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Extension of the Opening Order in Public Land Order No. 7899, Alaska

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Amended opening order.

SUMMARY: For orderly management of the public lands subject to Public Land Order (PLO) 7899, published on Jan. 19, 2021, the lands described therein shall not be opened until a date 60 days after the publication of this Amended Opening Order.

DATES: This Order takes effect on [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For the orderly administration of the public lands and in accordance with 43 CFR 2091.6, this Order amends the opening order contained in Paragraph 3 of PLO 7899 (86 FR 5236) as follows:

At 8 a.m. Alaska Time on [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER], the lands described in paragraph 1 of PLO 7899, (86 FR 5236) shall be open to all forms of appropriation under the general

public land laws, including location and entry under the mining laws, leasing under the Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920, as amended, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. All valid applications received at or prior to 8 a.m. Alaska Time on [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER], shall be considered as simultaneously filed at that time. Those received thereafter shall be considered in the order of filing. Appropriation of any of the lands referenced in Paragraph 1 of PLO 7899, (86 FR 5236) under the general mining laws prior to the date and time of revocation remain unauthorized. Any such attempted appropriation, including attempted adverse possession under 30 U.S.C. 38, shall vest no rights against the United States. State law governs acts required to establish a location and to initiate a right of possession where not in conflict with Federal law. The BLM will not intervene in disputes between rival locators over possessory rights since Congress has provided for such determinations in local courts.

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