



## **Summary Report: Secretary Burgum’s March 2025 Actions to Unleash Alaska’s Extraordinary Resource Potential (Executive Order 14153, Secretary’s Order 3422)**

The State of Alaska holds an abundant and largely untapped supply of natural resources including, among others, energy, minerals, timber, and seafood. Earlier this year, President Donald J. Trump issued Executive Order (EO) 14153 to unlock this bounty of natural wealth for the benefit of Alaskans and the nation, providing economic and national security for many generations to come. Under Department of the Interior Secretary Doug Burgum’s leadership, Interior is taking action to unleash Alaska’s untapped natural resource potential and support President Donald J. Trump’s vision of American Energy Dominance.

On March 20, 2025, the Department of the Interior announced an initial suite of actions to implement [Executive Order 14153](#) and [Secretary’s Order 3422](#), both titled “Unleashing Alaska’s Extraordinary Resource Potential.”

- Reopening the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska (NPR-A) to leasing and expanding energy development opportunities in the approximately 23-million-acre reserve. This plan would balance the Secretary’s responsibilities to provide for oil and gas leasing, exploration, and development consistent with the energy needs of the nation and protect important surface resources in the reserve.
- Reinstating a program that makes the entire 1.56-million-acre Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge available for oil and gas leasing. This program would fulfill Congress’ intent in the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act and advance American Energy Dominance, while maintaining strong protections for important surface resources and uses in the Coastal Plain.
- Revoking withdrawals along the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Corridor and Dalton Highway north of the Yukon River in order to convey these lands to State of Alaska. This action would help pave the way for the proposed Ambler Road and the Alaska Liquefied Natural Gas Pipeline project, two projects that stand to increase job opportunities and encourage Alaska’s economic growth.

Additional information on timelines and steps will be shared as they are developed and approved.

## **National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska**

The BLM will take steps to issue a new 2025 Record of Decision (ROD) for the NPR-A Integrated Activity Plan (IAP), that reconsiders decisions made in the 2020 ROD consistent with the Executive Order. The State of Alaska, North Slope tribal and government entities, and industry generally all found the 2020 ROD favorable and it is consistent with past administrative practice, including in the NPR-A. This action provides a straightforward path to resuming a competitive program of leasing in NPR-A.

## **Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Oil and Gas Leasing Program**

The BLM will take steps to issue a new 2025 Record of Decision, potentially selecting Alternative B from the 2024 Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. This approach would result in a more stable trajectory for the future of the oil and gas leasing program in ANWR and aligns with the goals of local communities and the majority of stakeholders in Alaska.

## **Partial revocation of Public Land Order 5150**

The State of Alaska has expressed a strong desire to acquire lands withdrawn by Public Land Order (PLO) 5150 north of the Yukon River to support the Alaska Liquefied Natural Gas (AKLNG) project, for access to the proposed Ambler Road corridor, for increased control over the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS), and for other resource development goals.

In response to the executive and secretary's orders, the BLM will begin a partial revocation of PLO 5150 north of the Yukon River based on the State's prioritization of its top filings. The first phase would consist of approximately 370,000 – 420,000 acres identified as necessary for the AKLNG and Ambler Road projects, and encompassing the Dalton Highway, the TAPS, and other mineralized areas. Once those lands are conveyed the Department could consider additional revocations.

The BLM recommended a partial revocation of PLO 5150 as a first step to balance the State's goals with federal rural subsistence access needs. If BLM revokes any portion of PLO 5150 and the associated withdrawals, the lands will automatically become selected by the State, will be segregated from locatable mineral entry, and no longer be available for federal rural subsistence priority under ANILCA.