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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Honorable Thomas Vilsack
Secretary of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue SW
Washington, D.C. 20250

Honorable Deb Haaland
Secretary of the Interior
1849 C Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20240

Re: Waters of the Mendenhall Lake and River, Alaska

Dear Secretary Vilsack and Secretary Haaland:

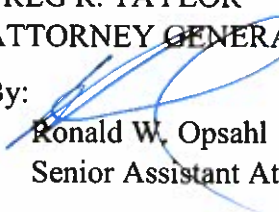
Pursuant to Section 2409a(m) of Title 28 of the United States Code, the State of Alaska hereby provides notice of its intent to file a quiet title action to the submerged lands underlying the waters of the Mendenhall Lake and River, Alaska. To the extent the United States continues to dispute the State's title, in not less than 180 days, the State intends to sue to quiet title to the submerged lands underlying the waters of the Mendenhall Lake and River within T40S, R66E, CRM. and T39S, R66E, CRM, adjacent to the Tongass National Forest, Map attached.

Title to these lands passed to Alaska at statehood based on the equal footing doctrine, the Submerged Lands Act, 43 U.S.C. §§ 1301 *et seq.*, and the Alaska Statehood Act, 72 Stat. 339, 48 U.S.C. note preceding § 21.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

cc: Thomas Heinlein, BLM Alaska Acting State Director
Earl Stewart, USDA, Tongass National Forest