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There's a public comment deadline tomorrow on an Environmental Impact Statement on opening 28 million acres of BLM lands in Alaska to oil, gas and mineral development.

The Trump administration took steps to open these lands. The Biden administration is conducting an EIS to see what affect opening those lands would have.

This land includes about 225,000 acres in the upper valley and some acreage west of town – as show on the map in your packet.

These lands are general BLM lands that we used for hunting, fishing, heli-skiing, recreation and other uses. They've been off limits for oil, gas and mineral exploration since 1971.

The public is asked to choose between 4 options – A) no action, which would maintain the current status of the lands, B) remove some of the acreage from protection from oil, gas, mineral exploration and development, C) remove most of the acreage from protection from oil, gas and mineral exploration and development or D) remove all the acreage from protection from oil, gas and mineral exploration and development.

The assembly also may choose to not to take a position.