

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH Community Development Land & Resource Management Division 350 East Dahlia Avenue Palmer, Alaska 99645

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH PUBLIC NOTICE

Type: Salvage Timber Sale (MSB008133)

Tax ID: 16N04W03C003

The Matanuska-Susitna Borough (Borough) Land & Resource Management Division is proposing an over-thecounter salvage timber sale on Borough owned parcel tax ID 16N04W03C003. This parcel is located south of Big Lake and W. Susitna Parkway, just west of South Burma Road. Forest management activities will continue to focus on approximately 17 acres targeting the removal of over-mature white birch and small amounts of beetlekilled spruce. Access to the designated harvest area will be along an existing forest access trail from South Burma Rd on Borough owned parcels 16N04W02C005 and 16N04W02C006. This proposed harvest area is adjacent to a nearly completed timber harvest as shown on the following map. A 100-foot strip of trees will be left between the harvest areas and along wetlands, resulting in a patchwork of unharvested timber leaving a range of habitat types.

Tree species composition is highly comprised of over-mature white birch with minor components of white spruce and quaking aspen. An overstory removal is the recommended treatment, salvaging the declining white birch and dead spruce. This treatment aims to facilitate natural regeneration of hardwoods and promote the release of residual live spruce trees in both the understory and midstory. An estimated volume of 119 cords of timber is expected to be extracted from the 17-acre timber harvest area.

Supporting material is available for public inspection during normal business hours on the 2nd floor of the Borough Building in the Land & Resource Management office or visit the Public Notice Section on the Borough's web page, www.matsugov.us. Public comment is invited on this request. If you have any comments please mail or deliver them to the Borough offices at the address indicated above, no later than <u>October 12, 2023</u>. If you have questions about this request call Emerson Krueger at 907-861-7867 between 8 am - 5 pm or you can send an e-mail to: <u>LMB@matsugov.us</u> (please refer to MSB008133 South Burma 2025 Salvage Timber Sale when submitting comments).

Comments:

Signature:

(If you need more space for comments please attach a separate sheet of paper.) *This public notice & request for comments is in compliance with MSB Code 23.05.025

