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RE:

RDI Applications

BLM Case No.s: AA-085445 (1864) Klehini River, AA-085443 (1864) Chilkat

Lake and Clear Creek

Dear Ms. Dougan:

The State of Alaska filed Recordable Disclaimer of Interest (RDI) applications for the Klehini River and Chilkat Lake on May 12, 2004, amended to include Clear Creek on June 23, 2005. The Bureau of Land Management's recent Summary Reports, once again highlight issues raised on other RDI applications.

As such, the State would respectfully request that the Bureau suspend further action on the Klehini River/Chilkat Lake and Nabesna River/Chisana River applications, until further notice. This will allow the State an opportunity to further evaluate the potential impacts and discuss the State's concerns with BLM.

Thank you.

Commissioner

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cc: Elizabeth Barry, Chief Assistant Attorney General, State of Alaska McKie Campbell, Commissioner, Alaska Department of Fish & Game Richard Mylius, Director, DNR, Division of Mining, Land & Water Scott Ogan, Natural Resource Manager, DNR, Division of Mining, Land, Water, Public Access, Assertion, & Defense Unit Callie Webber, Realty Specialist, BLM Recordable Disclaimer of Interest Team Lead Robin Willis, Habitat Biologist, Department of Fish & Game