

Good day Mr. Chairman and members of the committee.

RE: SB 65

With a few Bills this session dealing with trapping and trapping issues. Conversations had led to what kind of compromises can be achieved with pet owners and trappers. One compromise is to create no trap zones in the Valley. So pet owners would know their pet should not have a chance to be injured while recreating. This concept with a compromise has merit.

You have SB 65 before your committee.

This is an area just outside Palmer/Sutton. Growing communities. The Jonesville special use area has included trapping as a recognized activity and also pet actives.

May I suggest you look at taking a proactive and preventive solution to what will happen as these surrounding communities grow? Per Wasilla issue before them, dealing with user conflicts. (Trapping and pets)

Within the Jonesville special use area. Amendment:

1. Recognize all existing or historical trap lines. Via DNR
2. during the months of trapping (season) usually November - February. No other active is allowed except for trapping on those designed trials by the DNR.

A pet free zone if you will, for about 4 months.

I see this as a compromise from pet owners in new special use areas, and trapping will not be allow anywhere else in the new special use area. A trap free zone for pet owners.

That is my basic idea, and certainly open for tweaking.

Thank you for time and consideration.

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