

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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### House Bill 113: Stampede Recreation Area Sponsor Statement

House Bill 113 seeks to establish a state recreation area in the Stampede Road corridor, northwest of Healy and flanked on three sides by the Denali National Park. This area is a place where many Alaskans go to hunt, fish, trap, drive ATVs, mush and pursue other recreational opportunities. Playground for a growing number of Denali Borough residents, this is a wild and beautiful place that Alaskans from across the state can easily access.

HB113 will preserve the traditional uses of this area by creating the Stampede Recreation Area within the Stampede corridor. The Denali Borough Assembly has passed several resolutions calling on the Alaska Legislature to designate the corridor as the Stampede State Recreation Area, with a strong emphasis on self-determination by the residents and users of the area.

The intent of this bill is to ensure that the numerous traditional uses this area has seen over the last few decades (recreation, hunting, trapping, fishing) remain available to all Alaskans. The result of input from public meetings around the Denali Borough, the Stampede Recreation Area proposal is a user-defined management plan. I believe this is the best way to protect and preserve the many uses of this wild and scenic area.