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Re: Intent to Adopt the Yukon Tanana Area Plan and Public Comment Period

Dear Alaskan,

This letter is to inform you that that the Department of Natural Resources has issued the Intent to Adopt (ITA) of the Yukon Tanana Area Plan (YTAP). The ITA is issued subsequent to the original Public Review Draft (PRD). It affords the public an opportunity to know how DNR has addressed public comments and to review the recommendations made to the original plan in response to public and agency review. The ITA consists of the PRD and the List of Recommended Revisions. YTAP affects nearly 9,200,000 acres of state owned uplands and shorelands and incorporates over 900,000 acres of legislatively designated land. Once adopted, this plan will serve as the basis for the management of state lands and waters in the YTAP area for the next 15 to 20 years. This plan supersedes the 1985 Tanana Basin Area Plan (TBAP) and 1991 revision to the TBAP. Land Classification Order NC-10-005 and Mineral Leasehold Location Order 33 are also to be adopted as part of the YTAP.

The Public Review Draft (PRD) of the YTAP was distributed for a two month comment period which ended on August 31, 2012. A total of 38 individuals and organizations submitted comments. DNR reviewed these comments and developed an Issue Response Summary (IRS) to address those comments; this document also includes recommended revisions intended to resolve issues identified during review. The 'List of Recommended Revisions' contains these revisions. All of these documents, including the plan maps, are available on our webpage at: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/planning/areaplans/ytap/>.

The state is providing a 30 day public review period for the ITA, to address unresolved concerns and review the recommended revisions. **Your written comments are encouraged and must be received on or before November 2, 2012 by mail, email, fax, or through the YTAP website provided below. Comments may also be hand delivered until 5:00 PM AST on November 2, 2012** at the address listed below. If you would like a paper copy of the IRS and List of Recommended Revisions, please contact us at the address listed below. To review and download and electronic version of the PRD, IRS and List of Recommended Revisions, including maps, or submit comments online please visit our webpage at: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/mlw/planning/areaplans/ytap/>. For additional information contact:

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