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Bill Version **SB159**
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Identifier (file name) SB159-DNR-FMD-3-9-12 Dept. Affected Natural Resources
 Title An Act establishing the Susitna State Forest; and Appropriation Resource Development
providing for an effective date. Allocation Forest Management & Development
 Sponsor Senator Menard
 Requester Senate Resources OMB Component Number 435

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

	FY13 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY13 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY13	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants, Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)							
1002	Federal Receipts						
1003	GF Match						
1004	GF						
1005	GF/Prgm (DGF)						
1037	GF/MH (UGF)						
1178	temp code (UGF)						
TOTAL		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

POSITIONS							
Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

CHANGE IN REVENUES	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	***	***	***
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY12) operating costs 0.0 (separate supplemental appropriation required)
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY13) costs 0.0 (separate capital appropriation required)
 (discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)

Not applicable, initial version.

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Analysis

This bill would establish a new Susitna State Forest in the Matanuska and Susitna Valleys from state lands presently classified for forestry management by the two Area Plans for the region. These lands are currently managed by the Division of Forestry for timber harvest and other multiple uses. Designation of these lands as a state forest will ensure the long-term availability of a timber supply to local commercial and personal use customers, support economic opportunities for the region's communities, improve access to the parcels and retain the land in state ownership for multiple uses. The state forest will also directly support a growing interest in wood energy space heating projects by local communities. These projects require a long-term, sustainable supply of wood.

The proposed State Forest includes 33 parcels totaling approximately 763,200 acres and are located in 14 large management blocks. The Susitna State Forest would become part of the State Forest System under AS 41.17.010 - .230 and will continue to be managed under the provisions of the State Forest Resources and Practices Act (FRPA) which is designed to protect fish habitat and water quality. The forest management plan for the region would be updated via a public process per AS 41.17.230.

Implementation of this bill will not require new positions or funding.

The bill will have no short-term impact to the revenue stream, but will provide for long-term increases in forest productivity and subsequent increased timber revenues.