

SENATE BILL NO. 181

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATOR GIESSEL

Introduced: 1/27/12

Referred:

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act approving an interim classification by the commissioner of natural resources**
2 **closing certain land within the Glacier Creek and Winner Creek drainages to new**
3 **mineral entry; amending the mineral entry closure in sec. 2, ch. 8, SLA 2003, for certain**
4 **land within the Glacier Creek and Winner Creek drainages; and providing for an**
5 **effective date."**

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

7 *** Section 1.** The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
8 to read:

9 PURPOSE. The purpose of this Act is to approve the interim classifications contained
10 in Mineral Order No. 1121 and in Amendment 3 to Mineral Closing Order 593, issued by the
11 commissioner of natural resources, to close state land within the upper Glacier Creek and
12 Winner Creek drainages near Girdwood to new mineral entry. The legislature recognizes that
13 mineral entry would be incompatible with the existing and proposed development of

significant surface-based recreational facilities and infrastructure in the Glacier Creek and Winner Creek drainages. The legislature finds that closure of the state-owned mineral estate to new mineral entry will reserve those lands for recreational development opportunities as provided in the land use plans of the state and the Municipality of Anchorage.

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

MINERAL ENTRY CLOSURE. Under AS 38.05.300(c), and subject to existing valid rights, the following state-owned land, and all land acquired in the future by the state, laying within the Glacier Creek and Winner Creek drainages, is closed to new mineral entry:

(1) Township 10 North, Range 2 East, Seward Meridian

Section 9: E1/2SE1/4NE1/4 within the Chugach National Forest,
E1/2SE1/4 within the Chugach National Forest

Section 10: SW1/4, SW1/4SW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4 except for the
N1/2NE1/4SE1/4NW1/4, W1/2SE1/4, W1/2SW1/4NE1/4SE1/4,
SE1/4SE1/4 except for the NE1/4SE1/4SE1/4

Section 12

Section 13: N1/2

Section 14: W1/2

Section 15

Section 16: E1/2E1/2 within the Chugach National Forest

Section 21: E1/2NE1/4NE1/4 within the Chugach National Forest

Section 22: N1/2N1/2

(2) Township 10 North, Range 3 East, Seward Meridian

Section 5: NW1/4, S1/2

Section 6: SE1/4, S1/2SW1/4

Section 7: SW1/4, N1/2

Section 8: NW1/4

Section 18: N1/2NW1/4

(3) Township 11 North, Range 2 East, Seward Meridian

Section 25: S1/2SE1/4

(4) Township 11 North, Range 3 East, Seward Meridian

Section 20: SE1/4

Section 21: W1/2SW1/4

Section 28: W1/2W1/2

Section 29

Section 30: S1/2

Section 32: NE1/4

Section 33: NW1/4NW1/4

* **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska enacted in sec. 2, ch. 8, SLA 2003, is amended to read:

Sec. 2. MINERAL ENTRY CLOSURE. Under AS 38.05.300(c), and subject to existing valid rights, the following described state-owned land in the Glacier Creek and Winner Creek drainages, totaling approximately 5,740 acres, is closed to new mineral entry:

Township 10 North, Range 2 East, Seward Meridian

Sections 1-3 [: ALL]

Section 4: N1/2NE1/4 east of Crow Creek Road, and those portions of SE1/4NE1/4 and E1/2SE1/4 within the Chugach National Forest

Section 9: E1/2NE1/4NE1/4 within the Chugach National Forest

Section 10: N1/2N1/2, N1/2NE1/4SE1/4NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4NE1/4, SE1/4SW1/4NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4, N1/2NE1/4SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4NE1/4SE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4SE1/4, NE1/4SE1/4SE1/4

Section 11 [: ALL]

Township 10 North, Range 3 East, Seward Meridian

Section 6: N1/2, N1/2SW1/4

Township 11 North, Range 2 East, Seward Meridian

Section 33: SE1/4SE1/4 All land lying southeast of Crow Creek Road

Section 34: SW1/4 All land lying east of Crow Creek Road, SE1/4; excluding mining claim recordations AA 56277, AA 56278, AA 56282 and AA 56283 and U.S. Survey 11872

Section 35: All, excluding the N1/2NE1/4, NE1/4NW1/4

Section 36: All, excluding the NW1/4NW1/4

1 Township 11 North, Range 3 East, Seward Meridian
2 Section 31 [: ALL]
3 Section 32: W1/2
4 * **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).