



# LAWS OF ALASKA

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**Chapter No.**  
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## AN ACT

Approving an interim classification by the commissioner of natural resources closing certain land within the Glacier Creek and Winner Creek drainages to new mineral entry; and providing for an effective date.

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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

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5 \* **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section  
6 to read:

7 PURPOSE. The purpose of this Act is to approve the interim classification contained  
8 in Mineral Closing Order No. 593, Amendment No. 3, issued by the commissioner of natural  
9 resources to close state land in the upper Glacier Creek and Winner Creek drainages near  
10 Girdwood to new mineral entry. The legislature finds that the Glacier Creek and Winner  
11 Creek drainages hold significant potential for the development of a new four season resort in  
12 Girdwood. The legislature further finds that closure of the state-owned mineral estate of the  
13 upper Girdwood Valley to new mineral entry for a 10-year period will reserve this land for the  
14 new project and provide a specific timeframe for resort development to begin as provided in

1 state and Municipality of Anchorage land use plans. If development does not begin within  
2 this 10-year timeframe, the area is to reopen to mineral entry on April 3, 2012, as provided in  
3 Mineral Opening Order No. 603, Amendment No. 3. If development begins before April 3,  
4 2012, Mineral Opening Order No. 603, Amendment No. 3, shall be terminated, in whole or in  
5 part, and the land shall remain closed to mineral entry.

6 \* **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
7 read:

8 MINERAL ENTRY CLOSURE. Under AS 38.05.300(c), and subject to existing  
9 valid rights, the following described state-owned land in the Glacier Creek and Winner Creek  
10 drainages, totaling approximately 5,740 acres, is closed to new mineral entry:

11 Township 10 North, Range 2 East, Seward Meridian

12 Sections 1-3: All

13 Section 4: N1/2NE1/4 east of Crow Creek Road, and those portions of  
14 SE1/4NE1/4 and E1/2SE1/4 within the Chugach National Forest

15 Section 9: E1/2NE1/4NE1/4 within the Chugach National Forest

16 Section 10: N1/2N1/2, N1/2NE1/4SE1/4NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4NE1/4,  
17 SE1/4SW1/4NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4, N1/2NE1/4SE1/4,

18 E1/2SW1/4NE1/4SE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4SE1/4, NE1/4SE1/4SE1/4

19 Section 11: All

20 Township 10 North, Range 3 East, Seward Meridian

21 Section 6: N1/2, N1/2SW1/4

22 Township 11 North, Range 2 East, Seward Meridian

23 Section 33: SE1/4SE1/4 All land lying southeast of Crow Creek Road

24 Section 34: SW1/4 All land lying east of Crow Creek Road, SE1/4; excluding  
25 mining claim recordations AA 56282 and AA 56283 and U.S. Survey 11872

26 Section 35: All, excluding the N1/2NE1/4, NE1/4NW1/4

27 Section 36: All, excluding the NW1/4NW1/4

28 Township 11 North, Range 3 East, Seward Meridian

29 Section 31: All

30 Section 32: W1/2

31 \* **Sec. 3.** Section 2 of this Act is repealed.

1     \* **Sec. 4.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
2 read:

3             **CONDITIONAL EFFECT.** Section 3 of this Act takes effect unless the commissioner  
4 of natural resources certifies to the governor and the revisor of statutes on or before April 2,  
5 2012, that development of a resort as described in sec. 1 of this Act and as provided in state  
6 and Municipality of Anchorage land use plans has begun in the area closed to mineral entry  
7 by sec. 2 of this Act.

8     \* **Sec. 5.** If sec. 3 of this Act takes effect under sec. 4 of this Act, it takes effect April 3,  
9 2012.

10    \* **Sec. 6.** Except as provided in sec. 5 of this Act, this Act takes effect immediately under  
11 AS 01.10.070(c).