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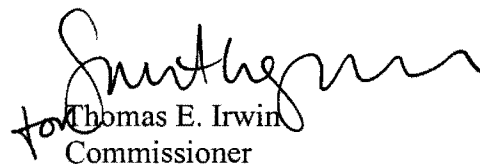
SUBJECT: Acknowledge Receipt of Appeal of the Division of Mining, Land and Water's June 10, 2010 Administrative Decision re: Knik River Public Use Area – Maud Road Extension Rifle Range, Reservation of Public Easement, ADL 230693

Dear Mr. Nilsson:

By your appeal letter dated Sunday, July 4, 2010 that was received in this office via email on Tuesday, July 6, 2010 (due to the holiday on Monday, July 5, 2010), on behalf of the Butte Area Residents Civic Organization, Inc. (BARCO), you appealed the department's Division of Mining, Land and Water's (MLW) above-captioned decision. Your appeal was received within the time allowed by law. (11 AAC 02.040) Since your appeal is on a decision to reserve a revocable easement, under DNR's appeal regulations, your appeal did *not* automatically stay MLW's June 10, 2010 decision. (11 AAC 02.060(c)(1)) **However, on my own motion, I have determined that the public interest requires a stay (11 AAC 02.060(d)) of the above-captioned decision during my adjudication of your appeal because of the impact of the proposed construction within the project area.**

The purpose of this letter is to acknowledge receipt of your appeal. Accepting your appeal does not mean your appeal is valid or that the issues raised in your appeal have merit. Following review of the DNR file, applicable Alaska Statutes and department regulations, I will make a decision on your appeal. Appeals are handled on a chronological basis. Currently, there is a backlog of MLW appeals but I anticipate making my decision on your appeal within the next few months.

Sincerely,


to Thomas E. Irwin
Commissioner

cc: Dick Mylius, Director, Division of Mining, Land and Water, DNR
Richard B. Thompson, Regional Manager, Southcentral Region Office, MLW, DNR

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