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Sponsor Statement
HB 230 Arctic Man Way

This Act designates Trans-Alaska Pipeline Access Road 34-ALP-3 at mile 197.5 of the Richardson Highway as Arctic Man Way in honor of the historic Arctic Man Race held in the HooDoo Mountains every April for the past 30 years.

The Arctic Man is one of the World's Toughest Downhill Ski races, and an exciting snowmobile race, all in one. The skier begins at a summit elevation of 5,800 feet and drops 1700 feet in less than two mile to the bottom of a narrow canyon where he meets up with his snowmobiling partner.

The snowmobiler meets the skier, on the go, with a tow rope and pulls the skier 2 1/4 miles uphill at top speeds of up to 86 mph. The skier and the snowmobile then separate and the skier goes over the side of the second mountain and drops another 1200 feet to the finish line.

This race brings together thousands of spectators and participants from all over the world. Legend has it that the race began as a result of a bet wagered between skiers and snow machine riders, and was later developed into an annual race by Howard Thies.

The Arctic Man Race has also adopted other family events, creating a festive atmosphere for both spectators and participants.

Pipeline Road 34-ALP-3 leads to the area where the race is held annually, and therefore will be aptly renamed as Arctic Man Way.