

From: [Rep. Andy Josephson](#)
To: [Lisa Delaney](#)
Subject: FW: H.B. 272
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2018 7:54:42 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: Judith Donegan [<mailto:jdoneganak@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2018 5:35 PM
To: Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>
Cc: Rep. George Rauscher <Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov>
Subject: H.B. 272

Dear Representative Josephson:

I enthusiastically support House Bill 272 to establish a Tangle Lakes State Game Refuge. This is an area that deserves protection for the benefit of both the animals that depend on it and the people who experience the unique beauty of the area. One important consideration is that the area is easily accessible to a large portion of the population of the state and so provides important wilderness experiences for large numbers of people. It is the favorite place of my grandchildren, who have learned to appreciate the importance of wilderness areas from their experiences camping, fishing, and hunting in the area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Judy Donegan
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Palmer
AK 99645

From: [Rep. Andy Josephson](#)
To: [Lisa Delaney](#)
Subject: FW: HB 272 Tangle Lakes State Game Refuge
Date: Monday, February 12, 2018 9:08:47 AM

From: Linda Rutledge [mailto:potledge@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, February 10, 2018 2:32 PM
To: Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>
Subject: Re: HB 272 Tangle Lakes State Game Refuge

On Saturday, February 10, 2018, 2:27:42 PM AKST, Linda Rutledge <potledge@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Committee Members,

As residents of Alaska for 42 years, we have valued the region for the proposed Tangle Lakes State Game Refuge. We have hunted, fished, picked berries, camped and hiked through the area. This has been our breadbasket of food and recreation throughout our homesteading life. We value the area not only for what it provides for us, but also for the wonderful habitat it provides for other animals. The wildlife thrives in this homeland, and we should respect their need for healthy habitat and do everything possible to allow continued success for all. HB 272 would advance that goal and should be moved on with your approval.

Sincerely,
Linda and Charlie Rutledge
PO Box 91
Copper Center, AK 99573

From: [Rep. Andy Josephson](#)
To: [Lisa Delaney](#)
Subject: FW: HB 272
Date: Tuesday, January 23, 2018 7:55:17 AM

From: Ceal [mailto:ceal@theriver.com]
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2018 5:20 PM
To: Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>
Cc: Kendra Zamzow <kzamzow@gmail.com>; Ceal Smith <ceal@theriver.com>
Subject: HB 272

Dear Representative Josephson,

I support House Bill 272 to establish a Tangle Lakes State Game Refuge. The Tangle Lakes area has been the Nelchina Caribou Herd's most-used wintering habitat in Unit 13. Because lichens, the primary winter food of caribou, regrow slowly, caribou must move around and use different areas in different years. Caribou survival thus depends on making sure that favored habitats are not impacted. Caribou also use the area for the fall rut. The area is important for other wildlife as well—from moose to fox, from trumpeter swan to arctic warbler, from burbot to grayling. With climate change bearing down on our vulnerable wildlife, protected areas are vital.

Thank you for your work in protecting Tangle Lakes!

Sincerely,

Ceal Smith

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Ceal Smith, MSci  
Eagle River, AK  
907.952.7472

**From:** [Rep. Andy Josephson](#)  
**To:** [Lisa Delaney](#)  
**Subject:** FW: HB272  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 17, 2018 4:44:47 PM

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**From:** Janelle Eklund [mailto:jeklund@cvinternet.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 12, 2018 10:32 AM  
**To:** Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>  
**Cc:** Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB272

Dear Senator Bishop,

I support HB 272 introduced by Representative Andy Josephson, to establish a Tangle Lakes State Game Refuge. This area has been near and dear to my heart the 43 years I've lived in Alaska. Tangle Lakes is the place I go for solitude, berry picking, hunting, canoeing, wildlife viewing, hiking, and camping. The beauty and grandeur of this special place needs to be protected from mining and any other degradation. This is truly a sacred place that heals the spirit. Every year the environmental organization I am involved with helps sponsor the Project Healing Waters program for wounded veterans and soldiers at Tangle Lakes. It is so heartwarming to see the transformation of these special people when they interact with nature. Nature is a great healer and the Tangle Lakes area is the perfect place to go for this therapy. Please support this Bill that will help keep this sacred place alive and well.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Janelle Eklund  
Kenny Lake, Alaska

**From:** [Rep. Andy Josephson](#)  
**To:** [Lisa Delaney](#)  
**Subject:** FW: HB272  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 17, 2018 4:45:10 PM

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**From:** Frank Keim [mailto:frankkeim@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 16, 2018 6:54 PM  
**To:** Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB272

Rep. Andy Josephson  
Re (HB) 272 Tangle Lakes Game Refuge

Thanks, Andy, for sponsoring the Tangle Lakes Game Refuge. I hope this time we're successful in getting it through both houses.

Frank Keim

**From:** [Rep. Andy Josephson](#)  
**To:** [Lisa Delaney](#)  
**Subject:** FW: House Bill 272  
**Date:** Thursday, February 01, 2018 2:14:23 PM

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**From:** Melissa Heuer [mailto:heuer.melissa@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 01, 2018 11:44 AM  
**To:** Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** House Bill 272

Representative Josephson,

I am writing in strong support and appreciation for your bill to turn Tangle Lakes into a State Game Refuge. As an annual recreational user of this area, my family has spent a lot of time canoeing, camping, and berry picking in this beautiful and important area. I encourage you to keep moving forward with this important bill.

Thank you!

Cheers,  
Melissa Heuer

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**Melissa Heuer, MBA**  
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**From:** [Rep. Andy Josephson](#)  
**To:** [Lisa Delaney](#)  
**Subject:** FW: House Bill 272  
**Date:** Thursday, January 25, 2018 3:31:13 PM

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**From:** Chelsea Lindquist [mailto:chelserin@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 25, 2018 10:54 AM  
**To:** Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** House Bill 272

I am writing to show my support for House Bill 272, to establish a Tangle Lakes game refuge. The Tangle Lakes area has been the Nelchina Caribou Herd's most-used wintering habitat in Unit 13. Because lichens, the primary winter food of caribou, regrow slowly, caribou must move around and use different areas in different years. Caribou survival thus depends on making sure that favored habitats are not impacted. Caribou also use the area for the fall rut. The area is important for other wildlife as well—from moose to fox, from trumpeter swan to arctic warbler, from burbot to grayling. With climate change bearing down on our vulnerable wildlife, increasing habitat protection is vital.

Thank you,  
Chelsea Vukovich  
Anchorage, AK

**From:** [Rep. Andy Josephson](#)  
**To:** [Lisa Delaney](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Please support HB 272 - Tangle Lakes protection  
**Date:** Friday, January 12, 2018 9:25:26 AM

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**From:** Alison Carter [mailto:[alisoncarter2@yahoo.com](mailto:alisoncarter2@yahoo.com)]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 12, 2018 9:06 AM  
**To:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon <[Rep.Bryce.Edgmon@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Bryce.Edgmon@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Chris Tuck <[Rep.Chris.Tuck@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Chris.Tuck@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Charisse Millett <[Rep.Charisse.Millett@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Charisse.Millett@akleg.gov)>  
**Cc:** Rep. Chris Birch <[Rep.Chris.Birch@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Chris.Birch@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Mike Chenault <[Rep.Mike.Chenault@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Mike.Chenault@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Matt Claman <[Rep.Matt.Claman@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Matt.Claman@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Harriet Drummond <[Rep.Harriet.Drummond@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Harriet.Drummond@akleg.gov)>; Rep. David Eastman <[Rep.David.Eastman@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.David.Eastman@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Les Gara <[Rep.Les.Gara@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Les.Gara@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Jason Grenn <[Rep.Jason.Grenn@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Jason.Grenn@akleg.gov)>; Rep. David Guttenberg <[Rep.David.Guttenberg@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.David.Guttenberg@akleg.gov)>; Rep. DeLena Johnson <[Rep.DeLena.Johnson@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.DeLena.Johnson@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Jennifer Johnston <[Rep.Jennifer.Johnston@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Jennifer.Johnston@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Andy Josephson <[Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Scott Kawasaki <[Rep.Scott.Kawasaki@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Scott.Kawasaki@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Chuck Kopp <[Rep.Chuck.Kopp@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Chuck.Kopp@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux <[Rep.Gabrielle.LeDoux@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Gabrielle.LeDoux@akleg.gov)>  
**Subject:** Please support HB 272 - Tangle Lakes protection

Thank you for your hard work on Alaskan's behalf. This is a quick note to express how important the Tangle Lakes area is to my well-being. I hope you have spent time there. I make at least 2 trips there each year from Fairbanks and spend 10-14 days. I wish I could explain how that time recharges my spiritual battery and enhances the quality of my life. I always meet people from Anchorage and Mat-Su there.

Please help protect it from mining and other development that will spoil the pristine and peaceful nature of the area.

Sincerely,  
Alison Carter  
Fairbanks, AK

**From:** [Rep. Andy Josephson](#)  
**To:** [Lisa Delaney](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Please withdraw HB272  
**Date:** Monday, February 05, 2018 9:36:42 AM

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**From:** Bruce Cain [mailto:bcain@ahtna.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 02, 2018 1:04 PM  
**To:** Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>  
**Cc:** David Talerico <davetalerico@outlook.com>  
**Subject:** Please withdraw HB272

Representative Josephson.

With all due respects, please withdraw HB272. This isn't your district. Many members of the Copper Valley Chamber of Commerce will be adversely affected by this bill. Please consult with Representative Talerico and he will be able to work on a bill that will benefit our area. Right now the Tangle Lakes area is being managed fine. We need multiple use that allows mineral exploration, land development, land disposal, hunting, fishing, trapping and other uses. We are doing just fine thank you. Please withdraw the bill and we will ask Representative Talerico to address any issues we have.

Thank you.

Bruce Cain, President  
Copper Valley Chamber of Commerce  
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Glennallen, Alaska 99588  
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**From:** [Rep. Andy Josephson](#)  
**To:** [Lisa Delaney](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Tangle Lakes Game Refuge bill  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2018 4:34:04 PM

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**From:** [Frankie Barker](#)  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2018 4:10 PM  
**To:** [Rep. Andy Josephson](#)  
**Subject:** Tangle Lakes Game Refuge bill

Rep. Josephson,

Thank you for sponsoring the Tangle Lakes Game Refuge bill. Tangle Lakes is a special area which is enjoyed by many people in our community. It is an important bird migration area as well as an enjoyable recreation site. Good luck with sheparding this through the legislature.

*Frankie Barker*  
Chickaloon

**From:** [Rep. Andy Josephson](#)  
**To:** [Lisa Delaney](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Tangle lakes region  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 16, 2018 5:00:27 PM

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-----Original Message-----

From: delmarjohnson2000@yahoo.com [<mailto:delmarjohnson2000@yahoo.com>]  
Sent: Friday, January 12, 2018 9:19 PM  
To: Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Tangle lakes region

Sent from my iPad. Thank you for all your efforts to preserve this area!! I have fished, hiked, photographed this area for more than 40 years. My children were raised camping 4th of July week at Landmark Gap Lake since they were babies. I never want this area to change. No trail or road improvements. To love this area, you have to earn it. If it was easy, it would be changed by those that would flood it, leaving traces of disregard. Protect it!!!!!!!!!!!!!!  
Delmar Johnson.

**From:** [Thomas Atkinson](#)  
**To:** [Lisa Delaney](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Tangle Lakes State Game Refuge  
**Date:** Sunday, January 21, 2018 6:36:55 PM

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**From:** Steve Shannon [mailto:stvnshnn@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 16, 2018 3:37 PM  
**To:** Thomas Atkinson <Thomas.Atkinson@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Tangle Lakes State Game Refuge

To Representative Josephson,

Thank you for pre-filing House Bill 272. As an Alaskan resident, I have fallen in love with the Tangle Lakes area and brought my younger brother up from Florida this past fall to chase caribou around that area to try and fill my Unit 13 tag (DC 485). It's an incredible area and filled with opportunity for all sorts of renewable resource usage from hunting and fishing, to berry picking and hiking. I plan to write a comment piece thanking you for your support and I thought in the meantime you could read the article I wrote on my hunt in the Tangle Lakes area. My only request is that if you recognize the peaks, don't tell anyone where we were at. ;)

<https://journalofmountainhunting.com/brotherly-love/>

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Sincerely,

Steve Shannon  
Alaska Backcountry Hunters and Anglers

**From:** [Rep. Andy Josephson](#)  
**To:** [Lisa Delaney](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Tangle lakes  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2018 7:51:57 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: chugachfarm@gmail.com [<mailto:chugachfarm@gmail.com>]  
Sent: Monday, January 22, 2018 6:21 PM  
To: Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Tangle lakes

Please make wildlife and subsistence hunting and foraging a priority over mineral extraction in the Tangle Lakes area. We have used this area for many years as a source for our food. We value the Nelchina Caribou heard and we do NOT believe resource extraction can co-exist without damaging the heard's health. We value the public land as a priority for public use, NOT special interests. This is a very special place that has a long history of subsistence. Resource extraction is a short sighted, damaging use of this public land.

Jed Workman  
Pob 1223  
Chickaloon, AK 99674

**From:** [Rep. Andy Josephson](#)  
**To:** [Lisa Delaney](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Thank you for bill to establish Tangle Lakes State Game Refuge  
**Date:** Monday, January 22, 2018 2:45:08 PM

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**From:** Kendra Zamzow [mailto:kzamzow@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2018 1:06 PM  
**To:** Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Thank you for bill to establish Tangle Lakes State Game Refuge

Dear Representative Josephson:  
Thank you for introducing HB 272. I strongly support creating a game refuge in this area. It is also important bird habitat and a great area for biking and camping.

As a long time Alaskan, I recognize our natural renewable resources -- game, fish, millions of migratory birds, wilderness, quiet lakes -- to be critical to our economy, and a legacy to pass on. So many other states have not learned how important these are until they have paved, mined, drilled, and developed over most of them. Let's not make that mistake.

Thank you,

Kendra  
Zamzow, PhD

Chickaloon, AK

907.354.3886

*"We are drowning in information, while starving for wisdom." EO Wilson*

**From:** [Rep. Andy Josephson](#)  
**To:** [Lisa Delaney](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Thank you for introducing HB 272.  
**Date:** Thursday, January 18, 2018 10:27:57 AM

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**From:** Patrick Endres [mailto:patrick@alaskaphotographics.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 18, 2018 10:08 AM  
**To:** Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Thank you for introducing HB 272.

Dear Representative Josephson,

Thank you so much for introducing HB 272 advocating for Tangle Lakes. And thanks to the work of your staff as well!

Sincerely,  
Patrick Endres

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**From:** [Rep. Andy Josephson](#)  
**To:** [Lisa Delaney](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Thank you for protecting Tangle Lakes!  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 23, 2018 7:52:16 AM

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**From:** Francis Adams [mailto:smada101@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2018 6:12 PM  
**To:** Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Thank you for protecting Tangle Lakes!

Jeff Adams  
2125 Yankovich Road  
Fairbanks. 99709  
907 978-1861

**From:** [Rep. Andy Josephson](#)  
**To:** [Lisa Delaney](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Thank You HB 272  
**Date:** Wednesday, January 17, 2018 4:44:25 PM

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**From:** Janelle Eklund [mailto:jeklund@cvinet.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 12, 2018 10:43 AM  
**To:** Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Thank You HB 272

Dear Representative Josephson,

Thank you so much for introducing HB 272 that would establish Tangle Lakes as a State Game Refuge. This is great news and I hope it passes. I appreciate all your work, and that of your staff to get this bill introduced. I love the Tangle Lakes area and go there every year for the solitude and to pick blueberries, hunt, canoe, hike, camp, view wildlife, and take photographs. This is a very special and sacred place. It gives my spirit peace to go there. I belong to an environmental non-profit organization that helps sponsor the Project Healing Waters program at Tangle Lakes every year. It is amazing and heartwarming to see how the veterans and soldiers are transformed by interacting with nature. It is very healing to them. It would be a shame if mining companies or other entities came in and destroyed the healthy integrity of this special area.

Thank you again for taking the step to make Tangle Lakes a State Game Refuge so this area will be protected.

Sincerely,

Janelle Eklund  
Kenny Lake, Alaska

**From:** [Rep. Andy Josephson](#)  
**To:** [Lisa Delaney](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Thank you!  
**Date:** Friday, February 02, 2018 8:50:56 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: Hugh Rose [<mailto:hughrose64@gmail.com>]  
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 3:17 AM  
To: Rep. Andy Josephson <[Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov)>  
Subject: Thank you!

Dear Andy,

Thank you for your work on the bill to designate Tangle Lakes a state game preserve!

I am a photographer and guide who has lived in Alaska for the past 26 years including the last 19 years in Fairbanks. I run a small guiding business taking people from all over the world to Prince William Sound, the Interior and the arctic (Dalton Highway). I am a one person operation, but occasionally hire a guide to assist me.

I am out in the field all the time and I am appalled by what I see in the way of management of state fish and game resources and state land and it has gotten much worse. In particular along the Dalton Highway. This is no longer 1948 and Alaska is no longer "The Last Frontier" Game regulations need to change to reflect the fact we are in the 21st century and there are now 700,000+ people living in the state! At this time when oil revenues are dwindling tourism is a bright spot on the economic horizon for the state. I just finished my 2017 book keeping and just my little business put \$300,000+ dollars into the local Alaska economy in the way of hotels, meals, flights, supplies, etc.

I would love to talk with you about the future and meaningful changes in game regulations to reflect the overwhelming majority of NON-CONSUMPTIVE game users. In turn ecotourism should be taxed, but only if game refuges are set aside where non-consumptive users can observe and photograph wildlife and birds while NOT being harassed by overly aggressive hunters! I am not suggesting banning hunting, in fact I am pro hunting and have hinted in the past myself. I am merely suggesting that certain areas are set aside for non-consumptive use, as this reflects what the majority of Alaskans want.

I am presently in Chile on my way to guiding a group in the Falkland Islands and then in to Antarctica for a 2 week work trip. I will be back in my office in Fairbanks in early March and would love to dialogue about this.

Thank you for your time to read this!

Regards

Hugh Rose

Please excuse spelling and grammar errors this email was Sent from my iPhone, and my fingers are too big for the keys!

**From:** [Rep. Andy Josephson](#)  
**To:** ["Kate Sandberg"](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Thank you  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 16, 2018 7:56:54 AM

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**From:** Kate Sandberg [mailto:kesandberg@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 13, 2018 5:11 PM  
**To:** Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Thank you

Dear Rep. Josephson,  
Thank you for introducing HB 272. What a relief to have a representative doing something constructive and that will add to the quality of life and to preserve habitat. Thank you. What a gem the Tangle Lakes area is.  
Kate Sandberg  
Girdwood, AK