

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

DRAFT MINERAL ORDER No. 1261

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

- I. Name of Mineral Order: Beaver Meadows Subdivision – ADL 233752
- 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:
 Southeast Susitna Area Plan, adopted (2008)
 Preliminary Decision, Beaver Meadows – ADL 233752, July 19, 2023, 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: Section 16, excluding Government Lots 1 and 2, N1/2 NW1/4, Rocky Lake Alaska Subdivision, filed as Plat 67-2230 in the Palmer Recording District on September 28, 1967, and Parcel 1 of Amended Plat 2007-1 Recorded in the Palmer Recording District on January 3, 2007,
And
the S1/2 of Section 17, excluding SW1/4 SW1/4 within Township 17 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska, according to the plat approved by the U.S. Surveyor General’s Office on November 29, 1915, containing 704 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 D Colles, Director
Division of Mining, Land and Water
Department of Natural Resources

Date

Approved:

John Boyle, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

Date

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**DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE FINDING
MINERAL ORDER NO. 1261
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BEAVER MEADOWS 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 Beaver Meadows Subdivision project area (ADL 233752). As noted in the Preliminary Decision – Proposed Land Offering Beaver Meadows Subdivision – ADL 233752, issued July 19, 2023, the project area is within Unit H-18, Big Lake-Houston Region of the *Southeast Susitna 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 704 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. 1261.

Approved:

John Boyle, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

Date