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Resolution:

The Yukon River Chapter of the Alaska Society of American Foresters supports the establishment of a Susitna Valley State Forest through HB79 and SB 28.

The Yukon River Chapter of the Alaska Society of American Foresters is confident that the establishment of the Susitna Valley State Forest will convey many benefits for generations to come. In Interior Alaska, the Tanana Valley State Forest offers watershed protection, numerous recreational opportunities, a source for local firewood and timber, and other benefits. By designating this land as a State Forest, these benefits will be protected in the future. With continued development in south-central Alaska, it is important to protect large tracts of forested land for responsible management and public use.

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