

**The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority  
Trust Land Office  
BEST INTEREST DECISION AFFIRMED  
Negotiated Placer Mineral Lease- Ester Creek**

MHT: 9400703

MH Parcel(s): FM-0910;FM-0911;FM-0912;FM-0913;FM-0914

**Action:** Adopt the Best Interest Decision dated April 16, 2019 regarding the above referenced disposal as final, with modification. This decision document, combined with the Best Interest Decision dated April 16,2019, constitutes the final decision on this matter, in accordance with 11 AAC 99.040.

**Notice under 11 AAC 99.050.** The Trust Land Office published the public notice of the decision to issue a negotiated placer mineral lease on Ester Creek in the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner on April 19, 2019 and distributed the notice to other interested public and private parties.

**Summary of Comments:** One comment was received during the public notice period which ended on May 20, 2019. The comment was from the Office of History and Archeology within the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation. The agency requested that a buffer be established around the Hudson Mill, which is located within the lease area and thought to be potentially historically significant, in order to avoid any alteration or disturbance of the mill during the life of the lease. This requirement will be incorporated into the lease.

**Trust Authority Consultation:** The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority was consulted on this matter on April 16, 2019.

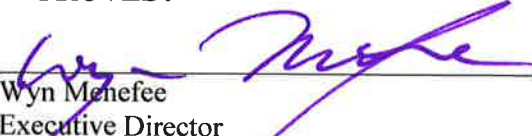
**Modifications:** As no comments were received suggesting that the Best Interest Decision dated April 16, 2019 should be substantively modified in any way to better serve the interest of the Trust and its beneficiaries, the Executive Director has determined that, except as noted above, no change shall be made to that document.

**Final Decision of the Executive Director:** Considering all of the above, the Executive Director of the Trust Land Office hereby adopts the Best Interest Decision dated April 16, 2019, as modified above, as final.

**Reconsideration:** Persons who submitted timely written comments during the notice period that ended May 20, 2019, are eligible to request reconsideration of this final best interest decision under 11 AAC 99.060(b) within 20 calendar days after publication of the notice or receipt of the final decision, whichever is earlier. A request for reconsideration must be submitted in writing to the Executive Director. Before filing an appeal to the Superior Court under AS 44.62.560, a person must be eligible to request and must actually request reconsideration within the time specified above.

The Executive Director shall order or deny reconsideration within 20 calendar days after receiving the written request for reconsideration. If the Executive Director takes no action during the 20-day period following the request, the request is considered denied. Denial of a request for reconsideration is the final administrative decision for purposes of appeal to the superior court under AS 44.62.560.

**APPROVED:**

  
Wyn Menefee  
Executive Director

8/9/19  
Date