

**HOUSE BILL NO. 162**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Introduced: 3/2/09

Referred: Resources, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1   **"An Act establishing the Southeast State Forest and relating to the Southeast State**  
2   **Forest; and providing for an effective date."**

3   **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4    \* **Section 1.** AS 41.17 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5               **Sec. 41.17.500. Southeast State Forest.** (a) Subject to valid existing rights,  
6               the state-owned or acquired land and water lying within the parcels described in (d) of  
7               this section is designated as the Southeast State Forest.

8               (b) The commissioner shall prepare a management plan for the Southeast State  
9               Forest under AS 41.17.230.

10              (c) The commissioner may establish transportation corridors within the  
11              Southeast State Forest.

12              (d) The Southeast State Forest includes the state-owned or acquired land  
13              within the following described parcels:

14                      (1) Township 62 South, Range 84 East, Copper River Meridian

- 1 Section 9: E1/2 SE1/4, Government Lots 1 and 2
- 2 Section 10: S1/2
- 3 Section 11: N1/2, E1/2 SE1/4, W1/2 SW1/4, and Government Lots
- 4 1, 2, 3, and 4
- 5 Section 12: W1/2, W1/2E1/2
- 6 Section 13: W1/2W1/2, NE1/4NW1/4, NW1/4NE1/4
- 7 Section 14: E1/2 NE1/4, E1/2 SE1/4, W1/2 NW1/4, and
- 8 Government Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4
- 9 Section 15: N1/2, N1/2SE1/4, NE1/4SW1/4
- 10 Section 16: Government Lot 1, and the portion of Government Lot
- 11 2 Northerly of the East-West Centerline of Section 16
- 12 Section 23: NE 1/4 NE1/4, and Government Lots 1 and 3
- 13 Section 24: SE1/4NW1/4, W1/2NW1/4, SW1/4NE1/4, NE1/4
- 14 SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4, and Government Lots 1 and 2
- 15 Section 25: NE1/4 NE1/4, and Government Lots 1, 2, and 3
- 16 (2) Township 65 South, Range 78 East, Copper River Meridian
- 17 Section 36: E1/2
- 18 (3) Township 65 South, Range 79 East, Copper River Meridian
- 19 Section 31: E1/2 NW1/4, and Government Lots 1 and 2
- 20 (4) Township 65 South, Range 89 East, Copper River Meridian
- 21 Tract A: The portion within Protracted Sections 25 and 36, and the
- 22 portion in the E1/2 E1/2 of Protracted Section 26.
- 23 (5) Township 65 South, Range 90 East, Copper River Meridian
- 24 Tracts A, B, C, D, E, F, and G; Tract H: the portion within
- 25 Protracted Sections 13, 14, 15, and 24, and the portion within the
- 26 N1/2 NE1/4 of Protracted Section 23; Tract K within Protracted
- 27 Section 30; and Tract L.
- 28 (6) Township 66 South, Range 78 East, Copper River Meridian
- 29 Section 1: E1/2, SW1/4
- 30 Section 12: NE1/4, N1/2NW1/4
- 31 Section 24: E1/2 E1/2, and Government Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7

- 1                   Section 25: E1/2 NE1/4, NW1/4 SE1/4, and Government Lots 1, 2,  
2                   3, 4, and 5
- 3                   (7) Township 66 South, Range 79 East, Copper River Meridian  
4                   Section 6: SW1/4 SE1/4, E1/2 SW1/4, and Government Lots 1 and  
5                   2  
6                   Section 7: N1/2 NE1/4, NE1/4 NW1/4, and Government Lot 1
- 7                   (8) Township 68 South, Range 76 East, Copper River Meridian  
8                   Section 10: S1/2SW1/4  
9                   Section 15: NW1/4, S1/2NE1/4, N1/2S1/2  
10                  Sections 31: E1/2, E1/2 W1/2, and Government Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4  
11                  Section 32  
12                  Section 33: S1/2, NW1/4  
13                  Section 34: NW1/4SW1/4
- 14                  (9) Township 68 South, Range 81 East, Copper River Meridian  
15                  Section 3: NW1/4, W1/2 SW1/4, and Government Lots 3 and 4  
16                  Section 4  
17                  Section 8: Government Lot 1  
18                  Section 9: E1/2, E1/2W1/2, and Government Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4  
19                  Section 11: N1/2
- 20                  (10) Township 69 South, Range 76 East, Copper River Meridian  
21                  Section 1: N1/2NW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4  
22                  Section 2: NE1/4, N1/2SE1/4, NE1/4 NW1/4
- 23                  (11) Township 69 South, Range 79 East, Copper River Meridian  
24                  Section 23: E1/2SE1/4, NW1/4SE1/4  
25                  Section 24: W1/2SW1/4
- 26                  (12) Township 69 South, Range 80 East, Copper River Meridian  
27                  Section 9: SE1/4NE1/4, E1/2 SE1/4, NW1/4 SE1/4, and  
28                  Government Lot 1  
29                  Section 10: SW1/4, S1/2NW1/4  
30                  Section 15: SE1/4  
31                  Section 21: SE1/4SE1/4

- 1                   Section 22: NE1/4, W1/2SE1/4, S1/2SW1/4
- 2                   Section 27: N1/2NW1/4
- 3                   Section 28: NE1/4NE1/4
- 4           (13) Township 70 South, Range 77 East, Copper River Meridian
- 5                   Section 23: E1/2NE1/4
- 6                   Section 24: N1/2, N1/2SW1/4, N1/2SE1/4
- 7           (14) Township 70 South, Range 78 East, Copper River Meridian
- 8                   Section 16: Government Lot 5
- 9                   Section 18: W1/2, W1/2NE1/4, W1/2SE1/4
- 10           Section 19: That portion of Government Lot 1 within the
- 11                   NW1/4NE1/4, W1/2NW1/4, NE1/4NW1/4, W1/2SW1/4
- 12                   Section 20: S1/2
- 13                   Section 21: That Portion of Government Lot 3 within the E 1/2; SW
- 14                   1/4; and the Parcel described as: commencing at the NW 1/16
- 15                   Corner of Section 21, the Point of Beginning; thence Northerly
- 16                   along the West 1/16 Line to the Mean High Water Line of Sea Otter
- 17                   Sound; thence Northerly and Easterly along the Mean High Water
- 18                   Line of Sea Otter Sound to the intersection with the North-South
- 19                   Centerline of Section 21; thence Southerly to the C 1/4 of Section
- 20                   21; thence Westerly to the NW 1/16 Corner of Section 21 and the
- 21                   Point of Beginning.
- 22           (15) Township 71 South, Range 81 East, Copper River Meridian
- 23                   Section 13: NW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4,
- 24                   NW1/4NE1/4
- 25           (16) Township 71 South, Range 82 East, Copper River Meridian
- 26                   Section 18: S1/2SW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4
- 27                   Section 19: N1/2NW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4, NW1/4 SW1/4
- 28           (17) Township 71 South, Range 84 East, Copper River Meridian
- 29                   Section 14: W1/2
- 30                   Section 15: E1/2, S1/2SW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4
- 31                   Section 16: S1/2SE1/4

- 1                   Section 21: N1/2NE1/4
- 2                   Section 22: E1/2, NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4
- 3                   Section 23: W1/2
- 4                   Section 26: NW1/4
- 5                   Section 27: N1/2NE1/4
- 6                   (18) Township 71 South, Range 90 East, Copper River Meridian
- 7                   Section 16: SW1/4 SW1/4, and Government Lots 1 and 2
- 8                   Section 17: Government Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4
- 9                   Section 20: Government Lot 1
- 10                  Section 21: SE1/4NW1/4, and Government Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6
- 11                  (19) Township 72 South, Range 84 East, Copper River Meridian
- 12                  Section 1: SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4
- 13                  Section 12: E1/2, E1/2NW1/4, E1/2SW1/4
- 14                  Section 13: N1/2NE1/4, NE1/4NW1/4
- 15                  (20) Township 75 South, Range 89 East, Copper River Meridian
- 16                  Section 13: SW1/4NE1/4, W1/2SE1/4, SE1/4SE1/4, SW1/4, E1/2
- 17                  NW1/4, SW1/4 NW1/4, and Government Lot 1
- 18                  Section 14: SE1/4, Government Lot 1
- 19                  Section 23: N1/2NE1/4
- 20                  Section 24: N1/2N1/2
- 21                  (21) Township 75 South, Range 90 East, Copper River Meridian
- 22                  Tract A: Within Protracted Section 27, 28, 33, and 34, and the
- 23                  portion in the W1/2 W1/2 of Protracted Section 35
- 24                  (22) Township 76 South, Range 90 East, Copper River Meridian
- 25                  Tract A: Within Protracted Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 16, and 17; the
- 26                  Portion in the W1/2 W1/2 of Protracted Section 2; and the Portion in
- 27                  the W1/2 NW1/4 and the SW1/4 of Protracted Section 11
- 28                  (e) Nothing in this section prevents the City and Borough of Wrangell from
- 29                  exercising its land selection rights under AS 29.65.040(d) to state land within its
- 30                  boundaries. If new municipalities are incorporated before June 30, 2019, and lands
- 31                  designated in (d) of this section are within their boundaries, those lands that were

1       classified as vacant, unappropriated, unreserved state land before establishment of the  
2       Southeast State Forest shall be used to calculate the municipal entitlement acreage  
3       under AS 29.65.030 but may not be selected.

4       \* **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
5 read:

6       TRANSITIONS: REGULATIONS. The Department of Natural Resources may  
7 immediately adopt regulations necessary to implement the change made by sec. 1 of this Act.  
8 The regulations take effect under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act), but not before  
9 July 1, 2009.

10       \* **Sec. 3.** Section 2 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

11       \* **Sec. 4.** Except as provided in sec. 3 of this Act, this Act takes effective July 1, 2009.