

HOUSE BILL NO. 295

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE HAWKER

Introduced: 1/25/12

Referred: Resources

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; and providing for an effective date."**

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

5 *** Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
6 to read:

7 PURPOSE. The purpose of this Act is to approve the interim classification contained
8 in Mineral Order No. 1121, issued by the commissioner of natural resources, to close state
9 land within the upper Glacier Creek and Winner Creek drainages near Girdwood to new
10 mineral entry. The legislature recognizes that mineral entry would be incompatible with the
11 existing and proposed development of significant surface-based recreational facilities and
12 infrastructure in the Glacier Creek and Winner Creek drainages. The legislature finds that
13 closure of the state-owned mineral estate to new mineral entry will reserve those lands for
14 recreational development opportunities as provided in the land use plans of the state and the

1 Municipality of Anchorage.

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

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

- 7 (1) Township 10 North, Range 2 East, Seward Meridian
 - 8 Section 9: E1/2SE1/4NE1/4 within the Chugach National Forest,
9 E1/2SE1/4 within the Chugach National Forest
 - 10 Section 10: SW1/4, SW1/4SW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4 except for the
11 N1/2NE1/4SE1/4NW1/4, W1/2SE1/4, W1/2SW1/4NE1/4SE1/4,
12 SE1/4SE1/4 except for the NE1/4SE1/4SE1/4
 - 13 Section 12
 - 14 Section 13: N1/2
 - 15 Section 14: W1/2
 - 16 Section 15
 - 17 Section 16: E1/2E1/2 within the Chugach National Forest
 - 18 Section 21: E1/2NE1/4NE1/4 within the Chugach National Forest
 - 19 Section 22: N1/2N1/2
- 20 (2) Township 10 North, Range 3 East, Seward Meridian
 - 21 Section 5: NW1/4, S1/2
 - 22 Section 6: SE1/4, S1/2SW1/4
 - 23 Section 7: SW1/4, N1/2
 - 24 Section 8: NW1/4
 - 25 Section 18: N1/2NW1/4
- 26 (3) Township 11 North, Range 2 East, Seward Meridian
 - 27 Section 25: S1/2SE1/4
- 28 (4) Township 11 North, Range 3 East, Seward Meridian
 - 29 Section 20: SE1/4
 - 30 Section 21: W1/2SW1/4
 - 31 Section 28: W1/2W1/2

- 1 Section 29
- 2 Section 30: S1/2
- 3 Section 32: NE1/4
- 4 Section 33: NW1/4NW1/4
- 5 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).