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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 4, 2018, the State filed a final application (AA-93604) for an RDI pursuant to section 315 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 as amended (43 U.S.C. 1745), and the regulations in 43 CFR part 1860, subpart 1864, which authorize the BLM to issue an RDI. An RDI is a legal document through which the BLM would disclaim the United States' interest in or ownership of specified lands. This notice of application is to inform the public of the pending application and the State's supporting evidence, as well as to provide the opportunity to comment or provide additional information to the BLM.

The State's RDI application asserts that the waterbodies were navigable in fact on the date of Alaska Statehood, January 3, 1959. As such, the application contends that ownership of the lands underlying portions of the Eek River, Middle Fork of the Eek River, and Ugaklik River automatically passed from the United States to the State on the date of Statehood under the Equal Footing Doctrine, the Submerged Lands Act of 1953, the Submerged Lands Act of 1988, the Alaska Right of Way Act of 1898, the Alaska Statehood Act, and other title navigability laws.

The RDI application includes the eligible submerged lands for the following land descriptions: (1) Eek River: All submerged lands between the lines of ordinary high water of the left and right banks of the Eek River, from the confluence with Rainy Creek in sec. 1, T. 2 S., R. 64 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska, downstream to sec. 8, T. 1 N., R. 72 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska; (2) Middle Fork Eek River: All submerged lands between the lines of ordinary high water of the left and right banks of the Middle Fork Eek River from sec. 18, T. 3 S., R. 68 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska, downstream to river mile 0.3 near the confluence with the Eek River in sec. 34, T. 1 N., R. 71 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska; and (3) Ugaklik River: All submerged lands between the lines of ordinary high water of the left and right banks of the Ugaklik River from sec. 3, T. 3 S., R. 70 W., Seward Meridian,

Alaska, downstream to the confluence with the Eek River in sec. 3, T. 1 S., R. 72 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska.

The BLM is seeking additional information related to the waterbodies in the State's RDI application. Examples of additional information are photographs or videos capturing boats being used on the waterbodies, historical or present-day use diaries, or specific verbal knowledge, whether passed down through the region, or present-day use, information on the type of boat or watercraft used, and information on the time of year boats are, or were, used. In addition to boat use, the BLM is seeking hydrological data and/or photographs that capture waterbody characteristics such as depth, width, obstructions or obstacles, or shallow stream sections.

In previous **Federal Register** notices regarding RDI applications, the BLM provided a 90-day public comment period. The BLM determined that 30 days is adequate and sufficient time under the circumstances to receive substantive and relevant public input as is permitted under 43 CFR 1864.2. Additionally, a 30-day public comment period provides the BLM with a minimum of 60 days to review comments received before making a decision on the application on or after 90 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

Copies of the State's RDI application and comments provided in response to this notice will be available for public review at the BLM Alaska State Office (see **ADDRESSES** above), during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Alaska Time, Monday through Friday, excepting Federal holidays.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personally identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask the BLM in your comment to withhold your personally identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. (Authority: 43 U.S.C. 1745 and 43 CFR part 1860, subpart 1864)

Bettie Shelby,

Acting Deputy State Director, Division of Lands and Cadastral.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[A2407-014-004-065516, #O2509-014-004-125222]

Filing of Survey Plats: Alaska

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of official filing.

SUMMARY: The plats of survey of lands described in this notice are scheduled to be officially filed in the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Alaska State Office, Anchorage, Alaska. The surveys, which were executed at the request of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and BLM, are necessary for the management of these lands.

DATES: The BLM must receive protests by April 15, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may buy a copy of the plats from the BLM Alaska Public Information Center, 222 West 7th Avenue, Mailstop 13, Anchorage, AK 99513. Please use this address when filing written protests. You may also view the plats at the BLM Alaska Public Information Center, Fitzgerald Federal Building, 222 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska, at no cost.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nathan C. Erickson, Acting Chief, Branch of Cadastral Survey, Alaska State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 222 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99513; telephone 907-271-5770; email n05erick@blm.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, blind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lands surveyed are:

Copper River Meridian, Alaska

U.S. Survey No. 6728, accepted November 5, 2025, situated in T. 1 S., R. 3 W.

U.S. Survey No. 14556, accepted November 5, 2025, situated in T. 19 S., R. 17 E.

U.S. Survey No. 14646, accepted November 5, 2025, situated in T. 18 S., R. 17 E.

U.S. Survey No. 14649, accepted November 5, 2025, situated in T. 20 S., R. 19 E.

T. 11 N., R. 6 E., accepted October 3, 2025.

T. 18 N., R. 15 E., accepted August 18, 2021.

Fairbanks Meridian, Alaska

T. 10 S., R. 4 E., accepted November 6, 2025.

T. 11 S., R. 4 E., accepted November 6, 2025.

T. 12 S., R. 4 E., accepted November 6, 2025.

T. 13 S., R. 4 E., accepted November 6, 2025.

T. 8 S., R. 5 E., accepted November 6, 2025.
 T. 9 S., R. 5 E., accepted November 6, 2025.
 T. 10 S., R. 5 E., accepted November 6, 2025.
 T. 13 S., R. 5 E., accepted November 6, 2025.
 T. 8 S., R. 6 E., accepted November 6, 2025.
 T. 13 S., R. 6 E., accepted November 6, 2025.
 T. 9 S., R. 7 E., accepted November 6, 2025.
 T. 13 S., R. 7 E., accepted November 6, 2025.
 T. 14 S., R. 7 E., accepted November 6, 2025.
 T. 9 S., R. 8 E., accepted November 6, 2025.
 T. 10 S., R. 8 E., accepted November 6, 2025.
 T. 14 S., R. 8 E., accepted November 6, 2025.

Kateel River Meridian, Alaska

U.S. Survey No. 14655, accepted November 7, 2025, situated in T. 18 N., R. 10 W.

Seward Meridian, Alaska

U.S. Survey No. 4413, accepted May 24, 2023, situated in T. 17 N., R. 61 W.
 U.S. Survey No. 4414, accepted February 14, 2024, situated in T. 17 N., R. 61 W.
 U.S. Survey No. 14656, accepted November 5, 2025, situated in T. 12 S., R. 74 W.
 U.S. Survey No. 14673, accepted November 12, 2025, situated in T. 15 S., R. 44 W.
 U.S. Survey No. 14701, accepted November 12, 2025, situated in T. 15 S., R. 44 W.
 U.S. Survey No. 14703, accepted November 12, 2025, situated in T. 15 S., R. 44 W.
 U.S. Survey No. 14709, accepted November 7, 2025, situated in T. 15 S., R. 49 W.
 T. 14 N., R. 2 E., accepted November 6, 2025.
 T. 12 S., R. 72 W., accepted October 3, 2025.

A person or party who wishes to protest one or more plats of survey identified above must file a written notice of protest with the State Director for the BLM in Alaska. The protest may be filed by mailing to BLM State Director, Alaska State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 222 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99513 or by delivering it in person to BLM Alaska Public Information Center, Fitzgerald Federal Building, 222 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska. The notice of protest must identify the plat(s) of survey that the person or party wishes to protest. You must file the notice of protest before the scheduled date of official filing for the plat(s) of survey being protested. The BLM will not consider any notice of protest filed after the scheduled date of official filing. A notice of protest is considered filed on the date it is received by the State Director for the BLM in Alaska during regular business hours; if received after regular business hours, a notice of protest will be considered filed the next business day. A written statement of reasons in support of a protest, if not filed with the notice of protest, must be filed with the State Director for the BLM in Alaska within 30 calendar days after the notice of protest is filed.

If a notice of protest against a plat of survey is received prior to the scheduled date of official filing, the official filing of the plat of survey identified in the notice of protest will be

stayed pending consideration of the protest. A plat of survey will not be officially filed until the dismissal or resolution of all protests of the plat.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information in a notice of protest or statement of reasons, you should be aware that the documents you submit, including your personally identifiable information, may be made publicly available in their entirety at any time. While you can ask the BLM to withhold your personally identifiable information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

(Authority: 43 U.S.C. Chap. 3)

John G. Hill,

Acting Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Alaska.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[A2407-014-004-065516, #O2509-014-004-125222;AKAK106403643]

Application for a Recordable Disclaimer of Interest for Lands Underlying Portions of the Unuk River in Alaska

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: On September 8, 2025, the State of Alaska (State) finalized an application with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for a recordable disclaimer of interest (RDI) from the United States for the submerged lands underlying portions of the Unuk River in southeast Alaska. An RDI, if issued, would disclaim the United States' interest in the lands underlying the portion of the waterbody in the RDI application. This notice informs the public of the pending RDI application and supporting evidence submitted by the State and requests additional information related to the waterbody in the application.

DATES: All comments and any additional information should be received on or before April 15, 2026. The BLM will issue a decision on the application on or after June 15, 2026.

ADDRESSES: The State's RDI application and its attachments may be viewed at: <https://www.blm.gov/programs/lands-and-realty/regional-information/alaska/RDI/southeast>, under the section titled "Unuk River." Public comments may be mailed, emailed, or hand delivered.

Mail comments to: Bureau of Land Management, ATTN: Bettie Shelby, Acting Branch Chief, Lands and Realty (AK-941), 222 West 7th Avenue #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513; email comments to bshelby@blm.gov; or hand deliver comments during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Alaska Time) to the BLM Public Information Center, 222 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99513.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bettie Shelby, Acting Branch Chief, Lands and Realty (AK-941), at 222 West 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513; 907-271-5596; bshelby@blm.gov; or visit the BLM's RDI website at <https://www.blm.gov/programs/lands-and-realty/regional-information/alaska/RDI>. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On

September 8, 2025, the State finalized an application (AA-98715) for an RDI pursuant to section 315 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 as amended (43 U.S.C. 1745), and the regulations in 43 CFR part 1860, subpart 1864, which authorize the BLM to issue an RDI. An RDI is a legal document through which the BLM would disclaim the United States' interest in or ownership of specified lands. This notice of application is to inform the public of the pending application and the State's supporting evidence, as well as to provide the opportunity to comment or provide additional information to the BLM.

The State's RDI application asserts that the waterbody was navigable in fact on the date of Alaska Statehood, January 3, 1959. As such, the application contends that ownership of the lands underlying portions of the Unuk River automatically passed from the United States to the State on the date of Statehood under the Equal Footing Doctrine, the Submerged Lands Act of 1953, the Submerged Lands Act of 1988, the Alaska Right of Way Act of 1898, the Alaska Statehood Act, and other title navigability laws.

The RDI application includes eligible submerged lands for the following land description: 1) Unuk River: All submerged lands between the ordinary high-water lines of the left and right banks of the Unuk River beginning at the westerly boundary of the Sixty-Foot