

# House Bill 72

## Timber Management Leases

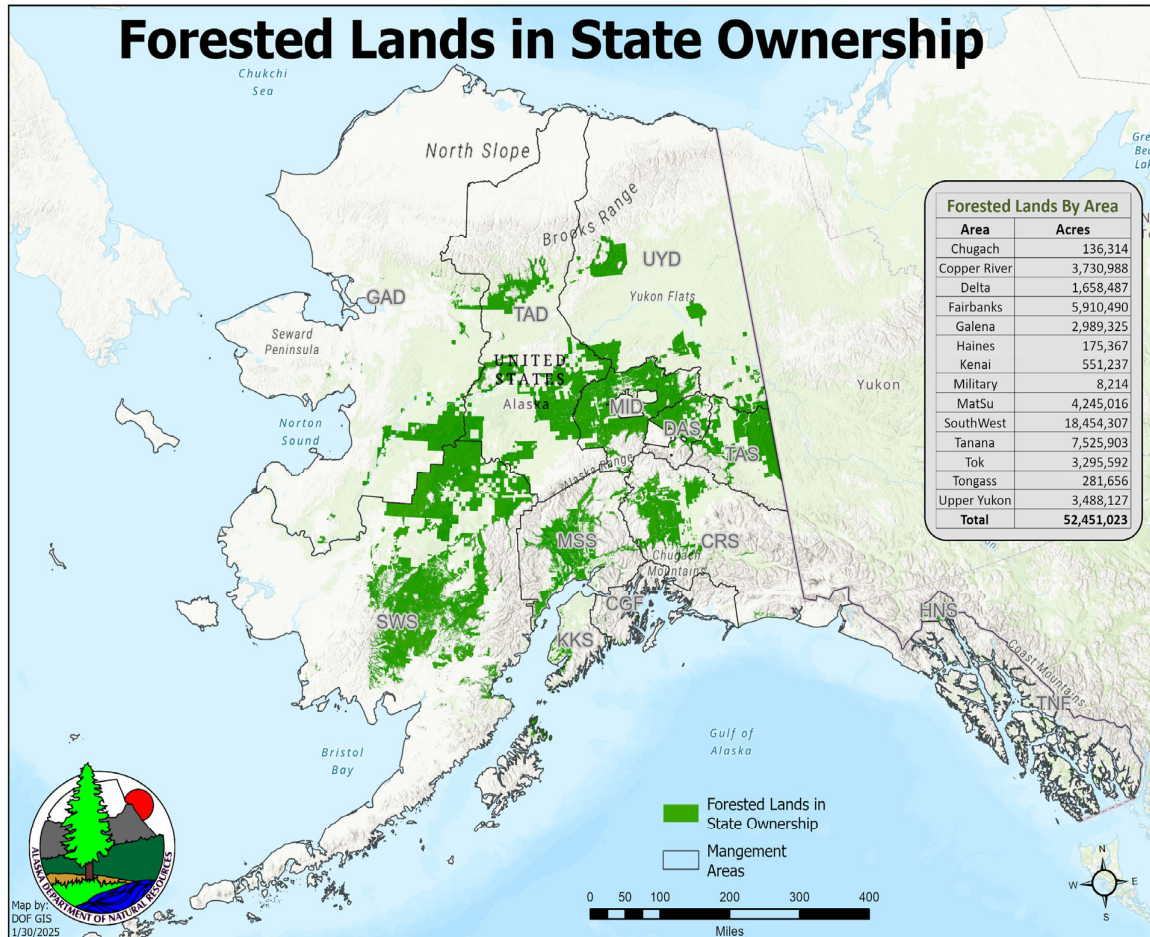
### House Resources Committee



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# Alaska's forested state land



- 52.5 million acres of state-owned forested land
- 3.7 million acres of forest inventory complete
- 2.1 million acres of designated state forest

CGF: Chugach National Forest  
 CRS: Valdez/Copper River Area  
 GAD: Galena Zone  
 HNS: Haines Area  
 KKS: Kenai/Kodiak Area  
 MID: Military Zone  
 MSS: Anchorage/Mat-Su Area

SWS: South-west Area  
 TAD: Tanana Zone  
 TAS: Tok Area  
 DAS: Delta Area  
 FAS: Fairbanks Area  
 TNF: Tongass National Forest  
 UYD: Upper Yukon Zone



# Vision for Alaska's forest assets



- Maximum use of Alaska's land and resources consistent with Alaska Constitution
- Increase forest management activity on state lands
- Create economic opportunities
- Grow the in-state manufacture of forest products



# How to get there?



- Partner with private sector to increase management activity while protecting public lands principles provided for in Alaska Constitution
  - Recreation and public access
  - Hunting/fishing
  - Subsistence
- Benefits of public land while addressing challenges regarding lack of private land







# Defining 'active forest management'

- The intentional, planned and science-based actions foresters engage in to meet society's needs of forested ecosystems
  - Diversifies habitat conditions
  - Provides for essential wood products and economic opportunity
  - Creates resiliency for disturbance and the effects of a changing climate
  - Sets a successional trajectory for a desired condition
- Passive management perpetuates a forest condition until a natural disturbance introduces successional change
  - Depending on disturbance severity, can lead to undesired conditions or a lack of forest cover



# Why active management?





# Active forest management benefits



Un-thinned 30-year-old stand,  
Southeast State Forest



Thinned 30-year-old stand,  
Southeast State Forest



# House Bill 72: Timber Management Leases



- New framework to enable leases of state timber resource with agreement to manage forest for state values
- Provides timber operators greater certainty that drives additional investment
- Includes built-for-purpose terms covering competition, public input
- Flexible to accommodate range of project/lease concepts
- Leases possible on state forested land and state forests





# Management activities under leases



- Road construction and maintenance
- Bridge construction
- Timber harvest
- Reforestation and site preparation
- Intermediate treatments
- Planning
- Fire mitigation

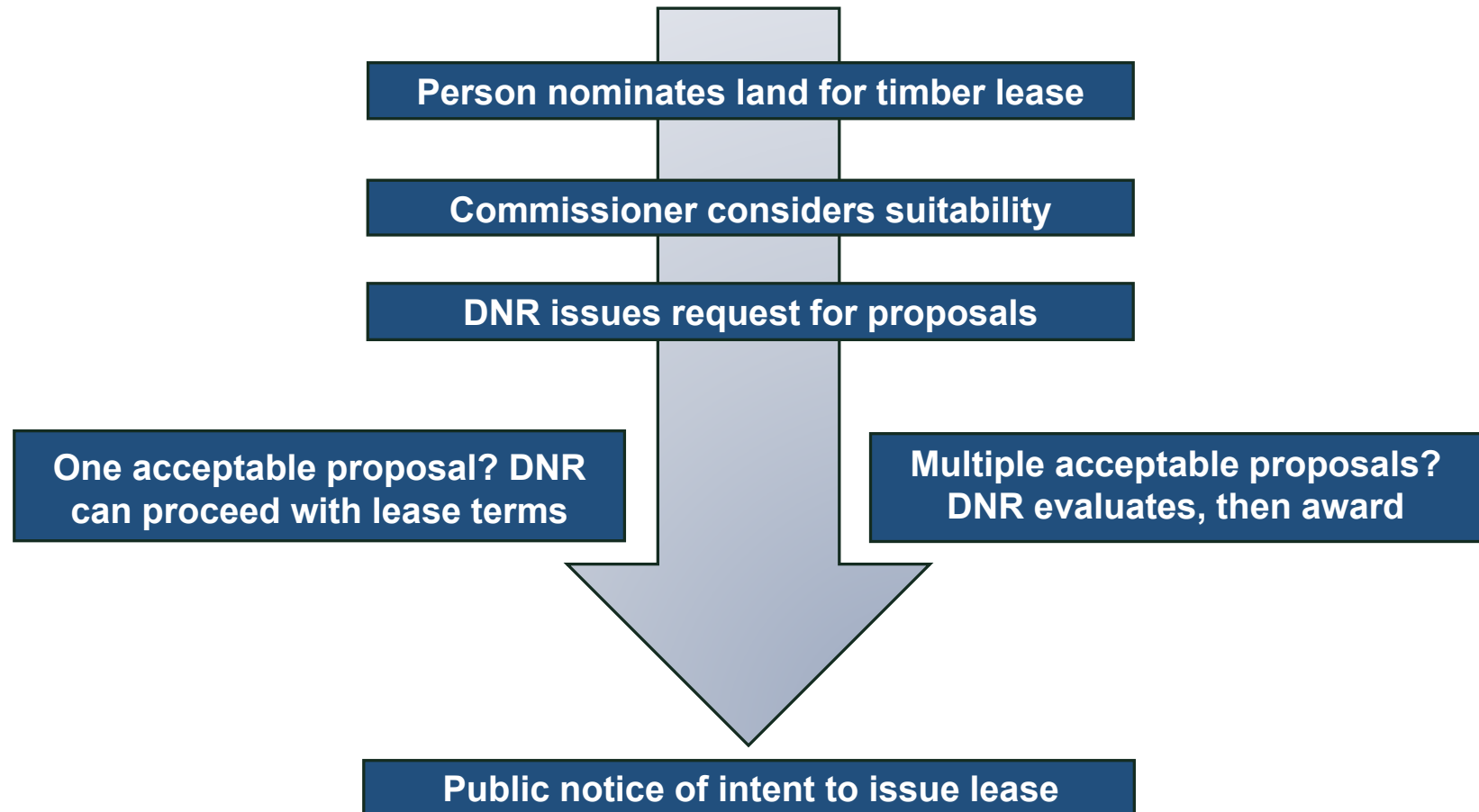


# Management activities under leases





# Process under HB 72



# HB 72 Sectional



| Sec. | Page | Description   |
|------|------|---|
| 1    | 1    | Exempts timber management leases from the state procurement code                            |
| 2    | 1    | Conforms to timber management lease issuance provisions in Sec. 4                           |
| 3    | 6    | Conforms to timber management lease competitive solicitation and award provisions in Sec. 4 |
| 4    | 7    | Allows DNR to issue and provides program requirements for timber management leases          |
| 5    | 9    | Enables DNR to delegate timber management in HSF through timber management leases           |
| 6    | 9    | Conforms management directive for HSF to accommodate timber management leases               |
| 7    | 9    | Allows timber management leases within HSF  |
| 8    | 9    | Requires timber management leases consistency with HSF plans                                |
| 9    | 10   | Enables DNR to delegate timber management in state forests through timber management leases |
| 10   | 10   | Conforms management directive for HSF to accommodate timber management leases               |
| 11   | 10   | Requires forest plans to consider timber management leases                                  |
| 12   | 11   | Requires timber management leases consistency with HSF plans                                |
| 13   | 11   | Addresses applicability of Forest Resources and Practices Act with timber management leases |
| 14   | 11   | Sets an immediate effective date  |

(HSF: Haines State Forest Resource Management Area)



# Thank You



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