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Mr. Craig Frichtl,
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Subject: Withdrawal of the State of Alaska's Recordable Disclaimer of Interest (RDI) Application for the "Dykes Range Impact Area" portion of the Tanana River System.

Dear Mr. Frichtl,

Pursuant to 43 CFR § 1864, the State of Alaska (State) responded to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Draft Summary Report on the State of Alaska Tanana River RDI Application published in the federal register on April 29, 2010. In that response, the State disputed the BLM's conclusion regarding the effects of EO No. 8020 and PLO No. 1521. The State stands by its position regarding EO No. 8020 and its partial revocation by PLO No. 1039. However, in order to facilitate the processing of the Tanana River RDI application, the State hereby withdraws its application for the area of the Dykes Range Impact Area as described by PLO No. 1521, within Sections 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29, 33, 34, and 35, T. 2 S., R. 2 E., F.M. as shown on attached maps 5 and 6.

Further, the State reiterates its request that the BLM: (1) amend its draft report and provide in its final report and decision that the State, without conceding ownership, chose not to apply for river bed lands within the boundaries of EO No. 5365, Tetlin Native Reserve and EO No. 8847, Aerial Bombing and Gunnery Range and PLO 1521, Dykes Range Impact Area; and (2) remove from the report any references or analyses regarding ownership of the riverbed within these three areas.

We also attach the October 3, 2011 letter sent to Richard Thwaites, Chief, Branch of Transfer Services requesting conveyance of the islands within the bed of the Tanana River as described. This will alleviate any further issues with upland ownership in these areas.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Wendy Steinberger or me.

Sincerely,

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