

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH MANAGER TO SELL THE SUSITNA RIVER SALVAGE TIMBER HARVEST (MSB006573).

AGENDA OF: February 20, 2024

ASSEMBLY ACTION:
 Approved under the consent agenda 02/20/24 - *emw*

AGENDA ACTION REQUESTED: Present to Assembly for consideration.

Route To	Signatures
Originator	2 / 6 / 2 0 2 4 X E m e r s o n K r u e g e r <small>Signed by: Emerson Krueger</small>
Department Director	2 / 6 / 2 0 2 4 X E r i c P h i l l i p s <small>Signed by: Eric Phillips</small>
Finance Director	2 / 8 / 2 0 2 4 X C h e y e n n e H e i n d e l <small>Signed by: Cheyenne Heindel</small>
Borough Attorney	 X J o h n A s c h e n b r e n n e r <small>Signed by: John Aschenbrenner</small> <small>Recoverable Signature</small>
Borough Manager	 X M i c h a e l B r o w n <small>Signed by: Michael Brown</small> <small>Recoverable Signature</small>
Borough Clerk	 X L o n n i e M c K e c h n i e <small>Signed by: Lonnie Mckechnie</small> <small>Recoverable Signature</small>

ATTACHMENT (S): Susitna River Salvage Timber Harvest Map (1 pp)
 Resolution Serial No. 24-026 (pp)

SUMMARY STATEMENT: The Matanuska-Susitna Borough Land and Resource Management Division has identified a potential salvage timber sale on approximately 114 acres of Borough-owned forestland on Borough parcels Tax ID 26N05W08A001 and 26N05W08B001. The parcels encompass approximately 358 acres, but only 114 acres are included in the proposed harvest area.

This harvest area was initially proposed as a commercial harvest in 2021. The public comment period listing the original 54-acres was open from October 1 through October 31, 2021. No public comments were received in response to the 2021 notice. Given the time that has elapsed, a second notice was provided as a courtesy

to inform the public that the timber sale remains available and has been expanded to 114 acres on the same parcels. Two weeks was deemed sufficient time to afford the public to comment given the previous notice for a harvest on the same parcels.

This salvage sale is proposed to be offered over-the-counter on a first come first served basis, similar to the majority of previous timber sales.

A salvage harvest within the subject Borough parcel was proposed because of its high stocking of over-mature or defective birch with minor components of dead and damaged spruce. Forest management activities will target the reduction of birch stocking and removal of salvageable dead and damaged spruce to promote natural regeneration, enhance growth of residual trees, reduce fire hazard, and improve overall forest health.

The proposal for the timber salvage sale was made in the best interest of the forest and the surrounding community. This larger sale will allow for the management of Matanuska-Susitna Borough forestland and reduce the risk of wildfire. There is an opportunity here to realize some value from the trees before more succumb to rot and other disturbances. Access to the timber is from near Mile 118 Parks Highway.

Pursuant to MSB 23.05.025, the required 30-day public notice was completed October 31, 2021. No comments were received.

RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATION:

Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly adoption of Resolution Serial No. 24-026 authorizing the Borough Manager to sell the Susitna River Salvage Timber Sale over-the-counter(MSB006573).

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

FISCAL NOTE

Agenda Date: 2/20/2024

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FISCAL ACTION (TO BE COMPLETED BY FINANCE)	FISCAL IMPACT YES NO
AMOUNT REQUESTED *	FUNDING SOURCE Timber Sale
FROM ACCOUNT #	PROJECT
TO ACCOUNT: 203.000.000 3xx.xxx	PROJECT #
VERIFIED BY: X <u>Liese l W eiland</u> Signed by: Liese l W eiland	

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES:

(Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029
Personnel Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land/Structures						
Grants, Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING						
CAPITAL						
REVENUE		*				

FUNDING:

(Thousands of Dollars)

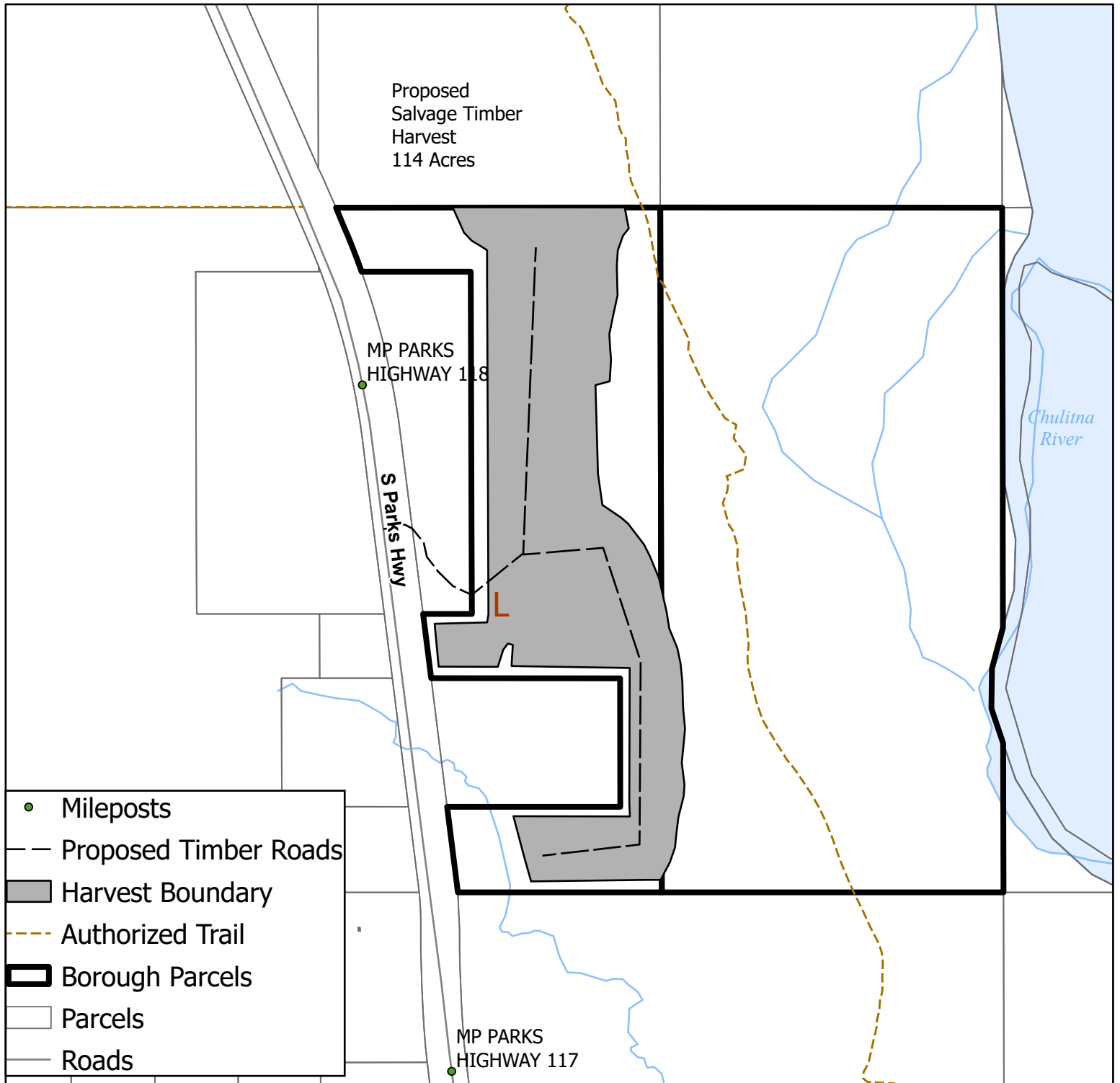
General Fund						
State/Federal Funds						
Other		*				
TOTAL		*				

POSITIONS:

Full-Time						
Part-Time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary) *Amount depends on actual sale price of timber

APPROVED BY:	2 / 8 / 2 0 2 4 X <u>C h e y e n n e H e i n d e l</u> Signed by: C h e y e n n e H e i n d e l
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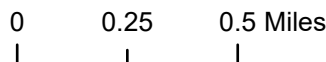
**Matanuska-Susitna Borough
Land Management Division**



MSB006573 Susitna River Corridor
STH24-002: Salvage Timber Harvest - 114 Acres
2024

Tax Id 26N05W08A001 & 26N05W08B001

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Vicinity Map

