

State of Alaska
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Mining, Land and Water
Final Finding and Decision
To Hold a Competitive Lease Sale for Coal
In the Canyon Creek Area near Skwentna, Alaska

Subject to AS 38.05.150 and regulations at 11 AAC 85, the Division of Mining, Land and Water (DMLW) has written a final decision under AS 38.05.035 (e) to offer for competitive coal lease approximately 13,160 acres of land in the Canyon Creek area, south of the Skwentna River in townships T19-21N, R13 and 14W, Seward Meridian. The proposed sale area is approximately 18 miles southwest of Skwentna, and approximately 6 miles southwest of Shell Lake. Public notice of the lease sale will be published at a later date, and will contain the time, date, and location of the sale, as well as the sale format, lease details, and requirements for bidding.

The Final Best Interest Finding and Decision for the Canyon Creek Coal Lease Sale can be viewed online and downloaded at <http://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/> . The above web address is for the State of Alaska Online Public Notice website. From this web page navigate to the Department of Natural Resources notice page (Click on Browse Active Notices, then Natural Resources). Click on Public Notices within the Natural Resources listing, and then on Final Finding and Decision: Canyon Creek Coal Lease Sale. The full decision document is included as an attachment. Links to attachments can be found on the Notice at the bottom of the page. The notice can also be viewed and downloaded at <http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/mining/index.cfm> . The above web address is for the Mining Resources Section page of the State of Alaska website. A link to the Final Finding and Decision: Canyon Creek Coal Lease Sale can be found in the Hot Topics section at the top of the web page.

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A person affected by this decision who provided timely written comment or public hearing testimony on this decision may appeal it, in accordance with 11 AAC 02. Any appeal must be received within 20 calendar days after the date of "issuance" of this decision, as defined in 11 AAC 02.040(c) and (d) and may be mailed or delivered to Daniel Sullivan, Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, 550 W. 7th Avenue, Suite 1400, Anchorage, Alaska 99501; faxed to 1-907-269-8918, or sent by electronic mail to dnr.appeals@alaska.gov. If no appeal is filed by that date, this decision goes into effect as a final order and decision on the 31st day after issuance. An eligible person must first appeal this decision in accordance with 11 AAC 02 before appealing this decision to Superior Court. A copy of 11 AAC 02 may be obtained from any regional information office of the Department of Natural Resources.