8411, by 5:00pm on or before August 15, 2022.

Please post thru August 15, 2022.