

Senate Bill 75

Timber Management Leases

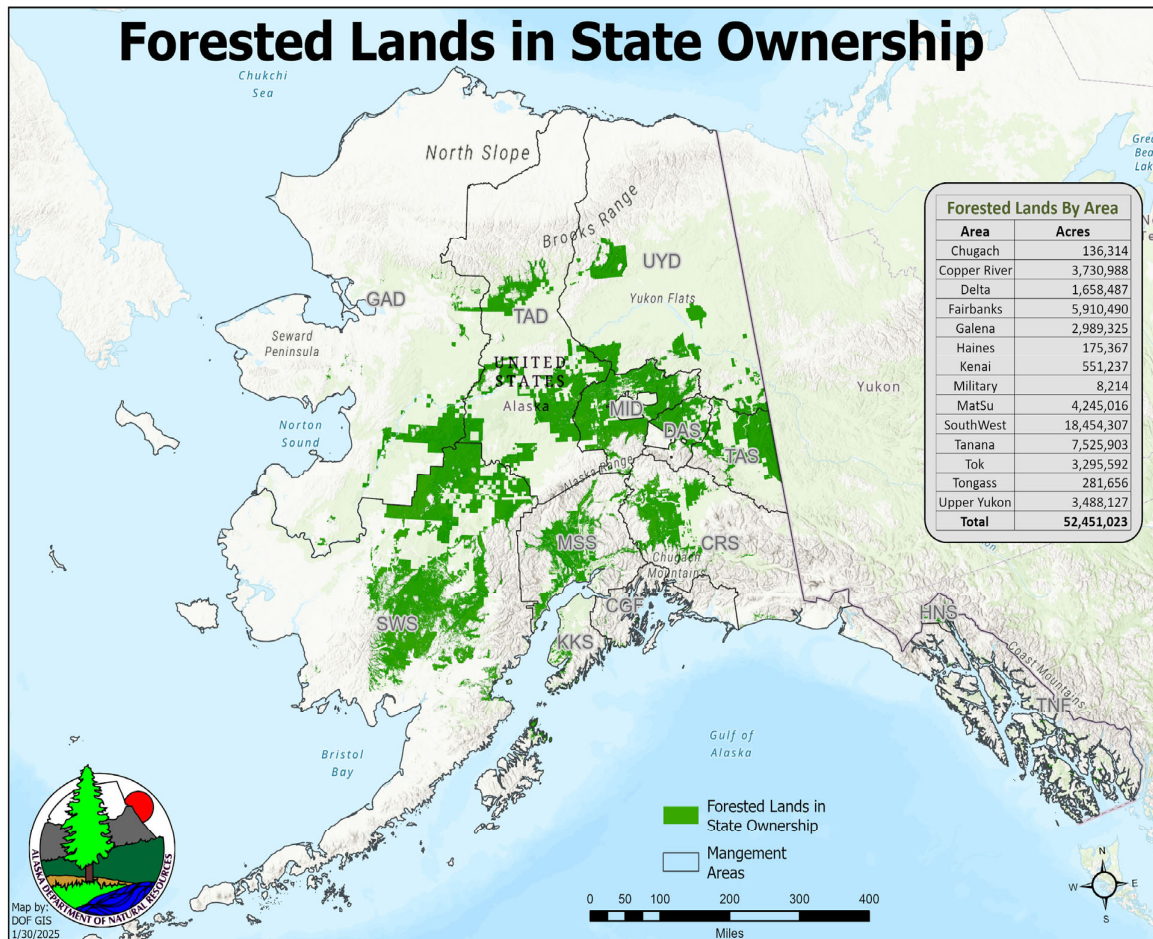
Senate Resources Committee



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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
- Increase 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



Benefits of active forest management



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Thinned 30-year-old stand,
Southeast State Forest



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

Senate Bill 75: 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



SB75 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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