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Department of Natural Resources

DIVISION OF PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION
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February 12, 2020

City of Homer
City Manager Katie Koester

Dear Ms. Koester,

The State of Alaska is the grantee, along with the United States Department of the Interior, of a conservation easement which protects a parcel of land owned by the City of Homer, specifically the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 20, Township 6 South, Range 13 West, Seward Meridian, subject to certain exclusions. This conservation easement was recorded in the Homer Recording District on April 21, 1998. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DPOR) administers the State of Alaska's interest in this easement. The relevant DNR file is Limited State Holding (LSH) 489.

The State of Alaska, Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) built a portion of the Sterling Highway and Lake Street through the northeastern corner of this quarter-quarter prior to the creation of the conservation easement. DOT&PF did not complete acquisition of one parcel of right-of-way and now seeks to acquire that right-of-way from the City of Homer. This parcel has been used as a road right-of-way since prior to the creation of the conservation easement.

Reviewing the file and conservation easement, the State and the other parties intended to exclude the land which was being used as a road right-of-way at the time from the parcel protected conservation easement.

The right-of-way parcel to be acquired by DOT&PF has been, and will continue to be, used as a road right-of-way. This right-of-way parcel was not part of the natural area which was to be protected by the conservation easement at the time of the conservation easement's creation.

Therefore, DPOR has no objection to the City of Homer conveying ownership of the parcel described in the attached Warranty Deed and depicted on the attached drawings for Alaska Project No. Z524610000 to DOT&PF.

Please contact me with any questions at 269-8692 or dan.beutel@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan Beutel".

Dan Beutel
Natural Resource Specialist III, DPOR

Cc: Jack Blackwell, Superintendent, Kenai/Prince William Sound