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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 17, 2021 11:01 AM  
**To:** Sen. Joshua Revak  
**Cc:** Sen. Peter Micciche; Sen. Click Bishop  
**Subject:** SB 97, STATE LAND SALES AND LEASES, RIVERS

Dear Chairman Revak and Senate Resource Committee Members,

SB 97 passage would GUT state land protections. It authorizes three state agency departments to be able to offer state land for disposal and commercial development. Anywhere, even park land, Anywhere even the Susitna Basin Recreation River Corridors. DNR, DOT, Department of Education become real estate developers, selling off our public resources at the expense of public benefits like clean water, fish and wildlife populations and habitat (that nasty word to DNR).

Will it eliminate the current instream flow reservations on the Susitna Basin Recreation Rivers? SO NO PROTECTIONS ANYWHERE? No public best interest finding process?

One of the reasons I am sure that is behind the governor's bill is to enable the West Susitna Access Mining Road giveaway. AIDEA is bound and determined to build this road for the mining companies essentially for free.

All this bill will do is create a mess on public lands that we the public will have to deal with. Enabling roads anywhere is also a public safety issue.

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**Subject:** SB97

Senator Revak,

Today I became aware of SB97 that will be open for testimony tomorrow and I am deeply concerned with it's content. Most notably is the dismantling of the six rivers rec Bill of 1991 that I was involved in that process thirty years ago. The Susitna Valley is mostly wetlands that are incredibly expensive to develop commercially, that was a main reason areas were set aside for recreation. I would be interested in providing testimony and I would be willing to stand by if time is available to call in.

My family has been recreating on the Deshka River as well as building our homestead at mile 11 over the past thirty five plus years. As the President of Deshka Landing I have dealt with previous changes by DNR that cost our business over thirty thousand dollars and five years of time. Changing our year to year easement at \$400 to a twenty five year lease now costs us \$1000/year and taxation by the Mat-Su Borough for leased property. We are an example of what private investment can do for public access to remote Alaska.

This bill is another example of an internal government agency changing the rules and that is not being transparent with the public. There is little to no information out there to local residents most impacted by SB97. I am emailing you directly as the Chair of Resources, copied are Senator Shower, his District E in the Mat-Su and my home residence District G, Senator Reinbold.

Thank you for your service. I await your response.

V/R Joe

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