



February 25, 2016

To: Distribution List
Re: Preliminary Decision to Issue Private, Non-Exclusive Easement

REVIEW NOTICE

In accordance with AS 38.05.945, the Division of Mining, Land and Water has made a preliminary written decision under AS 38.05.035(e) to issue a 25-year private non-exclusive easement for approximately 313 acres of State tidelands and submerged lands to Alaska Power & Telephone for use of state lands to install a submarine fiber optic cable on the seabed of Lynn Canal. Three cable landings in Juneau, Haines and Skagway would require cable vaults and conduit in the intertidal zone for protecting the fiber cable.

The requested easement is approximately 86 miles in length and 30 feet wide, occupying approximately 313 acres of State-owned land.

| <u>Easement</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Area Plan</u> |
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| ADL 108306 – AP&T Lynn Canal Fiber Optic Project | Approximately 86 miles of Lynn Canal and Taya Inlet, from Juneau to Haines and Skagway (see attached development plan) | Northern Southeast Area Plan & Juneau State Land Plan |

Members of the public and interested parties are invited to review the preliminary decision and attachments for ADL 108306 at <http://notice.alaska.gov/180391> or by mail upon request, and comment. The DMLW must receive written comments no later than 5:00 PM on March 28, 2016. In order to be given full consideration, all comments should clearly explain the facts on which they are based and how they pertain to the proposed action. The preliminary decision sets out the schedule for the final finding as well as the appeal process. Pursuant to AS 38.05.035(i)-(j), to be eligible to appeal, a person must comment, in writing, during the comment period. Comments should be addressed to the attention of David Gann by mail at 400 Willoughby Ave, 4th Floor, Juneau, AK 99801-1796, sent by email to david.gann@alaska.gov, or faxed to (907) 465-3427. If you have any questions, please email or call me at (907) 465-3427.

The State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources complies with Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Individuals with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids, services or special modifications to participate may contact the TDD number at (907) 269-8411. Copies of the Alaska Statute referenced above may be accessed on-line by searching the State of Alaska website at www.legis.state.ak.us/folhome.htm.

Sincerely,

David Gann
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Enclosures:
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