

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

DRAFT MINERAL ORDER No. 1205

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

I. Name of Mineral Order: Sulliwood Subdivision – ADL 417615

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

Eastern Tanana Area Plan, adopted 2015

Preliminary Decision, Sulliwood Subdivision– ADL 417615, December 14, 2022 and the subsequent Final Finding and Decision for same.

III. Authority: AS 38.05.185 and AS 38.05.300.

IV. Location and Legal Description:

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 17 Township 4 South, Range 4 East, Fairbanks Meridian, Alaska, according to the plat accepted by the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management on May 21, 1958, containing 240 acres, more or less.

Tract A of Section 8, Tract B of Section 9, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15, Tract B of Section 16, that portion of Section 16 located westerly of the Sulliwood Road right-of-way and north of Tract B, Tract A of Section 17, Tract A of Section 23 according to Alaska State Land Survey No. 86-153 recorded on August 17, 1987, as Plat 87-69 Fairbanks Recording District, containing 826 acres, more or less.

Tract “B-1” of Section 15, Tracts “A-1” and “A-2” of Section 16, Tracts “A-1”, “A-2”, “B-1”, “B-2”, “C-1” and “C-2” of Section 22 according to The Replat of a Portion of French Creek Agricultural Subdivision within Sections 10, 11, 14, & 15, and Portions of Sections 16, 21 & 22, T.4S, R.4E, F.M., Alaska and the Vacation of Various Tracts Therein recorded on March 2, 1992, as Plat No. 92-34 Fairbanks Recording District, containing 846.083 acres, more or less.

Tract A-1-A according to Alaska State Land Survey No. 2010-7 recorded on March 25, 2011, as Plat 2011-29 Fairbanks Recording District, containing 279.84 acres, more or less.

In aggregate, all containing 2,192 acres, more or less.

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 and AS 38.05.300 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:

Christianna Colles, Acting Director
Division of Mining, Land and Water
Department of Natural Resources

Date

Approved:

Akis Gialopsos, Acting Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

Date

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**DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE FINDING
MINERAL ORDER NO. 1205
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SULLIWOOD SUBDIVISION

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 Sulliwood Subdivision project area (ADL 417615). As noted in the Preliminary Decision – Proposed Land Offering Sulliwood Subdivision – ADL 417615, issued December 14, 2022, the project area is within management units F-92 and F-94 of the *Eastern Tanana Area Plan*. In accordance with the 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 2,192 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. 1205.

Approved:

Akis Gialopsos, Acting Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

Date