

**SENATE BILL NO. 44**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Introduced: 1/19/11

Referred: Resources, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the Southeast State Forest; and providing for an effective date."**

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

3 \* **Section 1.** AS 41.17.500(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) Subject to valid existing rights, the state-owned or acquired land and water  
5 lying within the parcels described in (d) **and (f)** of this section is designated as the  
6 Southeast State Forest.

7 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 41.17.500(e) is amended to read:

8 (e) Nothing in this section prevents the City and Borough of Wrangell from  
9 exercising its land selection rights under AS 29.65.040(d) to state land within its  
10 boundaries. If new municipalities are incorporated before June 30, 2019, and lands  
11 designated in (d) **and (f)** of this section are within their boundaries, those lands that  
12 were classified as vacant, unappropriated, unreserved state land before establishment  
13 of the Southeast State Forest shall be used to calculate the municipal entitlement  
14 acreage under AS 29.65.030 but may not be selected.

15 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 41.17.500 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

1 (f) In addition to the lands described in (d) of this section, the Southeast State  
 2 Forest includes the state-owned or acquired land within the following described  
 3 parcels:

4 (1) Township 59 South, Range 80 East, Copper River Meridian

5 Section 4: Government Lots 4, 5, and W1/2SE1/4 lying West of  
 6 and excluding ASLS 95-66

7 Section 9: E1/2 lying West of and excluding ASLS 95-66

8 Section 15: W1/2E1/2

9 Section 22: NE1/4

10 Section 23: W1/2W1/2;

11 (2) Township 60 South, Range 71 East, Copper River Meridian

12 Section 17: Government Lot 1, and NW1/4SW1/4

13 Section 18: Government Lots 1 and 2, and N1/2SE1/4,  
 14 E1/2SW1/4

15 Section 19: Government Lots 1 - 10, and SE1/4SE1/4

16 Section 20: Government Lots 1 - 6, and SW1/4SW1/4;

17 (3) Township 61 South, Range 81 East, Copper River Meridian

18 Section 36: NE1/4 and NE1/4NW1/4 those portions North of  
 19 the Mitkof Highway right-of-way;

20 (4) Township 61 South, Range 82 East, Copper River Meridian

21 Tract A: All that portion of Tract A that is: Northerly, Westerly,  
 22 and Northwesterly of a random line that begins at the terminus  
 23 of the Mitkof Highway which projects Northeasterly at a right  
 24 angle to the Mitkof Highway and ends at the mean high water  
 25 of Sumner Strait of the Mitkof Highway, within Sections 1,  
 26 12 - 14, 22, 23, and 27

27 Section 30: S1/2SE1/4

28 Section 31: Government Lots 1 - 4, NW1/4NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4  
 29 those portions Northerly of the Mitkof Highway right-of-way;

30 (5) Township 62 South, Range 80 East, Copper River Meridian

31 Section 12: Government Lot 1, SE1/4SE1/4 those portions

- 1 Northerly of Forest Development Road 6425  
 2 Section 13: Government Lots 1 and 2, those portions Northerly  
 3 of Forest Development Road 6245  
 4 Section 33, excluding USS 1719  
 5 Section 34: Government Lot 1;  
 6 (6) Township 62 South, Range 81 East, Copper River Meridian  
 7 Section 3: S1/2NW1/4, SW1/4  
 8 Section 4: Government Lots 1 and 2, and E1/2  
 9 Section 7: Government Lots 1 - 3 and SW1/4SE1/4, those  
 10 portions Northerly of Forest Development Road 6245  
 11 Section 8: S1/2SW1/4, SE1/4, those portions Northerly of  
 12 Forest Development Road 6245  
 13 Section 9: NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4, those portions  
 14 Northerly of Forest Development Road 6245  
 15 Section 10: NW1/4NW1/4 that portion Northwesterly of Forest  
 16 Development Road 6245;  
 17 (7) Township 62 South, Range 84 East, Copper River Meridian  
 18 Section 27: Government Lots 1 - 4, and SW1/4SW1/4,  
 19 excluding ASLS 83-8  
 20 Section 28: Tract B ASLS 94-135  
 21 Section 34: Government Lot 2, NW1/4NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4, and  
 22 NE1/4SE1/4, excluding ASLS 83-8  
 23 Section 35: Government Lots 1 - 4, SW1/4SE1/4, and  
 24 N1/2SW1/4, excluding ASLS 83-8;  
 25 (8) Township 63 South, Range 80 East, Copper River Meridian  
 26 Section 4: Government Lot 1;  
 27 (9) Township 63 South, Range 84 East, Copper River Meridian  
 28 Section 1: Government Lots 1 - 4  
 29 Section 2: Government Lot 1, W1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4, and  
 30 SE1/4  
 31 Section 11: W1/2E1/2, W1/2E1/2E1/2

- 1 Section 14: W1/2E1/2, W1/2E1/2E1/2  
 2 Section 23: W1/2E1/2E1/2, W1/2SE1/4, and SW1/4  
 3 Section 26: NW1/4NE1/4, NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4, and  
 4 SW1/4SW1/4  
 5 Section 27: SE1/4NE1/4, SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4, and SW1/4SW1/4  
 6 Section 33: E1/2NE1/4, SW1/4NE1/4, SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4, and  
 7 SW1/4SW1/4  
 8 Section 34;  
 9 (10) Township 64 South, Range 84 East, Copper River Meridian  
 10 Section 4: N1/2, N1/2SW1/4  
 11 Section 5: Government Lots 1 - 5, NE1/4NE1/4, SE1/4SE1/4  
 12 Section 8: Government Lots 1, 5, and 6, NE1/4NE1/4,  
 13 SW1/4NE1/4, W1/2SE1/4, excluding ASLS 83-7  
 14 Section 17: W1/2NE1/4, SE1/4SE1/4, E1/2NW1/4, W1/2SE1/4,  
 15 and E1/2SW1/4, excluding ASLS 83-7;  
 16 (11) Township 64 South, Range 85 East, Copper River Meridian  
 17 Section 3: S1/2SE1/4  
 18 Section 8: E1/2  
 19 Section 9: S1/2  
 20 Section 10: NE1/4, S1/2  
 21 Section 15  
 22 Section 16: N1/2, SE1/4;  
 23 (12) Township 66 South, Range 79 East, Copper River Meridian  
 24 Section 23: E1/2SW1/4  
 25 Section 24: E1/2  
 26 Section 25: Government Lots 3 and 6, those portions lying  
 27 Easterly or Northerly of ASLS 96-32, and those portions lying  
 28 Easterly of ASLS 2000-23, NE1/4, and E1/2SE1/4  
 29 Section 26: E/2NW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4, and Tract M, ASLS 81-  
 30 217  
 31 Section 27: SE1/4NE1/4, and Tract K, ASLS 81 - 217 that

- 1 portion Northerly of Forest Development Road 3060  
 2 Section 36: Government Lot 1 that portion excluding ASLS 81-  
 3 217;
- 4 (13) Township 68 South, Range 76 East, Copper River Meridian  
 5 Section 23: Government Lots 3 and 4 and NE1/4, W1/2SE1/ 4  
 6 Section 24: Government Lots 2 - 4  
 7 Section 26: Government Lots 1 and 4 - 9, and that portion of  
 8 Government Lot 2 excluding Block 14 ASLS 81-116, and the  
 9 NW1/4NE1/4  
 10 Section 35: Government Lot 1;
- 11 (14) Township 68 South, Range 81 East, Copper River Meridian  
 12 Section 1: NW1/4SE1/4, S1/2SE1/4  
 13 Section 12: N1/2;
- 14 (15) Township 68 South, Range 82 East, Copper River Meridian  
 15 Section 7: Government Lots 2 and 3, E1/2NW1/4;
- 16 (16) Township 69 South, Range 79 East, Copper River Meridian  
 17 Section 15: Government Lots 7 - 12, N1/2NW1/4 those portions  
 18 Northwesterly of Forest Development Road 1470  
 19 Section 24: Government Lots 18 and 19 those portions within  
 20 the protracted E1/2SW1/4 and W1/2SE1/4;
- 21 (17) Township 69 South, Range 80 East, Copper River Meridian  
 22 Section 8: S1/2SE1/4  
 23 Section 9: S1/2SW1/4  
 24 Section 15: NW1/4  
 25 Section 16: Government Lot 7, that portion of Government Lot  
 26 8 North of the North 1/16 line, NE1/4NE1/4, NW1/4NW1/4  
 27 Section 17: Government Lots 1 and 2  
 28 Section 21: Government Lots 4, 5, and 7 Southerly of ASLS 85-  
 29 335  
 30 Section 22: N1/2SW1/4  
 31 Section 28: Government Lots 1 and 2;

1                   (18) Township 70 South, Range 90 East, Copper River Meridian  
2                   Tracts A and B within Section 13;

3                   (19) Township 70 South, Range 91 East, Copper River Meridian  
4                   Government Tract A, excluding Tracts A - F of ASLS 2003-49 within Sections 17, 18,  
5                   20 - 22, and 27 - 29;

6                   (20) Township 72 South, Range 84 East, Copper River Meridian

7                             Protracted Section 1: W1/2SW1/4

8                             Protracted Section 2: E1/2SE1/4 that portion lying above the  
9                             mean highwater line of Thorne Bay

10                            Protracted Section 12: W1/2NW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4;

11                   (21) Township 73 South, Range 92, East, Copper River Meridian

12                             Section 20: SE1/4SW1/4

13                             Section 29: Government Lots 3 and 4, that portion of  
14                             Government Lot 7 lying Northeasterly of ASLS 84-39, and  
15                             SW 1/4NW1/4, excluding ASLS 84-39

16                             Section 30: Government Lots 1, 2, and 4, NE1/4NW1/4, SE  
17                             1/4NE1/4;

18                   (22) Township 74 South, Range 84 East, Copper River Meridian

19                             Section 17: Government Lot 12, SW1/4SE1/4, S1/2SW1/4

20                             Section 18: Government Lots 7 and 8, W1/2SE1/4,  
21                             SE1/4SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4

22                             Section 19: Government Lots 1 and 2, NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4

23                             Section 20: Government Lots 1 and 2, SW1/4NE1/4, NW1/4;

24                   (23) Township 74 South, Range 89 East, Copper River Meridian

25                             Section 26: Government Lots 1 - 3

26                             Section 35: Government Lots 1 - 7, W1/2SE1/4

27                             Section 36: Government Lot 1;

28                   (24) Township 75 South, Range 79 East, Copper River Meridian

29                             Section 27: Government Lots 1 and 2

30                             Section 28: Government Lots 1 - 3

31                             Section 33: Government Lot 1

- 1                   Section 34: That portion within the Protracted S1/2 and  
2                   S1/2NW1/4;
- 3           (25) Township 75 South, Range 89 East, Copper River Meridian  
4                   Section 1: Government Lots 1 - 4, SW1/4NW1/4, W1/2 SW1/4,  
5                   SE1/4SW1/4  
6                   Section 2: Government Lots 1 - 4, NE1/4, NW1/4 SE1/4, E1/2  
7                   SW1/4, excluding ASLS 85-86  
8                   Section 11: Those portions Northeasterly of Forest  
9                   Development Road 8110 within Government Lots 1 and 2,  
10                  excluding ASLS 85-86  
11                  Section 12: Those portions Northeasterly of Forest  
12                  Development Road 8110 within Government Lots 1 - 4,  
13                  SW1/4NE1/4, NW1/4, and NE1/4SW1/4;
- 14           (26) Township 77 South, Range 88 East, Copper River Meridian  
15                  Section 12: Protracted SE 1/4SW1/4, SW1/4SE1/4  
16                  Section 13: Protracted N1/2NW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4  
17                  Section 14: Government Lot 25, that portion within the  
18                  Protracted N1/2SE1/4, SW1/4SE1/4, E1/2SE1/4SW1/4, and  
19                  N1/2SW1/4  
20                  Section 15: Government Lot 5, that portion within the  
21                  Protracted N1/2SW1/4  
22                  Section 23: Government Lot 5, that portion Southeasterly of  
23                  Forest Development Road 2160;
- 24           (27) Township 78 South, Range 81 East, Copper River Meridian  
25                  Section 1: Those portions lying above the mean high water of  
26                  Hook Arm within the SW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, and S1/2  
27                  Section 2: Those portions lying above the mean high water of  
28                  Hook Arm within the S1/2N1/2, and S1/2 including all islands  
29                  within Section 2  
30                  Section 3: Those portions lying above the mean high water of  
31                  Foul Bay within the S1/2NE1/4, N1/2SE1/4, and SE1/4SE1/4

1 Section 10: That portion lying above the mean high water of  
2 Hook Arm within the E1/2NE1/4

3 Section 11: Those portions lying above the mean high water of  
4 Hook Arm within the N1/2 and N1/2SW1/4 including all  
5 islands within Section 11

6 Section 12: Those portions lying above the mean high water of  
7 Hook Arm within the N1/2N1/2, and the SW1/4NW1/4.

8 \* **Sec. 4.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
9 read:

10 TRANSITION: REGULATIONS. The Department of Natural Resources may  
11 immediately adopt regulations necessary to implement the changes made by this Act. The  
12 regulations take effect under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act), but not before July 1,  
13 2011.

14 \* **Sec. 5.** Section 4 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

15 \* **Sec. 6.** Except as provided in sec. 5 of this Act, this Act takes effect July 1, 2011.