

HB

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ALASKA MINERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Mining Industry Outlook For Alaska

October 1992

By Steve Borell

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The future outlook for several parts of the Alaska mining industry is excellent. During the next 18 months, six projects will be at the stage where they could make decisions to begin construction of major mines. In that each has significant design, permitting, market and/or financing challenges that must be overcome there are however no guarantees.

The significance for Alaska of six major mines in this position could be easily overlooked. One must remember that from World War II until 1989 there was effectively no hardrock mining (as compared to placer mining) in all of Alaska. At the start of WW II President Roosevelt's executive order closed all precious metal mines in the country so those miners would go into the mining of iron, lead, zinc, copper and other metals needed for the war effort. Since the war, a few small hardrock mines have operated for short periods of time but there has been effectively no hardrock mining.

All that changed in 1989. In that year Greens Creek and Red Dog began operation and thereby proved to the world that it is possible to start a major new mine in Alaska. That notion had been in doubt. The d(2) lands debate, ANILCA, unstable tax and regulatory policies and ongoing preservationists pressures to stop all development had convinced many companies that major mine development in Alaska was simply not possible.

But now we have proof positive that major mines are possible. Also with oil production declining we are seeing changes in attitude toward mining by the public, by legislators and by the administration. Alaskans are looking for future economic opportunities and they see that mining can be a major contributor.

For the project owners, these six projects represent many years of exploration, drilling, sampling, engineering and metallurgical studies, environmental studies and permitting and millions of dollars of expenditures that are about to come to fruition. To the economy of Alaska they will mean new jobs and many millions of dollars in supplies and services.

These six projects involve five gold mines and one coal mine. They are the Kensington Venture and Alaska-Juneau underground gold mines near Juneau, the Wishbone Hill coal mine near Sutton, the Fort Knox and Citigold projects near Fairbanks and the Illinois Creek project southwest of Galena. If these six projects become operating mines they will create more than 1400 new jobs. These will be challenging, skilled, good-paying, year-around jobs in four different parts of the state and are sorely needed as employment on the north slope continues to decline.

Another important aspect of these projects is that they are moving ahead in the face of extreme pressure from various groups that oppose all development in Alaska. However, the mining companies are sticking with the projects in spite of this opposition and their determination is an important facet for the future of the state.

An added measure of the health of the mining industry involves expenditures for minerals exploration. Exploration expenditures appear to have decreased somewhat from the past several years of growth. However, this must be seen in perspective and is actually a good sign for Alaska. Many industries are leaving the United States due to excessive and overbearing regulations and harassment. Just like the major oil companies, major mining companies are taking most of their exploration dollars to other countries.

But for Alaska there is a difference. Alaska lands are receiving continued interest by a wide cross section of companies and some major international mining companies are again exploring in Alaska after an absence of ten or more years. Exploration is the very necessary first stage that must occur if new mineral deposits are to be located. It has been estimated that 1000 prospects are evaluated for every one major mine that begins operation. It is therefore a good sign that exploration interest in the State remains high.

The segment of the Alaska mining industry that continues to struggle is the small placer miner. In the past 15 years this segment has gone from an industry with only minimal regulation to what is now possibly the most heavily regulated industry. New requirements and new permits of one sort or another seem to be added each year. The result is that the uncertainty and sheer bulk of requirements makes it difficult for the small miner to continue.

Many of the new requirements being forced on the placer miners are not scientifically based nor in proportion to the potential environmental hazard. In some instances they are merely bureaucracy out of control. Miners are however hopeful that ongoing work by the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation will bring some science and logic into their regulations.

Regarding projects for the more distant future, there are several in various stages of evaluation. Some of these are on Native Corporation lands. Nearly all of the Alaska Native Corporations are actively promoting mineral exploration on their lands. Their lands comprise about 46 million acres having some of the highest potential mineral terranes in the state. Their desire is for economic development and jobs for their shareholders and Alaska can expect great things from these lands in the future. ♁

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**AREA IMPACTED BY ALASKAN RESOURCE
DEVELOPMENTS**

Trans Alaska Pipeline System:	16.3 mi ²
Red Dog Mine facility:	1873 acres (2.9 mi ²)
Greens Creek Mine facility:	350 acres (.5 mi ²)
Kensington Mine facility:	275 acres (.4 mi ²)
Fort Knox Mine facility:	4533 acres (7.1 mi ²)
AJ Mine facility:	500 acres (.78 mi ²)

areas given include all related facilities (well complexes, mines, beneficiation complexes, tailing disposal, airfields, roads and ports)

A.H. Clough
10 March, 1993



NORTH PACIFIC MINING CORPORATION

A Subsidiary of Cook Inlet Region, Inc.

March 19, 1993

Representative Pete Kott
House of Representatives
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Dear Representative Kott:

North Pacific Mining Corporation offers its support for the passage of HB 213. The closure of large tracts of state lands during the exploration and development stages without the review and consent of the legislature has been a problem in the past.

The Alaska Minerals Commission has made the intent of HB 213 a primary issue of concern and we support that view. Passage of HB 213 would insure that State lands remain in multiple-use status and available for mineral development considerations.

Yours truly,

NORTH PACIFIC MINING CORPORATION

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March 19, 1993

Representative Pete Kott
House of Representatives
State Capitol
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Dear Representative Kott:

On behalf of Usibelli Coal Mine, Inc., I would like to offer support for passage of HB213. The bill will assure that closure of large acreage's of state lands will not be done without the review and consent of the legislature. This will satisfy both the spirit and intent of Alaska's multiple-use statutes.

As we look to the future, maintaining a land base for multiple-use including mineral development will be critical to the state's economic health. Passage of HB213 will be an important step in assuring our multiple-use lands remain available for economic development.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Sims", is written over a horizontal line.

John Sims
Vice President Marketing

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March 19, 1993

Representative Pete Kott
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Dear Representative Kott,

Two of the most important issues mining companies consider when trying to decide where to spend their exploration dollars are: 1) land availability for exploration and 2) infrastructure. Land closed to mineral entry, especially large blocks of land, has had the single most negative impact to exploration in the state.

Mineral deposits are not easy to find - exploration can be likened to trying to find the proverbial needle in the haystack. It takes a great deal of time, study and a financial and philosophical commitment of upper management to pursue this endeavor. In the process, geologists identify large tracts of prospective ground in which a mineral deposit *might* occur. After geologic, geophysical and geochemical evaluation over these large tracts of prospective land, the geologists may, but not always, identify an area that deserves detailed study and drilling. Only after detailed geologic and economic studies - a considerable financial investment - can a company evaluate if the area of focus is a mineral *deposit*, rather than just an interesting prospect. This whole process of narrowing down the land base takes several years, even decades.

We applaud the introduction of HB 213 and the companion in the Senate, SB 159. Keeping the maximum number of acres of state land open for mineral exploration sends a very positive message to companies currently conducting mineral exploration in the state and will provide incentive for companies that are not currently exploring in Alaska to invest their time and money in our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads 'Madelyn A. Millholland'. The signature is written in a cursive style with some capital letters.

Madelyn A. Millholland
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cc: B. Bouley, Manager Exploration, Cominco
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March 19, 1993

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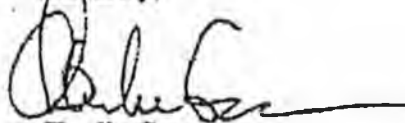
Dear Representative Kott:

I would like to express my appreciation to you and to your co-sponsors for introducing HB213 and would like to offer support for its passage.

As a member of the Alaska Minerals Commission and a 20 year resident of the state who has been involved in mining and resource development for most of that time, I cannot over emphasize the importance of maintaining a true multiple-use land base. This is especially important at a time when there will be increasing pressure to restrict and close Alaska's federal lands to mineral development.

The economic benefits of mineral development will become increasingly important to Alaska's economy. It is critical that closures to mineral development should be minimized and only be undertaken with the consent of the legislature.

Sincerely,



Charlie Green

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March 19, 1993

Honorable William Williams
Chairman
House Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Representative Williams,

Re: HB-213 Multiple Use & Administrative Mineral Closures of
Areas Larger Than 640 Acres

I am writing on behalf of the Alaska Miners Association in support of House Bill 213. The practice of closing State lands to mineral entry and mineral leasing is a very important issue and we heartily endorse this bill that would place some reasonable restrictions on the ability of the Department of Natural Resources to make administrative mineral closures.

There are actually three mechanisms by which state lands can be closed to mineral entry and mineral leasing. First, the Legislature can pass bills to establish State parks, refuges, sanctuaries, recreation areas, etc. To date, more than 3.2 million acres have been closed to mineral development by Legislative action. This authority and prerogative is very rightly held by the Legislature.

The second mechanism for restricting mineral development is the application of Title 16 by ADF&G to areas where fisheries resources may be affected. The application of Title 16 applies to all activities on State lands, not just mining, and gives the ADF&G authority to insure that fisheries are not adversely affected.

The third mechanism is the use of administrative closures by the Department of Natural Resources. From the time of statehood until the mid or late 1970's, administrative closures of land to mineral entry and mining were limited to 640 acres (one section) or less. Then came a series of DNR commissioners who closed large areas of state lands to mineral entry with little or no justification. The statute requires a "finding of incompatibility" but this has been very broadly interpreted and abused. These closures were often the result of State Area Plans developed by DNR with massive pressure from groups and agencies that wanted to close State lands to development. To add insult to injury, some of these lands that have been closed administratively were actually selected by the State because of their mineral potential.



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I would stress that the need for this bill is not attributable to actions of the current Administration. The Hickel Administration has generally used mineral closures in the true spirit that was envisioned at the time of Statehood. If we could be certain that this attitude would continue in future administrations, then there would be no need for this legislation. However, that cannot be assured and legislation limiting administrative closures by the DNR is therefore necessary.

The challenge is to tighten the rules on DNR without making it impossible to impose closures that are legitimate and justifiable. We need to stop massive mineral closures and still ensure that the requirement will not be too restrictive for DNR to do its job properly. We believe that by limiting administrative closures to 640 acres in a contiguous block, HB-213, makes the necessary changes. This limit does not apply where mineral closures are made for land disposals or infrastructure including ports, airports, roads, railroads, pipelines, and powerlines.

In conclusion, the changes proposed in this bill are needed to: (1) correct the problem of excessive closures of lands to mineral entry, and (2) insure that legitimate closures are allowed in a way that is efficient for DNR. If the latter part of the change were not made, state land disposals and infrastructure projects would require individual approval by the Legislature. This would be very cumbersome and inefficient.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Steven C. Borell, P.E.
Executive Director

cc: Representative Pete Kott



Alaska State Legislature

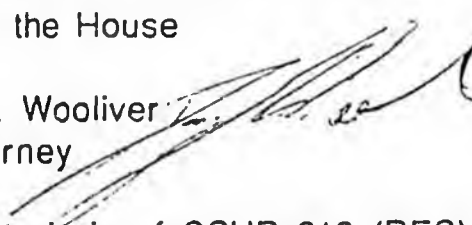
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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MEMORANDUM

State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

TO: Representative Ramona Barnes
Speaker of the House

FROM: Douglas A. Wooliver 
Staff Attorney

SUBJECT: Sectional Analysis of CSHB 213 (RES)

DATE: March 27, 1993

The following is a sectional analysis of CSHB 213 (RES); "An Act prohibiting the commissioner of natural resources from classifying state land, water, or land and water so that mining, mineral entry and location, mineral prospecting, and mineral leasing are precluded or are designated an incompatible use without an act of the legislature if the area involved contains more than 640 contiguous acres except in certain situations; and providing for an effective date."

Section 1 amends AS 38.05.300(a). Title 38 deals with public lands and chapter 05 refers to the Alaska Lands Act. Subsection 300 is entitled "Classification of land."

Section 1 prohibits the commissioner of natural resources, except by act of the state legislature, from classifying any area of land that is more than 640 acres in such a manner that mining activities and functions are precluded. This prohibition does not apply to those classifications that are necessary for a land disposal or exchange or when necessary for utility or transportation corridors or infrastructure.

Section 2 amends AS 38.05.300 again by adding a new subsection. This new section allows the commissioner of natural resources to make interim classifications that preclude mining activities. If the commissioner has made any interim classifications they must be

submitted to the legislature within 10 days after the convening of each regular legislative session. The legislature then must approve those interim classifications within 90 days or they expire.

Section 3 applies the above sections to classifications made after the effective date of the act.

Section 4 provides for an immediate effective date.



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HB 213 CLOSURES TO MINERAL ENTRY

SUMMARY

HB 213 prohibits the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) from closing state lands to mineral entry for purposes of Public Recreation/Habitat Use. The commissioner would retain authority to close lands to mineral entry for purposes of Land Disposals, Land Exchanges, Resource Development/Transportation Corridors and Reserved Use.

The Alaska Environmental Lobby opposes this legislation. We believe that

- This is a solution looking for a problem. Only 1.2% of state lands which HB 213 would now require to be closed by an Act of the Legislature, have been closed to mineral entry by DNR.
- The mining industry already enjoys a legal status not shared by other resource industries. State land is open to mineral entry unless *specifically* closed. For all other resources, state land is closed unless *specifically* opened.
- This legislation favors the mining industry at the expense of other industries and uses. Lands are not closed arbitrarily to mining but usually to *protect* other industries or important public values.
- This is an attempt to micro-manage DNR and will only serve to bog down the political and classification process for all concerned. DNR personnel are trained in classifying land. The legislature is not.



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First the problem needs to be put into perspective. Only 4% of state lands have been closed to mineral entry. Of that 4%, 70% has been closed for reasons of Land Disposal, Land Exchange, Resource Development and Reserved Use, the exemptions granted by HB 213. The remainder, 30%, has been closed for Public Recreation/Wildlife Habitat purposes. In other words, only 1.2% of state lands have been closed by DNR to mineral entry in cases where HB 213 would now require an act of legislature.

Alaska mineral policy now favors mining. In Alaska, state lands are open to mineral entry unless *specifically* closed. All other state resources, such as timber, fisheries, oil and gas are closed to commercial exploitation unless *specifically* opened. Timber and oil for instance, must be advertised for sale or lease by the state and are made available to industry only after a competitive auction. This is not the case for mining. Consequently the state and its residents lose an element of control over the disposition of their resources. Mineral entry should be made subject to the same review, planning and competitive bidding process as are other state resources.

It has been argued that closing state land to mineral entry threatens Alaska's economic opportunities. However, lands are frequently closed to mining in order to protect other industries such as fishing, tourism or recreation. Each of these industries returns large benefits to the state. Why should mining be treated with special consideration, especially when studies have shown that mining returns the *greatest net loss* to the state than any other resource industry other than the timber industry?

Clearly there are many issues involved when state lands are classified. Many balances must be struck: Between public against private interests, between competing private interests; between sustained yield and profitable exploitation, as well as concern for plants, animals and other components of a healthy ecosystem. The personnel of DNR are skilled in balancing all these considerations and should make these decisions. Micro-managing DNR will only slow the classification process and skew it in favor of only one of many important Alaskan interests.

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Examples of Mineral Closures implemented under DNR Area Plans.

Tanana Basin Area Plan

Nenana River - Rex to Healy 7,600 acres (recreation)

Fielding Lake - 21,440 acres (recreation)

Northwest Area Plan

Seabird Rookeries - 19 areas, 6,250 acres

Sheefish Spawning Areas - 12 streams, 3,070 acres, includes 200 foot upland buffer

Bristol Bay Area Plan

64 streams closed to mineral entry with 200 foot buffer - approximately 213,000 acres. Bristol Bay Plan states the following "The streams closed to new mineral entry by the plan are not necessarily the most productive from a fishery standpoint. They are however, the streams most likely to encounter mining pressure as a result of their location within or near identified mineral terranes."

Kuskokwim Area Plan

499.4 miles of streams closed - 3,917 acres

Susitna Area Plan

Approximately 240,040 involving 6 rivers were closed to mineral entry by the Susitna Area Plan. This action was pre-rec rivers legislation.

Copper River Basin Area Plan

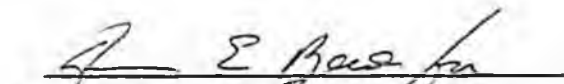
24 rivers, streams, and lakes closed to mineral entry - 108,000 acres, also includes 200 foot upland buffer.

HB 213: "An Act relating to mineral exploration, mining, and mineral leasing on state lands."

This act prohibits the administrative closure of state lands and waters amounting to areas of over 640 acres to mining activities and other multiple use functions. This prohibition does not apply for specific functions, such as closures for land disposals, utility and transportation corridors, and other similar infrastructure projects. The act underscores that such large closures (those greater than 640 acres) are only the domain of the State Legislature.

Opponents of this legislation will cast it as a giveaway to development interests and an open license to develop and mine on state lands. Nothing could be further from the truth. What this bill actually does is keep state lands open to exploration, mineral development, and eventual mining if a whole host of specific parameters can be met. This bill does not usurp the regulatory and oversight authority of the Department of Natural Resources, Department of Environmental Conservation, or Alaska Department of Fish and Game in any way. Mineral developments will still have to meet rigorous environmental and regulatory standards to include avoidance and mitigation of adverse impacts and reclamation before being allowed to proceed. Furthermore, all of these operating stipulations will continue to be developed in open public forums.

HB 213 only preserves the opportunity for mining. It does not give mining a blank check or preferential treatment over other uses of state lands.


Paul Fuhs, Commissioner

3-17-93
Date

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FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA 1993 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. CSHB213(RES)
 Department Affected: Natural Resources
 BRU: Resource Development
 Components: Land Development
 Component Serial No. 431

Revision Date 26-Mar-93
 Title: "An Act prohibiting the commissioner from precluding mining if the area involved contains more than.."
 Sponsor: Kott
 Requestor: House Resources

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98	FY 99
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND&STRUCTURES						
GRANTS,CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CAPITAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
REVENUE fund source:	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY	0	0	0	0	0	0

Estimate of current year (FY93) Impact: \$ No fiscal impact anticipated

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)
 The department supports HB213, as amended by the House Resources committee, which establishes a requirement for legislative approval of any administrative order closing more than 640 acres of land in an area to mining except when related to land disposal or for the development of utility or transportation corridors. The department currently submits an annual report to the legislature which identifies such closing orders. This report shows annual and cumulative land classification and mineral orders.

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 Approved by Commissioner: Glenn A. Olds Date: 26-Mar-93
 Agency: Department of Natural Resources

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1. Direct the regulatory agencies to design and implement air and water quality standards which are based on science and reasonable/logical risk assessment rather than emotion.
2. Evaluate and streamline provisions in Title 38 so that land planning statutes and regulations do not work against the responsible development of the state's mineral and coal resources.
3. Enact the Alaska Coal Policy to signal the industry and international markets of Alaska's intent to develop a competitive, world-class coal industry.
4. Amend the current Alaska Mental Health Land Trust Settlement Act through adoption of SB 67 to clear legal challenges and costly delays of Chapter 66.
5. Change the administrative mineral closure laws to accomplish their intended use.
6. Fund the Alaska Minerals Assessment Program.
7. Analyze and redesign the state's rental and royalty programs to retain active mineral and coal exploration on state lands.
8. Work with Alaska's Congressional Delegation in efforts to retain the Federal Mining Law of 1872 and support hard rock and placer mining on Alaska's federal land.
9. Fund Department of Law to assert RS 2477 rights-of-way and secure access for the development of areas currently off the Alaska road system.
10. Support a waiver of the Jones Act for Alaskan coal shipments to Hawaii and the west coast of the "Lower 48."
11. Continue to fund the Alaska Minerals Commission and take advantage of the research and recommendations made in their annual report to the Legislature.
12. Amend Alaska Civil Code Rule 82 to include language making it more costly for plaintiffs to bring weak claims which often delay, or up the cost, of economic development projects.

MINERALS / COAL

Steve Borrell, Executive Director *
Alaska Miners Association
Anchorage

1. The Legislature must take substantive actions to signal the U.S. and international mining industry that there is a positive business climate here to attract exploration and development investment.
2. Direct the regulatory agencies to design and implement water quality standards which are based on science and reasonable/logical risk assessment, rather than emotion.
3. Evaluate and streamline provisions in Title 38 so that land planning statutes and regulations do not work against the responsible development of the state's mineral resources.
4. Amend the current Alaska Mental Health Land Trust Settlement Act through adoption of SB 67 to clear legal challenges and costly delays of Chapter 66.
5. Change the state's administrative mineral closure laws to accomplish their intended use, and prevent abusive lock-up of large tracts of land from any possibility of mineral development.
6. Enact a reasonable air quality bill this session in order to maintain state control of the administration of air quality issues in the state. Monitor provisions to guarantee that federal standards are not exceeded.
7. Fund the Alaska Minerals Assessment Program (AMAP) to send an immediate message to the international minerals industry that Alaska is serious about encouraging the development of its mineral resources.
8. Analyze and redesign the annual claim rental fee program to retain active exploration on state lands. Do not trade short-term income for a depletion of exploration interest and manpower.
9. Design and implement a statutory provision to allow exploration expenditures to be deducted from state royalties.
10. Insure that a portion of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities budget is invested in new road construction and road upgrades in rural and remote Alaska.

* Indicates written testimony received prior to noon, March 16, 1993.

11. Work with Alaska's Congressional Delegation in efforts to retain the Federal Mining Law of 1872. The current bills in Congress would challenge, if not eliminate, hardrock and placer mining on Alaska's federal land.
12. Fund the Department of Law sufficiently to assert RS 2477 rights-of-way and establish future access to many areas of state land, native and private lands, and to isolated federal lands.

Robert Stiles *
Alaska Coal Association
Anchorage

1. Enact an Alaska Coal Policy which expresses the state's will with regard to the growth and enhanced competitiveness of the Alaska coal industry.
2. Continue to move forward with consideration and enactment of amendments to the Chapter 66 resolution of the Mental Health Lands Trust issue.
3. Demonstrate by whatever means are available to the Legislature, support for obtaining a Jones Act waiver for Alaskan coal shipments to Hawaii and the west coast of the "Lower 48."
4. Give consideration to means and methods by which the Legislature can help protect Alaskan coal's current small market share.

Caryl Boehnert *
Alaskans for Juneau
Juneau

1. Urges Alaska to become more self-protective regarding mine development.
2. Retain strong budgets in regulatory agencies.
3. Monitor mining companies.

Del Ackels
Fairbanks

1. Recommends that the Alaska Minerals Commission report be examined by the Legislature.

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2. RS 2477 provisions are key to tourism, timber industry, and mineral development.

Rudi Vetter
Fairbanks

1. Supports the testimony of the Alaska Miners Association especially the comments about exploration expenditure.
2. Mineral royalties are counterproductive to state revenue as investment will diminish before the royalty income can come on-line.

Jim Kohler, Executive Director
Southeast Conference
Juneau

Recommends that the Department of Commerce and Economic Development or the Department of Natural Resources analyze the feasibility of a base metals refinery in Alaska.

Rick Van Nieuwenhuyse *
Placer Dome U.S. Inc.
Anchorage

1. Legislature must take steps which indicate its pro-active role in the promotion of the mining industry throughout Alaska. This can include the support of industry conventions and advertising initiatives which communicate the attributes and incentives of developing mineral properties in Alaska.
2. Enact SB 67 as a workable solution to the Mental Health Trust Lands issue.
3. Support new industry-sponsored legislation before Congress which will resolve many of the controversial issues regarding the 1872 Mining Law, and allow mining companies operating on federal lands to stay in business and keep people employed.
4. Keep as much state land as possible open to mineral entry by endorsing a multiple use land policy and by limiting mineral closures.
5. Encourage exploration investment through incentives such as deducting expenditures from royalties or through "flow-through" financing incentives.

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6. Support the Alaska Minerals Assessment Program funding in the FY 94 capital budget.
7. Streamline regulatory process and support the business climate needs of the mineral industry as a means to increase the state's potential for a tax base and provide private sector employment opportunities across the state.

Roger Eichman, Acting President Juneau Mining District

1. Assurance of land status and access to mineral lands are both prerequisites for mineral development.
2. Take actions to resolve the Mental Health Lands issues.
3. Administrative mineral closures are very detrimental to the industry as it is counter to the multiple use provisions guiding state land use. Recently over 10,000 acres of land in the Juneau area were closed to mineral entry, the second closing order in the area in the last year.
4. State land law needs to change in order to give subsurface title to the land **under** the millsite, not title to the mineral itself, in order to encourage this major capital investment by the private sector.

Senator Robin Taylor

SB 67 is currently in the Senate Judiciary Committee. Work is going on with all parties in hopes of resolving the issue. Intent of the Senate majority to resolve the Mental Health issue this year.

Dick Swainbank Fairbanks

1. Create a \$50 million, interest-bearing account to fund a decade of geophysical and other state-of-the-art mapping to identify mineral deposits on state land. When the state land data base is complete, return the principal to the state.
2. Debate the "public interest" criterion of Article 8 Section 1 of the Constitution. Issue a Joint House-Senate Resolution which clearly states that "it is the policy of the State of Alaska to develop its natural resources."

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Jerry Harmon
Echo Bay Alaska
Juneau

1. Echo Bay is committed to the AJ Project and is ready to begin construction, provided we can avoid lawsuits and can have favorable support from the regulatory agencies. Over 500 direct, well-paying jobs waiting for Alaskans who are waiting for the opening of the mine.

Senator Tim Kelly

Senator Rick Halford, who appointed the Senate members of the Task Force, and Senator Suzanne Little both prescheduled constituent hearings back home and were unable to be here today. They indicated that they would be looking at the summary and supporting the efforts of the Task Force.

Jim Richardson
Wasilla

1. Bring about a balance between Environmental Protection Agency and the mining industry.
2. Tourism and mining industries need to come together and then both can benefit.

Meredith Marshall
Southeast Alaska Cab Co., Inc.
Ketchikan

Amend Alaska Civil Rule 82 to include language making it more costly for plaintiffs to bring weak claims which often delay or up the cost of economic development projects.

Randy Smith
Wasilla

Make funds available to small miners through investment assistance so they, in turn, can put people to work.

At the conclusion of the testimony, Co-Chairman Kelly recognized the three Commissioners who remained and offered them the opportunity to make a few comments.

Glenn A. Olds, Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources

I am terribly grateful for what I've heard today, and I want to thank members of the House and Senate and those who have spoken . . . I am impressed with four generalizations which I take as mandates to the Department of Natural Resources and . . . to the Legislature.

1. Clear recognition . . . that the capital of Alaska is not money, but is natural resources. We are the only state which has natural resource use mandated in our constitution. We will be judged by what we do about that mandate, not what we say. Many testifiers are troubled, as I am, that we have not put our money where our mandate is.

We have successively reduced budgets that are concerned with the protection and value-added aspects of our natural resources while we have seen the escalation of the nonproductive features of our budget.

2. We recognize that the regulatory mandates which have been put in place by the Legislature have become increasingly oppressive, and they need revisiting and radical simplification. Our department is willing to work with the Legislature to revisit Title 38 and other regulatory requirements which have become very expensive to implement and very excessive in creating barriers which affect the development of our natural resources.
3. There is . . . recognition that we are talking, not about protecting our assets, but properly investing in them in terms of our fiduciary responsibility

Recommendations:

1. We need to capitalize our resources and leverage them into an enormous income for the state. Example: British Petroleum's use of Alaska's oil to finance their exploration and development of the Russian Far East.
2. We ought to leverage the resources we have. Our \$13 billion savings account has no requirement that those who manage that account have offices and jobs in Alaska. Leverage of capital, not the use of that capital . . . has not been done.
3. We were wise to save our resource-generated money, but we missed by not establishing a development fund to encourage more resource development.

* Indicates written testimony received prior to noon, March 16, 1993.



ALASKA MINERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

3/20/91

	<u>LAND STATUS IN ALASKA</u> (Millions of Acres)		<u>Total Closed to Mining</u>	<u>Total Open to Mining</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total "Wilderness"</u>		
<u>Federal Lands</u>				
National Park Service	54.7	32.8	54.7	0
U.S. Fish & Wildlife	77.1	18.5	77.1	0
U.S. Forest Service	22.8	5.7	5.7	17.1
Bureau of Land Mgmt.	57.9	2.4(2) 23.0(3)	2.4 23.0	32.5 0
Department of Defense	2.5		2.5	0
Subtotal	<u>215.0(1)</u>	<u>82.4</u>	<u>165.4(5)</u>	<u>49.6</u>
<u>State Lands</u>				
State Parks	3.2		3.2	0
Administrative Mineral Closures	5.3		5.3	0
Other State Lands	77.9		0	77.9
Not Selected/TA'd	18.0		0	18.0
Subtotal	<u>104.4(1)</u>		<u>8.5</u>	<u>95.9</u>
<u>Private Lands</u>				
Native Corporations	45.6		0	45.6(4)
Other Private	0.5		0.5	0
Subtotal	<u>46.1</u>		<u>0.5</u>	<u>45.6</u>
Total	<u>365.5</u>	<u>82.4</u>	<u>174.4</u>	<u>191.1</u>

- (1) Final acres that will result after all State and Native Land Transfers.
- (2) Wild and Scenic River Corridors total approximately 2.4 million acres and these are managed the same as Wilderness designated lands.
- (3) National Petroleum Reserve Alaska is effectively managed as Wilderness.
- (4) Open to mining if leased from Native Coporations.
- (5) AS A COMPARISON: Texas has 168 million acres. OR This 165.4 million acres, is equal to the TOTAL combined acreage of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois!!!

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IV. MINERAL ORDER REPORT

The subsurface of approximately 6 million acres, or 4 percent of state uplands is closed to new mineral entry under mineral closing orders. Of this acreage, about 46 percent has been closed in anticipation of or to facilitate a disposal of state interests in the land. The attached table indicates the mineral closing order number, effective date, purpose, acreage, and identifying name or location of each closure on record.

State land may be closed to new mineral entry for the following reasons:

Land Disposals. The subsurface of land scheduled for disposal through future homesteading, homesite, subdivision, agricultural, commercial, or industrial use is generally closed to new mineral entry before state funds are committed for survey or on-site capital improvements. Since the subsurface remains in state ownership, land previously disposed of may also be closed.

Land Exchanges. State land is closed during the land exchange process to prevent the creation of third party interests from being established on the land pending finalization of the exchange.

Public Recreation/Wildlife Habitat Use. Areas such as campgrounds, archaeological sites, and important habitat areas may be closed if necessary to preserve public access, cultural resources, or the use of resources.

Resource Development/Transportation Corridors. Material sites, pipeline or road corridors, and airports may be closed to new mineral entry if mining would directly interfere with their operation or pose a security threat.

Reserved Use. Land may be closed if it is being transferred to another agency or reserved as a future townsite.

Purpose of Closure	Code	Acreage Closed	Percent of Total
Land Disposals	LD	2,892,283	46.0
Public Recreation Wildlife Habitat	PR/WH	1,890,640	30.0
Land Exchange	LE	596,411	9.5
Resource Development/ Transportation Corridor	RD/TC	734,097	11.7
Reserved Use	RU	174,083	2.8
Unknown	UK	435	0.0
TOTAL		6,287,949	100.0

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LAND DISPOSALS									
MCO 15	1969/2/13	LD	121.412	Port Lyons Subdiv				121.412	
MCO 45	1972/2/29	LD	440.000	Ester				440.000	
MCO 46	1972/3/30	LD	5.950	Ester				5.950	
MCO 67	1977/9/26	LD	0.000	NW AK Gas Land Disp	MCO 67A3; MOO 303A	1981; 1984	98,390.000	98,390.000	
MCO 70	1980/9/5	LD	6,662.250	Anderson				6,662.250	
MCO 71	1980/8/20	LD	8,622.793	June Creek				8,622.793	
MCO 72	1980/8/20	LD	333.745	Minchumina				333.745	
MCO 73	1980/9/9	LD	15,881.060	Potlatch Ponds	MOO 731A	1982/11/1	(1,920.000)	13,961.060	
MCO 74	1980/9/8	LD	697.000	Ketchikan Mount Pt	MCO 74A1	1981/3/4	67.210	764.210	
MCO 75	1980/9/9	LD	1,280.000	Chona Ridge				1,280.000	
MCO 76	1980/8/28	LD	2,560.000	Tok				2,560.000	
MCO 77	1980/8/28	LD	3,840.000	Tok				3,840.000	
MCO 78	1980/8/28	LD	48.166	Skagway				48.166	
MCO 79	1980/8/28	LD	1,280.000	Haines				1,280.000	
MCO 80	1980/8/28	LD	261.200	Petersburg				261.200	
MCO 81	1980/8/28	LD	2.030	Wrangell				2.030	
MCO 82	1980/8/28	LD	265.700	Ketchikan				265.700	
MCO 83	1980/8/28	LD	1,024.748	Gustavus				1,024.748	
MCO 84	1980/8/28	LD	1,285.000	Yakutat				1,285.000	
MCO 85	1980/8/28	LD	488.790	Shelter Island				488.790	
MCO 86	1980/12/6	LD	6,789.110	Thome Bay				6,789.110	
MCO 87	1980/8/28	LD	8,480.000	Fish Lakes Disposal				8,480.000	
MCO 88	1980/8/28	LD	32,000.000	Skwentna Flats	MCO 88A2	1981/3/23	8,580.000	40,580.000	
MCO 89	1980/8/28	LD	5,760.000	Lockwood Lake				5,760.000	
MCO 90	1980/8/28	LD	7,960.000	Kahiltna Flats				7,960.000	
MCO 91	1980/8/28	LD	10,000.000	Indian River Remote				10,000.000	
MCO 92	1980/8/28	LD	1,600.000	Dinglishna Hill				1,600.000	
MCO 93	1980/8/28	LD	640.000	Bench Lake				640.000	
MCO 94	1980/8/28	LD	20,000.000	Coal Creek				20,000.000	
MCO 95	1980/8/28	LD	1,280.000	Sourdough				1,280.000	
MCO 96	1980/8/28	LD	6,000.000	Tokroetna Bluffs				6,000.000	

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MCO 97	1980/8/28	LD	1,920.000	Chickaloon Bunch	MCO 97A1; MOO 97A2	1983/8/21	190.000	2,110.000	
MCO 98	1980/8/28	LD	14,000.000	Peters Creek				14,000.000	
MCO 99	1980/8/28	LD	9,000.000	Kenny Creek	MCO 99A1	1980/10/6	0.000	9,000.000	
MCO 100	1980/8/28	LD	2,560.000	Enterprise Estates				2,560.000	
MCO 101	1980/8/28	LD	15,000.000	Ninemile Creek				15,000.000	
MCO 102	1980/8/28	LD	3,200.000	Canyon Lake				3,200.000	
MCO 103	1980/8/28	LD	7,360.000	Talachtulitna Lakes				7,360.000	
MCO 104	1980/9/28	LD	20,240.000	Yonko Hills	MCO 104A1	1982/3/30	2,120.000	31,360.000	
MCO 105	1980/8/28	LD	6,975.000	Hunts Creek				6,975.000	
MCO 106	1980/9/9	LD	22,166.000	Washington Creek	MOO 106A1; MOO 383A	1982; 1984	(5,943.000)	16,223.000	
MCO 107	1980/9/16	LD	3,170.000	Chena Hot Springs	MOO 383A	1984/3/16	(340.000)	2,830.000	
MCO 108	1980/9/16	LD	584.620	Hay Stack	MOO 383A	1984/3/16	(256.620)	328.000	
MCO 109	1980/9/16	LD	1,280.000	Keystone	MOO 383A	1984/3/16	(570.000)	710.000	
MCO 110	1980/9/16	LD	700.000	Murphy				700.000	
MCO 111	1980/11/8	LD	9,468.000	Overland				9,468.000	
MCO 112	1980/9/16	LD	46,400.000	Kantishna	MCO 112A1	1982/11/1	(19,721.000)	26,679.000	
MCO 113	1980/9/16	LD	1,600.000	Nenana South				1,600.000	
MCO 114	1980/9/16	LD	11,520.000	Slate Creek				11,520.000	
MCO 115	1980/9/16	LD	3,900.000	Rex-Quota				3,900.000	
MCO 116	1980/9/16	LD	160.000	Salcha AG				160.000	
MCO 117	1980/9/16	LD	2,880.000	Tanana River West				2,880.000	
MCO 119	1980/9/16	LD	190.000	Donley				190.000	
MCO 120	1980/9/3	LD	1,920.000	Alder Creek				1,920.000	
MCO 121	1980/10/6	LD	1,950.980	Pelican				1,950.980	
MCO 122	1980/10/3	LD	35,200.000	Kichatna				35,200.000	
MCO 123	1980/10/3	LD	22,400.000	Nakochina				22,400.000	
MCO 124	1980/10/1	LD	24,320.000	Kahiltna Remote	MCO 124A1, A2	1981/2/9	2,540.000	26,860.000	
MCO 125	1980/10/6	LD	594.600	Hollis				594.600	
MCO 126	1980/9/3	LD	5,310.000	Homer Disposal Area	MCO 126A1	1980/6/2	320.000	5,630.000	
MCO 127	1980/9/3	LD	10,095.630	Talkeetna Disposal Area				10,095.630	
MCO 128	1980/9/30	LD	49,100.000	Chase Area Disposal	MCO 128A1; MCO 128A2	1982; 1983	(2,800.000)	46,300.000	
MCO 129	1980/10/1	LD	559.723	Robe Lake Disposal Area				559.723	
MCO 130	1980/9/30	LD	623.958	Swan Lake Disposal Area				623.958	

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MCO 132	1980/10/15	LD	30,400.000	Bald Mountain				30,400.000	
MCO 133	1980/10/27	LD	26,000.000	Shull Hills Remote				26,000.000	
MCO 134	1981/2/3	LD	1,920.000	Anaconda Creek	MCO 383A	1984/3/16	(1,880.000)	40.000	
MCO 135	1981/2/3	LD	4,417.000	Crooked Creek				4,417.000	
MCO 136	1981/1/3	LD	83,754.000	West Fork				83,754.000	
MCO 137	1980/11/20	LD	21,135.000	Yantina Disposal Area				21,135.000	
MCO 138	1980/11/20	LD	1,409.000	Alexander Creek West Sub				1,409.000	
MCO 139	1981/2/3	LD	3,500.000	Kokomo Creek				3,500.000	
MCO 140	1981/2/3	LD	1,588.750	Fortune Creek	MCO 140A1	1982/11/1	(880.000)	708.750	
MCO 141	1981/2/3	LD	2,312.000	Left Fork	MCO 141A1	1982/11/1	(320.000)	1,992.000	
MCO 142	1981/3/4	LD	1,000.000	Olnes East	MCO 383A	1984/3/16	(400.000)	600.000	
MCO 143	1981/3/23	LD	219.000	Holstein Hulghis				219.000	
MCO 144	1981/3/23	LD	1,280.000	McKinley View				1,280.000	
MCO 145	1981/3/23	LD	3,840.000	Safail Lake				3,840.000	
MCO 146	1981/3/23	LD	3,200.000	Colorado Station				3,200.000	
MCO 147	1981/3/23	LD	1,280.000	Super Cub				1,280.000	
MCO 148	1980/3/23	LD	2,560.000	High Mountain Lake Sub	MCO 148A1	1981/3/30	1,280.000	3,840.000	
MCO 149	1981/3/23	LD	3,200.000	Hewitt-Whiskey				3,200.000	
MCO 150	1981/2/23	LD	1,280.000	Kutna Creek				1,280.000	
MCO 151	1981/3/23	LD	3,200.000	Shell Lake North				3,200.000	
MCO 152	1981/3/23	LD	43,520.000	Hewitt Lake Remote				43,520.000	
MCO 153	1981/3/23	LD	74,880.000	Lake Cr/McDougal Remote				74,880.000	
MCO 154	1981/3/23	LD	19,200.000	Green Acres Remote				19,200.000	
MCO 155	1981/3/23	LD	5,760.000	Big Eleven Remote				5,760.000	
MCO 156	1981/3/23	LD	39,200.000	Johnson Creek Remote				39,200.000	
MCO 157	1981/3/23	LD	7,845.000	Gate Creek B Remote				7,845.000	
MCO 158	1981/3/23	LD	46,640.000	Windy Forks Remote				46,640.000	
MCO 159	1981/3/23	LD	5,993.000	McCarthy Remote Parcel				5,993.000	
MCO 160	1981/3/23	LD	10,400.000	Iron Creek Remote				10,400.000	
MCO 161	1981/3/23	LD	15,360.000	Sunday Lakes Remote				15,360.000	
MCO 162	1981/4/27	LD	54,960.000	Kutna Creek Remote				54,960.000	
MCO 165	1981/4/27	LD	22,200.000	Friday Creek Remote				22,200.000	
MCO 168	1981/4/27	LD	115,860.000	Big River Remote				115,860.000	

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MCO 169	1981/5/4	LD	24,735.000	Skwantna Flats Addn.	MCO 169A1	1983/9/6	30.000	24,765.000	
MCO 170	1981/3/18	LD	2,558.000	South Caribou Lake Subdiv				2,558.000	
MCO 171	1981/3/30	LD	4,693.608	Chase II				4,693.608	
MCO 172	1981/3/30	LD	520.000	Puppy Haven				520.000	
MCO 173	1981/4/17	LD	15,537.920	Pt. MacKenzie AG				15,537.920	
MCO 174	1981/5/25	LD	822.140	Haystack Extension				822.140	
MCO 175	1981/5/25	LD	80.000	Eielson AG				80.000	
MCO 176	1981/5/25	LD	1,283.330	Rosie Creek				1,283.330	
MCO 177	1981/5/25	LD	610.720	Keystone Extension	MCO 177A1; MOO 383A	1983-1984	372.000	982.720	
MCO 178	1981/5/25	LD	2,493.690	McCloud				2,493.690	
MCO 179	1981/5/25	LD	1,080.000	Desperation	MOO 383A	1984/3/16	(709.000)	371.000	
MCO 180	1981/5/25	LD	35.000	Horseshoe				35.000	
MCO 181	1981/5/25	LD	70.000	Popeye				70.000	
MCO 182	1981/5/28	LD	3,520.000	Chona Hot Springs Ext'n	MOO 383A	1984/3/16	(3,470.000)	50.000	
MCO 184	1981/5/22	LD	77,938.000	Eureka	MOO 184A1; MOO 383A	1982; 1984	(22,396.000)	55,542.000	
MCO 185	1981/5/22	LD	10,150.000	Tanana River North	MOO 185A1	1982/1/1	(10,150.000)	0.000	
MCO 186	1981/6/16	LD	2,160.000	Scotly Lake AG				2,160.000	
MCO 188	1981/7/23	LD	4,723.000	Wrangell Narrows				4,723.000	
MCO 189	1981/6/29	LD	1,305.000	Edna Bay/Excursion Inlet	MCO 189A	1981/7/17	2,320.000	3,625.000	
MCO 193	1981/10/8	LD	5,277.000	Bear Lake Remote				5,277.000	
MCO 194	1981/10/8	LD	1,920.000	Fireweed Mtn Subd	MOO 194A1	1985/8/6	(560.800)	1,359.200	
MCO 195	1981/10/8	LD	4,984.510	Le Roux View Remote				4,984.510	
MCO 196	1981/10/8	LD	10,400.000	Dillingham Remote				10,400.000	
MCO 197	1981/10/8	LD	1,140.000	Papoose Twins Remote				1,140.000	
MCO 198	1981/10/10	LD	13,800.000	Twin Lakes Remote				13,800.000	
MCO 199	1981/10/8	LD	1,720.000	Schneider Lake Remote				1,720.000	
MCO 200	1982/3/14	LD	44,800.000	Far Mountain				44,800.000	
MCO 201	1982/1/8	LD	13,440.000	Albert Creek				13,440.000	
MCO 202	1981/10/15	LD	93,214.000	Dugan Hills/Deadman Lake	MOO 202A1	1982/1/1	(41,049.000)	52,165.000	
MCO 203	1982/1/8	LD	1,737.000	Brown's Court AG				1,737.000	
MCO 204	1982/1/8	LD	4,425.000	Two Mile Lake AG	MCO 204A1; MOO 204A2	1982	503.240	4,928.240	
MCO 205	1982/1/8	LD	1,110.000	Bonanza	MOO 205A1; MOO 383A	1982; 1984	(1,110.000)	0.000	
MCO 206	1982/1/8	LD	11,840.000	Dune Lake/Teklanika Chan	MOO 206A1	1983/6/9	(8,502.000)	3,338.000	

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MCO 207	1981/10/15	LD	2,560.000	Geskakmina Lake	MCO 383A	1984/3/16	(1,901.000)	659.000	
MCO 208	1982/1/8	LD	1,220.000	Eagle	MCO 383A	1984/3/16	(516.000)	704.000	
MCO 209	1982/1/8	LD	3,680.000	Lake Minchumina II	MCO 209A1	1982/4/30	815.000	4,495.000	
MCO 210	1982/1/8	LD	11,520.000	Sam Creek	MCO 383A	1984/3/16	(9,925.000)	1,595.000	
MCO 212	1981/11/17	LD	300.000	Fireweed				300.000	
MCO 214	1982/1/8	LD	54,400.000	Zitzianna				54,400.000	
MCO 215	1982/1/8	LD	15,880.000	Cannon				15,880.000	
MCO 216	1982/1/20	LD	18,619.000	Tok Hills	MCO 216A1; MCO 383A	1982; 1984	(18,619.000)	0.000	
MCO 217	1981/12/16	LD	1,030.000	Twenty-Three Mile Slough				1,030.000	
MCO 218	1982/6/8	LD	263.250	North Ridge				263.250	
MCO 221	1982/1/8	LD	17,866.000	Cathedral Bluffs	MCO 221A1	1982/11/1	(16,753.000)	1,113.000	
MCO 222	1982/1/8	LD	595.000	Tanquardal	MCO 222A1	1982/11/1	(595.000)	0.000	
MCO 223	1982/4/29	LD	712.000	Tenderfoot	MCO 383A	1983/3/16	(55.000)	657.000	
MCO 224	1982/1/8	LD	1,680.000	Glenn				1,680.000	
MCO 225	1982/1/8	LD	1,400.000	Kindamina Lake				1,400.000	
MCO 226	1982/1/8	LD	8,080.000	West Twin Lake				8,080.000	
MCO 227	1982/1/8	LD	1,893.000	Iowa Cr/Little Chuna AG				1,893.000	
MCO 228	1982/5/6	LD	4,180.000	Any Creek	MCO 383A	1984/3/16	(585.000)	3,595.000	
MCO 229	1982/1/8	LD	10,200.000	Caribou Creek	MCO 229A1	1983/6/9	480.000	10,680.000	
MCO 230	1982/1/8	LD	3,040.000	Volkmar Lake Remote				3,040.000	
MCO 231	1981/10/2	LD	947.360	Fairbanks Odd Lots				947.360	
MCO 232	1981/10/15	LD	32,336.770	Windy Creek				32,336.770	
MCO 233	1981/10/15	LD	12,925.000	Bear Creek				12,925.000	
MCO 234	1982/7/1	LD	23,111.500	Northeast Alaska Range				23,111.500	
MCO 235	1982/6/8	LD	9,009.000	Chuna South	MCO 235A1	1982/11/1	(320.000)	8,689.000	
MCO 240	1982/3/8	LD	640.000	Saddle Point Subdv				640.000	
MCO 241	1982/3/8	LD	5,440.000	Donal View Remote	MCO 241A1	1983/3/7	640.000	6,080.000	
MCO 242	1982/3/8	LD	360.000	Goose Creek AG				360.000	
MCO 243	1982/3/8	LD	4,160.000	Delta Island AG				4,160.000	
MCO 244	1982/3/8	LD	1,800.000	Little Susitna AG				1,800.000	
MCO 245	1982/3/8	LD	760.000	Moose Creek AG				760.000	
MCO 246	1982/3/8	LD	2,480.000	Rabideaux AG				2,480.000	
MCO 247	1982/3/8	LD	960.000	Nancy Laku AG				960.000	

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MCO 248	1982/3/8	LD	5,280.000	Amber Lake Subdiv				5,280.000	
MCO 249	1982/3/8	LD	22,831.000	Jack Rabbit Hills Remote				22,831.000	
MCO 251	1982/3/30	LD	1,910.000	Trail Ridge Subdiv				1,910.000	
MCO 253	1982/3/30	LD	200.000	Kenny Lake Subdiv				200.000	
MCO 254	1982/3/13	LD	6.280	Surafira				6.280	
MCO 255	1982/1/20	LD	612.000	Mullen/Dusteroff				612.000	
MCO 256	1982/3/30	LD	2,509.000	Fairbanks Subdiv				2,509.000	
MCO 257	1982/4/20	LD	420.000	Bears Den				420.000	
MCO 258	1982/2/9	LD	460.000	Buffalo AG				460.000	
MCO 259	1982/2/9	LD	290.000	Clearwater AG				290.000	
MCO 261	1982/4/20	LD	720.000	Farmview				720.000	
MCO 262	1982/4/20	LD	14,743.000	Goldstream AG	MCO 162A1	1983/5/24	(680.000)	14,063.000	
MCO 263	1982/4/25	LD	29,980.000	Little Melozitna Remote				29,980.000	
MCO 264	1982/4/20	LD	13,189.000	Mariana				13,189.000	
MCO 265	1982/4/22	LD	160.000	Nenana Odd Lots				160.000	
MCO 266	1982/4/25	LD	16,532.000	North Fork				16,532.000	
MCO 267	1982/4/20	LD	12,736.000	Nowitna				12,736.000	
MCO 268	1982/4/20	LD	106.560	Parkridge				106.560	
MCO 269	1982/4/20	LD	429.000	Three Mile				429.000	
MCO 270	1982/4/20	LD	16,062.000	White Mountain				16,062.000	
MCO 271	1982/2/2	LD	39,323.000	Delta II				39,323.000	
MCO 272	1982/4/20	LD	475.000	Olive Pl./Thoms Pl. Subdiv				475.000	
MCO 273	1982/4/20	LD	250.000	Whale Passage Subdiv				250.000	
MCO 274	1982/4/20	LD	90.000	Tenakee Springs Subdiv				90.000	
MCO 275	1982/4/20	LD	800.000	Thomas Bay Subdiv				800.000	
MCO 276	1982/4/20	LD	250.000	Taku River Subdiv				250.000	
MCO 277	1982/4/20	LD	1,827.000	Goddard Hot Springs				1,827.000	
MCO 278	1982/4/20	LD	8,448.000	Wrangell				8,448.000	
MCO 279	1982/4/20	LD	2,835.000	Frederick Point				2,835.000	
MCO 280	1982/5/6	LD	5.000	McKinley Park Comm Land				5.000	
MCO 281	1982/5/13	LD	80.620	Mitkof Comm Land Sale				80.620	
MCO 282	1982/7/8	LD	620.000	Parker Lake Subdiv				620.000	
MCO 283	1982/7/8	LD	45,816.000	Lake Louise Remote				45,816.000	

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MCO 284	1982/8/28	LD	5,708.090	Mat Su Borough AG				5,708.090	
MCO 285	1983/2/24	LD	340.000	John Lake Subdiv				340.000	
MCO 286	1982/12/23	LD	7,970.000	Hurricane Remote				7,970.000	
MCO 287	1982/12/13	LD	9,660.000	Resurrection Pen. Remote				9,660.000	
MCO 289	1982/8/24	LD	90.000	Fairbanks Odd Lot II				90.000	
MCO 290	1982/8/24	LD	61.920	Delta				61.920	
MCO 294	1982/9/17	LD	14,085.000	Dugan Hills				14,085.000	
MCO 295	1983/2/24	LD	275.830	Lake Louise Small Lots				275.830	
MCO 298	1983/6/14	LD	70.000	Honey Creek				70.000	
MCO 299	1983/6/14	LD	11,160.000	Kustatan Ridge				11,160.000	
MCO 303	1983/6/14	LD	22.510	Felding Lake Subdiv				22.510	
MCO 304	1983/6/14	LD	2,360.000	Snake Lake Subdiv				2,360.000	
MCO 305	1983/6/14	LD	13,393.000	Weary Lake Remote				13,393.000	
MCO 306	1983/6/14	LD	920.000	Summit Lake Subdiv				920.000	
MCO 307	1983/6/14	LD	4,252.000	Crosswind Lake				4,252.000	
MCO 308	1982/12/16	LD	3,840.000	South Lake Louise Remote				3,840.000	
MCO 310	1983/6/14	LD	2,038.000	Cascade Creek				2,038.000	
MCO 311	1983/6/14	LD	500.000	Indian River West				500.000	
MCO 313	1983/6/14	LD	1,800.000	Sherman Remote				1,800.000	
MCO 314	1983/6/14	LD	775.000	Curry North Remote				775.000	
MCO 315	1983/6/14	LD	3,755.000	McKenzie Creek Remote	MCO 315A1	1985/8/6	160.000	3,755.000	
MCO 316	1984/7/17	LD	9,419.920	Upper Trapper Creek				9,419.920	
MCO 317	1983/6/14	LD	580.000	Black Diamond				580.000	
MCO 318	1983/9/6	LD	1,160.000	Willow Creek AG				1,160.000	
MCO 319	1982/12/13	LD	230.000	Wigwam				230.000	
MCO 320	1982/12/8	LD	46,080.000	Yukl				46,080.000	
MCO 321	1982/12/20	LD	1,400.000	Hullitakwa				1,400.000	
MCO 322	1982/12/20	LD	840.000	Kentucky Creek				840.000	
MCO 323	1982/12/20	LD	357.790	Berg Subdiv				357.790	
MCO 324	1983/8/28	LD	2,560.000	Small Lakes				2,560.000	
MCO 325	1983/11/8	LD	377.370	Patrol View				377.370	
MCO 326	1983/9/6	LD	40.000	Point McKenzie Odd Lot				40.000	
MCO 327	1983/9/6	LD	80.000	Kashwina				80.000	

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MCO 328	1983/9/6	LD	880.000	Lynx Lake Odd Lots				880.000	
MCO 329	1983/9/6	LD	120.000	Willow Subdiv				120.000	
MCO 330	1983/9/6	LD	150.000	Jack Lake				150.000	
MCO 331	1983/9/6	LD	315.000	Lilly				315.000	
MCO 332	1983/9/6	LD	61.510	Lost Lake				61.510	
MCO 333	1983/9/6	LD	34.340	Cheri Lake North				34.340	
MCO 334	1983/8/28	LD	23,040.000	Mount Rich Remote				23,040.000	
MCO 336	1983/8/28	LD	11,091.000	Rainbow Lake	MOO 336A1	1985/9/8	(320.000)	10,771.000	
MCO 337	1983/9/6	LD	44,081.000	Blying Sound				44,081.000	
MCO 338	1983/10/4	LD	2,351.000	Loon Lake				2,351.000	
MCO 340	1983/9/6	LD	524.660	Middle Fork Chulitna				524.660	
MCO 341	1983/9/6	LD	320.000	Neil Lake				320.000	
MCO 343	1983/9/6	LD	920.000	Willow Creek North AG				920.000	
MCO 345	1983/5/3	LD	1,000.000	Gerogo Inlet/Rovilla				1,000.000	
MCO 348	1983/3/30	LD	435.000	Waterfall				435.000	
MCO 349	1983/8/28	LD	120.000	Kings River				120.000	
MCO 350	1983/9/6	LD	12,936.000	Canner Creek				12,936.000	
MCO 351	1983/9/6	LD	181.690	Rabideux				181.690	
MCO 352	1983/9/6	LD	22,100.000	Tazlina River				22,100.000	
MCO 353	1983/5/3	LD	705.000	Mitkof				705.000	
MCO 355	1983/6/7	LD	10,680.000	Pilgrim				10,680.000	
MCO 357	1983/6/7	LD	34,160.000	Mt. Ryan				34,160.000	
MCO 358	1983/6/7	LD	287.450	Aspenwood				287.450	
MCO 359	1983/6/7	LD	10,120.000	Toklanika				10,120.000	
MCO 362	1983/6/7	LD	1,350.000	Martin				1,350.000	
MCO 363	1983/6/7	LD	115.000	Totchuket Heights				115.000	
MCO 364	1983/6/7	LD	86,880.000	Monzonite Hills				86,880.000	
MCO 367	1983/6/7	LD	800.000	Seven Mile				800.000	
MCO 368	1983/6/23	LD	160.000	Bear Creek				160.000	
MCO 369	1983/6/7	LD	27,200.000	Boarpaw				27,200.000	
MCO 370	1983/6/7	LD	2,120.000	Ridge Rock				2,120.000	
MCO 371	1983/6/7	LD	7,680.000	Southwind				7,680.000	
MCO 372	1983/6/7	LD	260.000	Livengood				260.000	

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MCO 373	1983/6/7	LD	1,475.000	Sprucehill				1,475.000	
MCO 374	1983/8/31	LD	3,500.000	Fbx North Star Borough				3,500.000	
MCO 375	1983/8/31	LD	3,500.000	Fbx North Star Borough				3,500.000	
MCO 376	1983/10/4	LD	3,150.000	Montana Creek				3,150.000	
MCO 377	1983/10/4	LD	772.500	Village View				772.500	
MCO 378	1985/3/26	LD	3,072.210	Mat-Su Borough AG				3,072.210	
MCO 380	1983/12/12	LD	640.000	Bluff Cabin Ridge				640.000	
MCO 382	1984/3/13	LD	305.000	Splnach Creek Subdiv				305.000	
MCO 383	1984/3/16	LD	18,832.000	Fairbanks Area Disposal				18,832.000	
MCO 384	1984/3/31	LD	735.000	Neukad Bay				735.000	
MCO 386	1984/6/5	LD	390.000	Nikishka AG Homosite				390.000	
MCO 387	1984/5/17	LD	416.580	Lake Louise Small Lots II				416.580	
MCO 388	1984/5/9	LD	6,769.280	Chase III AG Homosite				6,769.280	
MCO 396	1984/4/23	LD	12.840	McGrath Subdiv				12.840	
MCO 399	1984/6/25	LD	180.000	Horse Island				180.000	
MCO 400	1984/6/25	LD	385.000	Vallanar Bay, Gravina Is				385.000	
MCO 401	1984/6/25	LD	165.000	Funtor Bay, Admiralty Is				165.000	
MCO 402	1984/6/25	LD	266.790	Meyers Chuck				266.790	
MCO 403	1984/6/25	LD	775.000	Camp Coogan				775.000	
MCO 404	1984/6/25	LD	640.000	Capo Pole, Kosciusko Is				640.000	
MCO 405	1984/7/17	LD	20,237.000	Appel Mtn Non-AG				20,237.000	
MCO 406	1984/7/17	LD	2,224.620	Boar Cove				2,224.620	
MCO 407	1984/7/17	LD	1.276	Ecdus Creek				1.276	
MCO 408	1984/7/17	LD	240.000	Glennallen Subdiv				240.000	
MCO 410	1984/7/17	LD	560.000	Homer AG Homesteads				560.000	
MCO 411	1984/7/17	LD	755.000	Jack Bay Homesteads				755.000	
MCO 412	1984/7/17	LD	1,010.000	Little Creek Homesteads				1,010.000	
MCO 415	1984/7/17	LD	150.000	Petersville Rd Odd Lots				150.000	
MCO 416	1984/7/24	LD	5,040.000	Plateau Lakes				5,040.000	
MCO 417	1984/7/17	LD	2,980.000	Primo Lakes				2,980.000	
MCO 418	1984/7/24	LD	930.000	Chugach View Subdiv				930.000	
MCO 420	1984/7/17	LD	160.000	South 3-Mile Cr Homestead				160.000	
MCO 422	1984/7/17	LD	130.000	Wartmann's E/Halden View	MCO 422A	1985/9/0	40.000	170.000	

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MCO 425	1985/5/6	LD	17.430	Tal Inc Prof Right				17.430	
MCO 426	1984/7/25	LD	21,809.000	Windy Healy Robo				21,809.000	
MCO 427	1984/7/17	LD	4,390.000	Chandalar Lake				4,390.000	
MCO 429	1985/8/3	LD	5,060.000	Fbks North Star Borough				5,060.000	
MCO 430	1985/8/6	LD	2,890.460	Tonsina North AG Homestead				2,890.460	
MCO 431	1985/11/23	LD	23,006.000	Dillinger R. Non-AG Homstd				23,006.000	
MCO 433	1985/9/8	LD	13,795.000	Halfway Mtn Non-AG Homestd				13,795.000	
MCO 435	1985/9/8	LD	6,160.000	Nunsatuk R. Non-AG Homestd				6,160.000	
MCO 436	1985/8/6	LD	21,912.000	South Fork Non-Ag Homestead				21,912.000	
MCO 437	1985/8/6	LD	1,998.000	Kupreanof Pen Non-AG Homestd				1,998.000	
MCO 438	1985/8/6	LD	520.000	SW Chiniak Lk Non-AG Homestd				520.000	
MCO 439	1985/8/6	LD	190.000	Woody Island Subdiv				190.000	
MCO 440	1985/8/6	LD	40.000	Cottonwood Creek Odd Lot				40.000	
MCO 441	1985/8/6	LD	280.000	Logging Camp Bay Subdiv				280.000	
MCO 442	1985/8/6	LD	260.000	Poe Bay Subdivision				260.000	
MCO 443	1985/7/29	LD	2,368.000	Wood River/Aluknagik Rd				2,368.000	
MCO 444	1985/7/29	LD	120.000	Little Susitna E. Odd Lot				120.000	
MCO 445	1985/7/29	LD	1,090.000	Alexander Cr N. AG Homestd				1,090.000	
MCO 446	1985/7/29	LD	2,666.000	Caswall Lake AG Homestead				2,666.000	
MCO 447	1985/7/29	LD	2,880.000	Kroto Creek AG Homestead				2,880.000	
MCO 448	1985/7/29	LD	1,960.000	Whitsol North AG Homestead				1,960.000	
MCO 449	1985/7/29	LD	1,440.000	Beluga Min W. Non-AG Homestd				1,440.000	
MCO 450	1985/7/29	LD	10,634.000	Happy River Non-AG Homestead				10,634.000	
MCO 451	1985/7/29	LD	1,560.000	Hiline Lake South Subdiv				1,560.000	
MCO 453	1985/3/26	LD	80.000	McGrath Road Odd Lot				80.000	
MCO 454	1985/8/23	LD	5.000	Cordova Preference Right				5.000	
MCO 456	1985/6/5	LD	950.000	St John Harbor on Zarembo Is				950.000	
MCO 457	1985/6/5	LD	2,560.000	Collman Cove, Prince of Wales				2,560.000	
MCO 458	1985/6/5	LD	700.000	Middle Is in Sitka Sound				700.000	
MCO 459	1985/6/5	LD	10.000	Upper Chilkoot Lake, Reevo's				10.000	
MCO 462	1985/9/8	LD	14.990	Kenai Mat Su 0 102 Prof Rt				14.990	
MCO 463	1985/9/15	LD	59.130	Kenai Lake, Quartz Creek 068				59.130	
MCO 464	1985/9/8	LD	5.000	Point Possession 035 Prof				5.000	

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MCO 467	1985/12/29	LD	800.000	Klukwan Native Allotment Ruco				800.000	
MCO 468	1985/11/12	LD	6.270	B.G.R., Inc. (Curtis) T&M				6.270	
MCO 471	1985/11/5	LD	52.853	Pandora's Parcel				52.853	
MCO 472	1985/12/10	LD	17.440	Moosa Pass/Kenai Lk .068 Prof				17.440	
MCO 473	1985/12/10	LD	2.500	Trapper Creek .102 Prof Right				2.500	
MCO 475	1986/2/16	LL	42.410	Little Tutka Bay, Kulgin Is				42.410	
MCO 478	1986/9/26	LD	3,840.000	Grand Central Subdivision				3,840.000	
MCO 470	1986/5/7	LD	4.990	Camey/Tohollina River				4.990	
MCO 480	1987/4/27	LD	514.600	Ketchikan Gateway Boro Subd				514.600	
MCO 481	1986/6/10	LD	1,135.000	Cape Fanshaw				1,135.000	
MCO 490	1986/7/30	LD	7.700	Lower Trail Lk .068 Prof				7.700	
MCO 491	1986/7/31	LD	1.378	Rocky Lk .102 Prof				1.378	
MCO 492	1986/7/21	LD	5.920	Eskal .035(B)(5) Prof				5.920	
MCO 494	1986/7/25	LD	2.640	Ch. 81, SLA 1985 Prof				2.640	
MCO 503	1986/9/9	LD	9.090	Kalifonsky/Lucy Lake				9.090	
MCO 504	1986/10/6	LD	49.980	Waldrop				49.980	
MCO 505	1986/10/6	LD	1.970	Spear				1.970	
MCO 508	1987/4/28	LD	240.000	Unknown				240.000	
MCO 514	1987/2/24	LD	4.250	Kenai Peninsula Prof				4.250	
MCO 516	1987/3/10	LD	0.179	Eagle River Prof Right				0.179	
MCO 517	1987/5/11	LD	2.500	Skwentna Area Auction				2.500	
MCO 521	1987/5/19	LD	3.530	Morzhoval Bay Prof Right				3.530	
MCO 523	1987/6/22	LD	3.440	Honey Creek Prof Right				3.440	
MCO 524	1987/6/2	LD	1.390	Orca Inlet Prof Right				1.390	
MCO 527	1987/7/8	LD	1.720	Kasikof Alaska Subdiv				1.720	
MCO 528	1987/7/8	LD	2.000	Benka Lake Subdivision				2.000	
MCO 531	1987/8/24	LD	30.000	Resurrection Ck Rd Prof Rt				30.000	
MCO 532	1987/8/24	LD	5.000	Glennallen Prof Rt Sale				5.000	
MCO 533	1987/8/24	LD	5.000	Vakhoz Area Prof Rt				5.000	
MCO 534	1987/8/24	LD	5.000	Resurrection River Rd Prof Rt				5.000	
MCO 535	1987/8/24	LD	5.000	McArthur River Prof Rt				5.000	
MCO 537	1987/8/24	LD	40.000	Lake Creek Prof Rt				40.000	
MCO 538	1987/8/24	LD	4.800	Trading Bay Prof Rt				4.800	

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MCO 539	1987/8/24	LD	320.000	Willow AG Prof Rt				320.000	
MCO 541	1987/10/15	LD	840.000	Hatcher Pass Ski Area				840.000	
MCO 542	1987/10/29	LD	80.000	Tolsona Creek Prof Rt				80.000	
MCO 544	1987/10/29	LD	5.010	Sports Lake Prof Rt				5.010	
MCO 545	1987/10/29	LD	0.360	Seward/Resurrection Bay Prof Rt				0.360	
MCO 546	1987/10/29	LD	160.000	Kuskokwim/Oskawalik Prof Rt				160.000	
MCO 548	1987/11/10	LD	12.230	Kasilof-Cohoe Prof Rt				12.230	
MCO 549	1987/12/18	LD	8,090.000	Hatcher Pass-Govt Hill Ski Area				8,090.000	
MCO 552	1987/12/16	LD	16,430.798	University Land Settlement	MCO 552A1	1988/8/1	1,066.000	17,496.798	
MCO 554	1987/12/18	LD	5,000.000	Crazy Mtn Homestead				5,000.000	
MCO 555	1987/12/18	LD	5,100.000	French Creek AG Disposal				5,100.000	
MCO 556	1987/12/18	LD	11,400.000	Goldstream AG Disposal				11,400.000	
MCO 557	1987/12/18	LD	4,200.000	Steppe AG Homestead				4,200.000	
MCO 558	1987/12/18	LD	600.000	Cascaden Subdivision				600.000	
MCO 561	1988/1/24	LD	5.000	Anchor Pt/Stariskl Ck Prof Rt				5.000	
MCO 577	1989/6/9	LD	20.000	Central Cemetary--Fairbanks				20.000	
MCO 580	1989/6/26	LD	50.000	Village Cove/St Paul Is Lse				50.000	
MCO 586	1990/4/4	LD	914.000	Delta Junction AG				914.000	
MCO 587	1990/5/19	LD	11.700	Margarut Bay Unalaska				11.700	
MCO 589	1990/5/24	LD	600.000	U of A Environment Res Ctr				600.000	
MCO 590	1990/5/20	LD	1,400.000	Moose Mtn Ski Area				1,400.000	
MCO 593	1991/4/17	LD	8,000.000	Glacier/Winner Creek	MCO 593A1	1991/12/2	1,680.000	9,680.000	
MCO 596	1990/8/24	LD	23.000	St Paul Harbor/Gibson Cove				23.000	
MCO 597	1990/9/24	LD	1.000	Yukon River/St Marys				1.000	
MCO 599	1990/10/16	LD	8.000	Hawkins Island Prof Rt				8.000	
MCO 600	1990/10/2	LD	1.050	Seward Highway Prof Rt.				1.050	
MCO 609	1991/2/7	LD	8.500	City of Unalaska Tdl Sale				8.500	
MCO 610	1991/3/3	LD	23.500	City of Unalaska Tdl Convey.				23.500	
MCO 612	1991/6/10	LD	6.540	Living World Ministry				6.540	
MCO 615	1991/4/22	LD	4.450	Kalilonsky Beach Prof Rt				4.450	
MCO 619	1991/7/10	LD	20.000	Naubergor M/Moltan Tele-com. Site Lse				20.000	
MCO 620	1991/7/1	LD	20.000	Bitzshini Mi Tele-com Site Lse				20.000	
MCO 621	1991/6/24	LD	20.000	Porcupine Dome Tele-com Site Lse				20.000	

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MCO 625	1991/5/31	LD	.190	Knute Johnson Tdl Conveyance				190	
MCO 627	1991/9/11	LD	0.320	Ft Yukon-Margaret John Prof Rt				0.320	
MCO 629	1991/10/23	LD	3,809.410	City of Valdez				3,809.410	
MCO 630	1991/9/7	LD	3.910	Kasiloff Prof Rt.				3.910	
MCO 631	1991/9/7	LD	2.330	Kasiloff Prof Rt.				2.330	
MCO 634	1991/11/1	LD	8.800	Copper Center Prof Rt.				8.800	
MCO 635	1991/11/1	LD	1.050	Houston Prof Rt.				1.050	
MCO 636	1991/11/17	LD	2.430	Kasiloff Subd Prof Rt				2.430	
MCO 637	1991/11/17	LD	1.510	Kasiloff Subd Prof Rt				1.510	
MCO 640	1991/11/17	LD	2.990	Hope, Alaska Prof Rt				2.990	
MCO 641	1992/02/05	LD	14.400	G. Bennett Parcel Sale				14.400	
MCO 642	1992/01/17	LD	3.400	Alutians East Boro Public Dock (False Pass)				3.400	
MCO 644	1992/03/16	LD	58.930	Sand Point Tidelands (Including Avigation Easement)				58.930	
MCO 645	1992/04/03	LD	1.960	Don and Jan McMillan Prof Rt Sale				1.960	
MCO 647	1992/05/28	LD	5.000	N. B. Twest & Son Reconveyance (USMS 2507)				5.000	
MCO 649	1992/07/07	LD	2.000	Sarah E. Bonay Leasehold Land Sale (Cheri Laku Subd)				2.000	
MCO 650	1992/08/03	LD	184.820	Tideland Sale to King Cove, Alaska				184.820	
MCO 651	1992/08/12	LD	.090	Ralph Pirlo Land Sale (Cordova Area)				.090	
MCO 660	1992/12/10	LD	5.000	Audrey E. Engle Prof Rt Sale				5.000	
							Subtotal	2,892,282.400	46%

LAND EXCHANGES

MCO 65	1975/6/5	LE	115,000.000	McKinley Park				115,000.000	
MCO 68	1978/2/23	LE	313,631.910	CIRI-Baluga Pool				313,631.910	
MCO 190	1981/7/13	LE	1,344.575	Unredeemed Lands				1,344.575	
MCO 239	1982/4/20	LE	109,282.730	University Land Trust				109,282.730	
MCO 381	1984/6/5	LE	1,136.000	Soldovia Land Exchange				1,136.000	
MCO 394	1985/3/25	LE	1.426	Anchor Pt. Land Exchange				1.426	
MCO 395	1984/4/4	LE	37,864.000	University Land				37,864.000	

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MCO 398	1984/4/20	LE	15,810.000	BLM Land Exchange				15,810.000	
MCO 469	1985/10/24	LE	1.130	Austin Exchange				1.130	
MCO 506	1986/11/28	LE	4.390	Eklutna, Inc., Exchange				4.390	
MCO 643	1992/04/06	LE	2,335.000	Loask Lake Land Exchange				2,335.000	
							Subtotal	596,411.160	9.5%

PUBLIC RECREATION / WILDLIFE HABITAT

MCO 62	1974/7/5	PR/WH	81.820	Girdwood				81.820	
MCO 66	1976/3/29	PR/WH	42,240.000	Donali St Park Expansion				42,240.000	
MCO 238	1982/4/1	PR/WH	9,585.000	Deep Creek Mgmt Plan				9,585.000	
MCO 391	1985/10/12	PR/WH	4,325.000	Campbell Tract				4,325.000	
MCO 393	1984/9/13	PR/WH	213,697.000	Bristol Bay Area Plan				213,697.000	
MCO 423	1982/4/2	PR/WH	42,017.000	Fish Creek				42,017.000	
MCO 455	1985/8/7	PR/WH	319,818.000	Susitna Area Plan				319,818.000	
MCO 466	1985/12/29	PR/WH	130,860.000	SW Prince of Wales Island				130,860.000	
MCO 483	1986/6/27	PR/WH	98,269.000	Tanana Basin Area Plan				98,269.000	
MCO 495	1986/10/15	PR/WH	80.000	Upper Little Susitna R.				80.000	
MCO 496	1986/10/15	PR/WH	1,952.000	Road Valley/Road Lakes				1,952.000	
MCO 497	1986/10/15	PR/WH	530.000	Independence Mine				530.000	
MCO 498	1986/10/15	PR/WH	360.000	Summit Lk/Hatcher Pass Rec				360.000	
MCO 499	1986/10/15	PR/WH	2,150.000	Government Peak Ski Area	MOO 499A1	1986/10/31	(2,150.000)	0.000	
MCO 500	1986/10/15	PR/WH	5,360.000	Mat-Su Mineral Licks				5,360.000	
MCO 507	1986/12/6	PR/WH	1,085.000	Hatcher Pass Rd Corridor				1,085.000	
MCO 509	1986/12/6	PR/WH	1,800.000	Castle Mountain				1,800.000	
MCO 510	1986/11/20	PR/WH	385,807.890	Tanana Basin Area Plan				385,807.890	
MCO 511	1987/4/8	PR/WH	83,725.000	Copper River Basin				83,725.000	
MCO 519	1987/4/27	PR/WH	8,000.000	Upper Cook Inlet Opp				8,000.000	
MCO 562	1988/3/22	PR/WH	3,917.000	Kuckokwlm Area Plan				3,917.000	
MCO 566	1988/6/17	PR/WH	74,827.000	Prince William Sound				74,827.000	
MCO 568	1989/2/24	PR/WH	9,320.000	Northwest Area Plan				9,320.000	

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MCO 573	1989/8/16	PR/WH	16,459.000	Prince of Wales Area Plan				16,459.000	
MCO 581	1990/1/5	PR/WH	289,554.000	Sustna Flats SGR				289,554.000	
MCO 592	1990/9/28	PR/WH	30,070.000	Marmot Is Special Use Area				30,070.000	
MCO 594	1990/11/15	PR/WH	60,985.000	Tugidak Island CHA				60,985.000	
MCO 601	1990/11/30	PR/WH	30,126.000	TBAP Update				30,126.000	
MCO 605	1991/6/28	PR/WH	3,130.000	Roc Rivers Mgmt Plan				3,130.000	
MCO 606	1991/6/28	PR/WH	3,700.000	Roc Rivers Mgmt Plan		1992/08/01	(1,665.00)	1,835.000	
MCO 608	1991/4/22	PR/WH	18,720.000	Anchor River/Filtz Creek CHA				18,720.000	
MCO 616	1991/6/27	PR/WH	240.000	Revised T B A P				240.000	
MCO 648	1992/08/07	PR/WH	(*)	All State Land within Donali Natl Park & Preserve				(*)	
							Subtotal	1,888,775.700	30%

(*) Acreage for MCO 648 not ascertained pending navigability determination.

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT / TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR

MCO 11	1968/6/27	RD/TC	320.000	Talkeetna				320.000	
MCO 18	1970/11/4	RD/TC	520.000	Vakdez				520.000	
MCO 19	1971/10/28	RD/TC	360.000	Vakdez				360.000	
MCO 20	1971/10/28	RD/TC	240.000	Keystone Canyon				240.000	
MCO 21	1971/10/28	RD/TC	128.210	Copper Center				128.210	
MCO 22	1971/10/28	RD/TC	195.750	Glennallen				195.750	
MCO 23	1971/10/28	RD/TC	120.000	Paxon				120.000	
MCO 24	1971/10/28	RD/TC	240.000	Summit Lake				240.000	
MCO 25	1971/10/28	RD/TC	80.000	Isabel Pass				80.000	
MCO 26	1971/10/28	RD/TC	34.220	Donnelly				34.220	
MCO 27	1971/10/28	RD/TC	160.000	Donnelly Dome				160.000	
MCO 28	1971/10/28	RD/TC	19.884	West Adn. Delta Township				19.884	
MCO 29	1971/10/28	RD/TC	168.410	Big Delta				168.410	
MCO 30	1971/10/28	RD/TC	341.770	Shaw Creek Flats				341.770	
MCO 32	1971/10/28	RD/TC	560.000	Shaw Creek Lodge				560.000	
MCO 35	1971/10/28	RD/TC	160.000	Richardson Road House				160.000	

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MCO 36	1971/10/28	RD/TC	480.000	Salcha River				480.000	
MCO 37	1971/10/28	RD/TC	377.230	Chona River	MOO 37A1	1971/11/11	(57.230)	320.000	
MCO 38	1971/10/28	RD/TC	160.000	Fairbanks	MOO 38A1	1971/11/11	(80.000)	80.000	
MCO 39	1971/10/28	RD/TC	160.000	Fox				160.000	
MCO 40	1971/10/28	RD/TC	480.000	Chatanilla River				480.000	
MCO 41	1971/10/28	RD/TC	120.000	Olnes				120.000	
MCO 42	1971/10/28	RD/TC	25.000	Fluding Lake				25.000	
MCO 43	1971/11/3	RD/TC	269.190	Paxon to Fairbanks	MOO 43A1	1982/11/1	(40.000)	229.190	
MCO 44	1972/2/8	RD/TC	59.000	Valdez	MOO 44A1	1974/5/16	0.000	59.000	
MCO 49	1973/7/6	RD/TC	10.000	Valdez				10.000	
MCO 50	1973/12/6	RD/TC	398.000	T A P S				398.000	
MCO 51	1973/12/6	RD/TC	638.200	T A P S				638.200	
MCO 52	1973/12/6	RD/TC	611.400	T A P S				611.400	
MCO 53	1973/12/6	RD/TC	274.450	T A P S				274.450	
MCO 54	1973/12/6	RD/TC	521.590	T A P S	MCO 54A1	1974/3/15	14.350	535.940	
MCO 55	1973/12/6	RD/TC	521.800	T A P S				521.800	
MCO 56	1973/12/6	RD/TC	634.700	T A P S				634.700	
MCO 57	1973/12/6	RD/TC	371.620	T A P S				371.620	
MCO 58	1973/12/6	RD/TC	371.200	T A P S				371.200	
MCO 59	1973/12/6	RD/TC	454.200	T A P S				454.200	
MCO 60	1973/12/10	RD/TC	18.500	T A P S				18.500	
MCO 61	1974/1/23	RD/TC	314.910	T A P S				314.910	
MCO 67	1977/9/26	RD/TC	1,420,160.000	NW AK Gas Pipeline	MOO 67A2,A4,A5	1981-1985	(1,093,460.000)	326,700.000	
MCO 288	1983/2/8	RD/TC	20,967.000	Beluga Coal Transport				20,967.000	
MCO 511	1987/4/8	RD/TC	17,600.000	Copper River Basin				17,600.000	
MCO 529	1987/6/16	RD/TC	349,960.000	TAGS ROW Corridor	MCO 529A, MCO 529A	1988/12/1	6,140.000	356,000.000	
MCO 598	1991/4/1	RD/TC	52.000	Sand Point Airport Expansion				52.000	
MCO 622	1991/9/7	RD/TC	2.050	Sand Pt Airport Expansion				2.050	
MCO 632	1991/12/9	RD/TC	2,020.000	Anderson Bay TAGS Site				2,020.000	
Subtotal								734,097.500	11.7%

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RESERVE USE									
MCO 10	1968/2/29	RU	40.000	Anchorage				40.000	
MCO 12	1968/7/16	RU	324.000	Fairbanks				324.000	
MCO 13	1968/11/4	RU	40.992	Glennallen				40.992	
MCO 14	1968/11/4	RU	38.864	Copper Center				38.864	
MCO 16	1969/3/28	RU	10.090	Willow				10.090	
MCO 17	1969/3/28	RU	640.000	Petersville Road				640.000	
MCO 31	1971/10/28	RU	440.000	T V S F	MCO 31A1	1982/11/1	(440.000)	0.000	
MCO 33	1971/10/28	RU	520.000	T V S F	MCO 33A1	1982/11/1	(520.000)	0.000	
MCO 34	1971/10/28	RU	40.000	T V S F	MCO 34A1	1982/11/1	(40.000)	0.000	
MCO 47	1973/3/13	RU	630.000	Kodiak				630.000	
MCO 48	1973/3/29	RU	338.457	Juneau				338.457	
MCO 63	1974/7/8	RU	69.469	Juneau				69.469	
MCO 64	1975/4/30	RU	174.725	Girdwood				174.725	
MCO 69	1979/12/21	RU	1,920.000	Independence				1,920.000	
MCO 191	1981/10/23	RU	74,500.000	Terror Lake				74,500.000	
MCO 192	1981/10/8	RU	3,280.000	Anchorage Airport				3,280.000	
MCO 250	1982/3/13	RU	65,698.000	Willow Capital Site				65,698.000	
MCO 296	1982/12/7	RU	5.060	Circle Dis. Hist. Site				5.060	
MCO 356	1983/8/28	RU	110.000	AK Gateway School Dist				110.000	
MCO 379	1983/11/15	RU	80.000	Nonana				80.000	
MCO 390	1985/11/23	RU	30.800	Div of Forestry/Copper River				30.800	
MCO 397	1984/4/17	RU	425.000	Chena River Flood Control				425.000	
MCO 409	1985/2/28	RU	2.590	Glennallen Library				2.590	
MCO 413	1984/7/17	RU	240.000	Parker Lake N. Homesteads				240.000	
MCO 428	1984/7/16	RU	113.180	Central Gravel				113.180	
MCO 476	1986/5/7	RU	24.000	Gold Creek Reclamation				24.000	
MCO 477	1986/5/27	RU	71.250	Kenai Peninsula				71.250	
MCO 482	1986/6/27	RU	34.337	Tract C, Churl Lake				34.337	
MCO 489	1986/9/19	RU	2.387	NRO Site				2.387	
MCO 553	1988/3/8	RU	40.000	Sutro Mine Historic Site				40.000	
MCO 564	1988/7/7	RU	40.000	Russell Williams 035(b)(9) Rucon				40.000	

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MCO 565	1989/2/24	RU	1,821.510	Gustavus Airport Release Sites				1,821.510	
MCO 570	1988/12/20	RU	3,840.000	Nelson Lagoon Reconveyance				3,840.000	
MCO 571	1988/11/4	RU	1,136.000	Noatak Nat'l Preserve Recon.				1,136.000	
MCO 572	1988/11/10	RU	13,093.000	Bering Str. Native Corp. Recon.				13,093.000	
MCO 578	1989/10/25	RU	160.000	Granite Mt Hot Springs Recon.				160.000	
MCO 582	1990/5/9	RU	12.700	Lions Club Community Rec.				12.700	
MCO 583	1989/11/1	RU	203.420	Hemostake Ck/Grubstake Gulch Recon				203.420	
MCO 585	1990/1/29	RU	1,975.890	Anchor Pt/Anchor R. CIRI STL				1,975.890	
MCO 611	1991/11/29	RU	137.300	USMS 2383 .035(b)(9) Recon.				137.300	
MCO 614	1991/9/7	RU	41.220	Kateel R Twest Claims Recon.				41.220	
MCO 617	1991/9/7	RU	3.750	Kennicott Mining Claims Recon.				3.750	
MCO 618	1991/6/10	RU	1,317.360	City of Unalakleet Land Sale				1,317.360	
MCO 624	1991/7/31	RU	15.000	Lottie Sparks/Nelchina School				15.000	
MCO 638	1992/01/06	RU	3.390	Big Delta				3.390	
MCO 639	1991/11/29	RU	1,400.000	Tdl Sale to Anchorage Municipality				1,400.000	
							Subtotal	174,083.740	2.8%
UNKNOWN									
MCO 1	1965/3/26	UK	40.000	Willow Townsite, Ak Subdiv				40.000	
MCO 2	1965/8/1	UK	116.230	T5N, R11W, SM				116.230	
MCO 3	1965/6/4	UK	12.500	New Girdwood Townsite				12.500	
MCO 4	1965/6/21	UK	160.000	T12N, R3W, SM				160.000	
MCO 5	1965/7/22	UK	59.470	Kodiak Ak Subdiv., Kodiak				59.470	
MCO 6	1966/6/29	UK	35.000	T1N, R1E, FM				35.000	
MCO 7	1966/12/7	UK	12.100	T8S, R14W, SM				12.100	
MCO 8	1967/1/18	UK	0.500	Old Federal Jail, Kodiak				0.500	
MCO 9	1967/9/19	UK	0.120	Kodiak				0.120	
							Subtotal	435.920	0.0%
							TOTAL	6,280,564.400	100.0%

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MCO 643	1992/04/06	LE	2,335.00	Leask Lake Land Exchange				2,335.00
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MCO 645	1992/04/03	LD	1.96	Don and Jan McMillan Prof Rt Sale				1.96
MCO 647	1992/05/28	LD	5.00	N. B. Twaat & Son Reconveyance (USMS 2507)				5.00
MCO 648	1992/08/07	PR/WH	(*)	All State Land within Denali Nat'l Park & Preserve				(*)
MCO 649	1992/07/07	LD	2.00	Sarah E. Boney Leasehold Land Sale (Chori Lake Subd)				2.00
MCO 650	1992/08/03	LD	184.82	Tideland Sale to King Cove, Alaska				184.82
MCO 651	1992/08/12	LD	.09	Ralph Pirde Land Sale (Cordova Area)				.09
MCO 660	1992/12/10	LD	5.00	Audrey E. Engle Prof Rt Sale				5.00
Total Acres Closed during 1992								2,613.99 (*)

(*) Acreage for MCO 648 not ascertained pending navigability determination.

LAND REOPENED TO MINERAL ENTRY

State land which has been closed to new mineral entry under a mineral closing order can be totally or partially reopened. This is accomplished by the methods listed below.

1. A portion of a mineral closing order can be reopened by:
 - (a) Amending the closing order.
 - (b) Implementing a condition in the Finding Of The Commissioner directing that a portion or all of the mineral order become null and void at a specified time in the future (sunset clause).
 - (c) By executing a mineral opening order to reopen a portion of the land closed under a mineral closing order.
2. All of the land within a mineral closing order can be reopened by:
 - (a) Executing a mineral opening order.
 - (b) Implementing a sunset clause contained in the Finding Of The Commissioner.
 - (c) Reclassification of land which was closed to mineral entry by classification between November 12, 1978 and September 7, 1983.

An accumulative total of approximately 482,700 acres of state land has been reopened to mineral entry by one or more of the above methods, excluding 2.(c). No acreage figure is available for land reopened to mineral entry by reclassification.

ALASKA MINERALS COMMISSION

1993 Report to the Governor and Alaska State Legislature

STATE LAND WITHDRAWALS AND MANAGEMENT

FINDING: Presently, the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, (DNR), may close land to mineral entry for almost any reason deemed appropriate. Mineral closures are often made as a part of area plans with little justification and no knowledge of the mineral resources in the lands closed. In many cases the closures have covered lands that were selected by the state for their mineral potential.

Statute already requires that only the Legislature can close an area of more than 640 acres to "multiple use". However, the DNR has argued that land is still open to "multiple use" if any two uses, such as wildlife habitat and recreation, are allowed. This abuse of the intent of the statute needs to be corrected.

While there is a legitimate need for the Commissioner of Natural Resources to be able to make discretionary mineral closures on small acreages to accommodate land disposals and infrastructure such as airports, ports, and roads, the closure of large acreages should be limited to the legislature. To accomplish this, amendments should be made to Title 38 of the Alaska Statutes which deals with Public Lands.

THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS THAT:

11. *The Legislature should amend AS 38.05.300(a) as follows:*

"(a)...uses are compatible. An area of state land, water, or land and water may not, except by act of the state legislature, be closed to mineral location or mineral leasing [multiple use] if the area involved contains more than 640 acres. This limit does not apply where mineral closures are made for land disposal or infrastructure to include but not limited to airports, ports, roads, railroads, pipelines, and powerlines." (Underline indicates new language, with deletions in brackets.)

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HB 213

Limit Administrative Land Closures

House Bill 213 is intended to implement one of the recommendations of the Alaska Minerals Commission as set forth in the Commission's 1993 report to the legislature. HB 213 amends Title 38 to prevent permanent closure of state lands to mineral exploration, mineral prospecting, mineral leasing, or mining without an action of the state legislature. This measure applies only to lands larger than 640 contiguous acres, and does not affect land disposals, land exchanges, nor the development of utility and transportation corridors or other infrastructure development.

Under existing statute, the same restriction on closures applies to "multiple purpose use", a term which is subject to an interpretation which may preclude mineral exploration and development. HB 213 specifies that non exempt closures that are considered necessary and proper will require legislative approval by the ninetieth legislative day. This puts decisions which affect the economy of the state into the hands of those who represent the people of the state. This is the essence of our representative form of government.

HB 213 will remove a significant impediment to mineral development in Alaska. Passage of this bill will send the message that Alaska supports the mining and mineral exploration industry of our state.

