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RE: Conditional Land Selection Relinquishment AA-006802 (GS-1992), AA-076981(GS-6791)

Dear Ms. Reed:

Recently Chugach Alaska Corporation (Chugach Alaska) contacted the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to request that the State of Alaska (SOA) relinquish certain land selections in Thompson Pass to help facilitate a land exchange between Chugach Alaska and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The SOA supports the exchange proposed by Chugach Alaska.

Therefore, in support of that exchange, this letter is to notify BLM that the SOA agrees to conditionally relinquish its selection of these lands located within Sections 5 and 6, Township 9 South, Range 2 West, Copper River Meridian, that have been selected by the SOA under general selection applications AA-006802 (GS-1992) and AA-076981 (GS-6791), containing approximately 1,239.64 acres, effective upon the land exchange transfer from BLM to Chugach Alaska.

As part of the proposed land exchange from BLM to Chugach Alaska, the SOA requests that a 17(b) public easement of twenty-five feet in width be reserved for access to the Lowe River, as generally depicted on the attached map. In addition, RST 1359 (the Keystone Canyon-Thompson Pass Trail) and RST 404 (the Tasnuna Route) bisects the lands in question. Both trails are documented in the Alaska Road Commission reports and are listed in the 1973 Department of Transportation Trails Inventory.

Should the exchange and transfer of these lands from BLM to Chugach Alaska not occur, then the SOA's selection of these lands shall remain valid and in effect. Once the details of the land exchange have been finalized and the SOA condition is satisfied, please contact our Realty Services Section for a formal relinquishment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Martin W. Parsons".

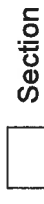
Martin W. Parsons
Director, Division of Mining, Land & Water
Attachment: Lowe River access route map

cc: Corri Feige, Commissioner, DNR
Chad Padgett, State Director, Alaska BLM
Dina Torres, Chief, Branch of Adjudication (BLM)
David Phillips, Director of Lands, Chugach Alaska
Adrienne Stolpe, Chief, Realty Services Section, DNR
James Walker, Chief, Public Access Assertion & Defense Section, DNR

17(b) Easement Recommendation

Richardson Highway to Lowe River

Legend



Section



Township



Proposed 17(b) Easement



Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar, AeroGRID, IGN, etc.

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