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HB 340, Petersville Recreational Mining Area

The Petersville Recreational Mining Area was enacted under House Bill 46 in 1997 and consists of two areas near Petersville in the Upper Susitna Valley. The northern of the two areas is presently open for recreational mining. The southern area which this legislation addressed is still closed.

The area is still closed due to past mineral leases and agreements between the State of Alaska, Ms. Michele Steven, and the Federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM) being unable to be executed.

Termination of the legislative designation of the southern part of Petersville Recreational Mining Area, identified in AS 41.23.630(f). Will untangle certain land issues and move the area closer to opening for mineral entry.

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