

STATE OF ALASKA  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
DIVISION OF MINING, LAND AND WATER

PUBLIC NOTICE UNDER AS 38.05.945  
CONVEYANCE OF LAND UNDER AS 29.65

HAINES BOROUGH  
MUNICIPAL ENTITLEMENT SELECTIONS  
PRELIMINARY DECISION  
ADL 108105

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Division of Mining, Land and Water proposes to convey approximately 2,091 acres of state owned land to the Haines Borough (HB) under its municipal entitlement pursuant to Alaska Statute 29.65.010. DNR is proposing to postpone action on three borough selections (Parcels 1, 8 and 9) as these parcels are affected by Public Land Order (PLO) 5603, which requires that the United States retain the land in federal ownership. DNR will reject 531 acres for a variety of reasons, but mainly the selections were discovered to have mineral value and subject to a pending native allotment application. The lands approved for conveyance will contribute to fulfill, in part, the HB general grant land entitlement.

The public is invited to comment on these actions as described in the Preliminary Decision (PD or decision). The PD is available online at the DNR Municipal Entitlement website: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/muni/>. The public notice is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/commis/pic/pubnotfrm.htm>.

You may request a copy of the PD or the public notice from DNR, Division of Mining, Land and Water, Attention: Ben White, at 400 Willoughby Avenue, Suite 400, Juneau, Alaska 99811-1020; by electronic email: [ben.white@alaska.gov](mailto:ben.white@alaska.gov), phone (907) 465-3402, or fax (907) 465-3882. Comments submitted must be received in written form sent to the above address, electronic email or by fax and **must be received on or before November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017** in order to ensure consideration.

Following the comment deadline, those written responses received will be considered and the decision may be modified to incorporate public comments in a Final Finding and Decision (FFD). Only persons who comment in writing during the public comment period will be eligible to file an administrative appeal of the FFD. A copy of the FFD will be sent to any person who comments on the PD. The FFD will include the appeal instructions. Please direct all inquiries or questions to Ben White at the above address, electronic mail, phone or fax.

DNR is prepared to accommodate individuals with disabilities by providing auxiliary aids or services when requested. Individuals with audio impairments who wish to respond to this decision by telephone may call the DNR Public Information Center in Anchorage between the hours of operation: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at TDD#: (907) 269-8411.