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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this e-mail in support of the establishment of the Tangle Lakes Game Refuge. My wife and I have been using this area for many years...hunting, fishing, camping, recreating etc. and have seen substantial changes in this area over the last thirty years. The popularity of this area has increased substantially and the impacts of that increase are visible in increased OHV use, camping, boating, hiking, and in my opinion effects on the wildlife and fishing populations.

I am very familiar this area . I was the lead recreation planner for BLM for many years, who had management responsibility for a portion of the subject area, and have a wildlife management degree. I have seen substantial changes in this area, mostly a large increase in popularity for hunting and OHV use. I have seen a displacement of caribou migration patterns from this use. Increase of management will hopefully help the situation. Again I am very supportive of this designation.

Respectfully:

Paul G. Boos and Janelle B. Eklund

Greetings,

I am in support of HB 272, establishing a Tangle Lakes Game Refuge. I go to the area every year for peace and solitude, berry picking, canoeing, boating, hiking, hunting, wildlife viewing, and photography. This area is a very special and sacred place and needs to be kept that way. We need these places and the earth needs these places to stay intact.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Janelle Eklund

Kenny Lake, Alaska

Dear Resource Committee Members,

An impressive number of Alaskans, and some Outside visitors as well, have cared enough about the Tangle Lakes region to sign the attached Letter to the Legislature. This was not a quick, press-the-button sign-on. Many signed paper petitions at booths and events, and took the time to include how they use the area. They hunt, fish, pick berries, etc. (Please see "how recreate" column in attached spreadsheet.) Some of the signers are business owners. (See first column of spread sheet.) To make it easier for you to see which are from your districts, the list is arranged alphabetically by city.

Copper Country Alliance is a small non-profit conservation organization that has served the Copper River Basin for over 25 years. Our organization, partner organizations, and concerned individuals have spent years seeking ways to ensure that the Tangle Lakes region remains a place where wildlife flourishes and humans hunt, fish, and recreate.

We hope this information will help you understand the value of creating a Tangle Lakes State Game Refuge for the benefit of current and future Alaskans.

Sincerely,

Ruth McHenry

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Representatives:

I fully, one thousand percent support this bill. I'm an archaeologist and am aware of the rich and geographically broad cultural resources in the area. I also hike and bike and pick berries in the area at least once per year. Thank you for your effort.

Mark Luttrell
Seward, AK