

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this e-mail in support of the establishment of the Tangle Lakes Game Refuge. My wife and I have been using this area for many years...hunting, fishing, camping, recreating etc. and have seen substantial changes in this area over the last thirty years. The popularity of this area has increased substantially and the impacts of that increase are visible in increased OHV use, camping, boating, hiking, and in my opinion effects on the wildlife and fishing populations.

I am very familiar this area . I was the lead recreation planner for BLM for many years, who had management responsibility for a portion of the subject area, and have a wildlife management degree. I have seen substantial changes in this area, mostly a large increase in popularity for hunting and OHV use. I have seen a displacement of caribou migration patterns from this use. Increase of management will hopefully help the situation. Again I am very supportive of this designation.

Respectfully:

Paul G. Boos and Janelle B. Eklund

Greetings,

I am in support of HB 272, establishing a Tangle Lakes Game Refuge. I go to the area every year for peace and solitude, berry picking, canoeing, boating, hiking, hunting, wildlife viewing, and photography. This area is a very special and sacred place and needs to be kept that way. We need these places and the earth needs these places to stay intact.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Janelle Eklund

Kenny Lake, Alaska

Dear Resource Committee Members,

An impressive number of Alaskans, and some Outside visitors as well, have cared enough about the Tangle Lakes region to sign the attached Letter to the Legislature. This was not a quick, press-the-button sign-on. Many signed paper petitions at booths and events, and took the time to include how they use the area. They hunt, fish, pick berries, etc. (Please see "how recreate" column in attached spreadsheet.) Some of the signers are business owners. (See first column of spread sheet.) To make it easier for you to see which are from your districts, the list is arranged alphabetically by city.

Copper Country Alliance is a small non-profit conservation organization that has served the Copper River Basin for over 25 years. Our organization, partner organizations, and concerned individuals have spent years seeking ways to ensure that the Tangle Lakes region remains a place where wildlife flourishes and humans hunt, fish, and recreate.

We hope this information will help you understand the value of creating a Tangle Lakes State Game Refuge for the benefit of current and future Alaskans.

Sincerely,

Ruth McHenry

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Ruth McHenry, Executive Director  
Copper Country Alliance  
Copper Center, AK 99573

Representatives:

I fully, one thousand percent support this bill. I'm an archaeologist and am aware of the rich and geographically broad cultural resources in the area. I also hike and bike and pick berries in the area at least once per year. Thank you for your effort.

Mark Luttrell  
Seward, AK

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-----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  
13603 E. Oceanview Rd.  
Palmer  
AK 99645

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**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](mailto: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

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**From:** Ryan Yelle <ryan.yelle05@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 13, 2018 10:41 AM  
**To:** Lisa Delaney <Lisa.Delaney@akleg.gov>  
**Cc:** Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Support for HB 272 - Tangle Lakes State Game Refuge

Good Morning Lisa,

I would like to convey my support for HB 272 - Tangle Lakes State Game Refuge. As a hunter and forager using public lands, I am acutely aware of the need to protect these wild places. The Tangle Lakes area has historical, ecological, and economic value to the state. Protecting these lands from irresponsible non-renewable resource development will benefit both residents and visitors to this area, by ensuring this area remains a beautiful and wild place for generations to come.

I urge the committee to please vote YES on this proposal to further the discussion of establishing this much needed state game refuge.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Respectfully,

Ryan Yelle  
Anchorage, AK

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**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



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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

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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

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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:** 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

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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

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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  
Box 469  
Glennallen, Alaska 99588  
Chamber Phone 907-822-5555 (message)  
Bruce Phone at Work (Ahtna, Incorporated) 907-822-3476 Cell 907-952-2798

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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

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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.



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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

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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

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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*

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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:** 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

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**From:** Janelle Eklund [mailto:jeklund@cvinternet.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 hearwarming 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

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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>

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!

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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



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**From:** Felicia Riedel [mailto:f\_riedel@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 12, 2018 12:53 PM  
**To:** Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB 272 Tangle Lakes State Game Refuge

Dear Representative Josephson,

Thank you so much for introducing HB 272!

My husband and I have lived and raised a family in the Copper River Basin since 1977, having come here from Fairbanks where my mother homesteaded. I love this land and the lifestyle it affords! But I also am a mom and understand wanting jobs and a future for my kids.

I think HB 272 supports my desires to continue to be able to rely on game meat and enjoy the fascinating landscape and geology of the Tangle Lakes area. The bill's main purpose is to protect wildlife and its habitat, but that will double the purpose by also preserving the land.

My husband is an avid, fair chase hunter, so game and salmon are what we eat for meat. I supply the non-meat side for the table, from the garden to the bread –but also berries, and the area is a good source for those. I relish going on hunts, even though I pick berries or take photos or facilitate kids, because hunters get out into the best places, like Tangle Lakes. My husband was also a recreational miner, and he made

sure this bill didn't exclude that.

So when I think that there is a bill that will safeguard the caribou herd and be good for local businesses and protect the land for berry pickers, photographers, tourists, archaeologists, and others while not ruining anyone's jobs or future, I think it shows farsightedness and needs to be supported. I also am very appreciative of you for the work you are doing to bring about the Tangle Lakes Game Refuge.

Felicia Riedel

Kenny Lake, AK

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

From: Mark Luttrell [<mailto:prufrock@arctic.net>]

Sent: Monday, February 26, 2018 3:02 PM

To: Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>

Subject: HB 272 Tangle Lakes Game Refuge

Representative Josephson:

I fully, one thousand percent support this bill. I'm an archaeologist and am aware of the rich and geographically broad cultural resources in the area. I also hike and bike and pick berries in the area at least once per year. Thank you for your effort.

Mark Luttrell

Seward, AK

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**From:** Jenna Jonas [mailto:jenna.e.jonas@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 12, 2018 8:53 PM  
**To:** Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB 272, good for you!

Hello Rep. Josephson,

My name is Jenna Jonas and I live at 2240 Railroad drive in Fairbanks. I just wanted to send you a brief note and express my support for HB 272. I have worked as a guide in the Tangle Lakes region and have been there on recreation, hunting, and berry picking trips. It is an incredible area, rich and diverse and I think that a State Game Refuge would be an appropriate designation and protect the most valuable resource there, the ecosystem which supports the Nelchina caribou herd. I think its fantastic that you're introducing it. Thanks!

Jenna

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**From:** Felicia Riedel [mailto:f\_riedel@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 26, 2018 8:46 PM  
**To:** Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** I support HB 272

Dear Representative Josephson,

Thank you for your foresight and hard work on HB 272!

I want this, too, and sent this to House Fisheries and my representatives this evening:

What I want to do during summer . . . is take a driving geologic tour along the Denali Hwy. using my book, *Rocks, Ridges & Glaciers*. I love the Tangle Lakes for the hunting adventures our family has had there and the scenery that demands I get my camera out, but I am also fascinated by its unusual look caused by unique geologic processes producing eskers, cirques, kettle lakes, and kames. The Tangle Lakes area forms the headwaters of the Delta River, one of the few rivers that originate south of the Alaska Range and flows north, eventually reaching the Bering Sea. It is a crazy, special place!

The Tangle Lakes area is so rich in things to do for hunters, fishers, photographers, berry pickers, paddlers, or geology buffs that establishing a State Game Refuge just seems like it can only be a win-win because it won't take anything away from anyone else.

Sincerely,

Felicia Riedel

Kenny Lake, AK

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----- Forwarded message -----

From: **erica watson** <[ytalvezporquellueve@gmail.com](mailto:ytalvezporquellueve@gmail.com)>

Date: Mon, Feb 26, 2018 at 1:33 PM

Subject: I support HB 272

To: [House.Fisheries@akleg.gov](mailto:House.Fisheries@akleg.gov)

Cc: [Representative.Andy.Josephson@ak.leg.gov](mailto:Representative.Andy.Josephson@ak.leg.gov)

Dear House Fisheries Committee,

Thank you for considering HB 272 to create a Tangle Lakes State Game Refuge. I use the Tangle Lakes area for berrypicking, fishing, canoeing, and hiking, and I support this bill. It's an important step to protect all the ways Alaskans currently use the region, and ensure that we will continue to be able to do so in the future.

Thank you,

Erica Watson

Denali National Park  
Alaska 99755

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**From:** John Shook [mailto:john\_shook@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 26, 2018 4:59 PM  
**To:** House Fisheries <HouseFisheries@akleg.gov>; Rep. Andy Josephson  
<Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** In Support HB 272: Tangle Lakes Game Refuge

I'm writing to ask you to support protecting the Tangle lakes area. I'm an avid user of the area both in winter and summer and it's an amazing resource for recreational use. I've been using the area since ~1997 for hunting, fishing, canoeing, packrafting, berry picking, hiking, camping and skiing.

Thank you for your consideration,  
John Shook Fairbanks, AK

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**From:** Eric Troyer [mailto:erictroyer1234@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 27, 2018 6:35 AM

**To:** House Fisheries <HouseFisheries@akleg.gov>

**Cc:** Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Support HB 272: a Bill to establish a Tangle Lakes State Game Refuge.

I hope you will pass HB 272. Over many, many years I have used the Tangle Lakes area for a variety of activities, including hunting, fishing, canoeing, hiking, berry picking, and camping. This area is a state gem and should be protected for those uses.

Thank you,  
Eric Troyer



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**From:** Jerry McDonnell [mailto:mcyukonjer@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 26, 2018 4:17 PM  
**To:** Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Tangle Lakes is a gem worth saving.

Tangle Lakes is a gem worth saving as a Game Refuge.

As one of the last places on the road system in Alaska that is not overwhelmed with heavy traffic it needs tender loving care. I've spent many moons in Tangle Lakes. After 30 years in Alaska and having seen more than my share of this great state from living in native villages to counting walrus at Cape Pearce to running rivers through the Arctic and Kanuti Wildlife Refuges, Tangle Lakes can stand tall next to those fantastic lands. My grandchildren will appreciate Tangle Lakes as a Game Refuge. I'm leaving them my canoe.

I'm all in.

Jerry Dale McDonnell

Read great literature.

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Download the free Ebook: *Alaskan Sampler, 2015* @

<http://runningfoxbooks.com/ak-sampler/>.

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

From: delmarjohnson2000@yahoo.com [<mailto:delmarjohnson2000@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Monday, February 26, 2018 8:35 PM

To: Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>

Subject: Tangle lakes region

Sent from my iPad. My name is Delmar Johnson, I have lived in Fairbanks for over 40 years. During those 40 years I have made probably 38 summer trips into Land Mark Gap Lake. My kids were raised camping and catching fish there. I feel so privileged to have found such a spot. I truly would not want to see any upgrades for access, or development as it will entirely change the remote beauty of the area. I think one should earn the right to use and view the region by the challenge of entry. Protect it from the hoards! Thank you, Delmar.

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**From:** Cathy [mailto:geetagee@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 26, 2018 3:13 PM

**To:** House Fisheries <HouseFisheries@akleg.gov>; Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>

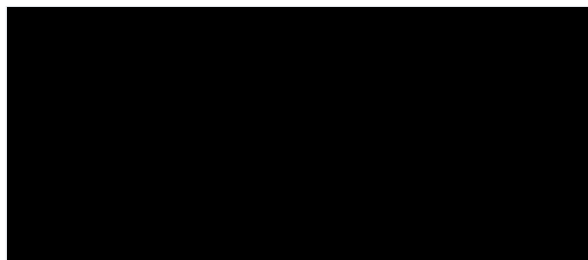
**Subject:** Tangle Lakes

I understand that tomorrow there will be public testimony for HB 272. I am a supporter of this bill to create a Tangle Lakes State Game Refuge and believe that this idea has had wide support ever since conveyance of these lands in 2003. I have enjoyed the archaeological significance of this area since moving to Alaska 25 years ago. I have property in Cantwell Alaska specifically to be able to enjoy the Denali Highway.

The most beautiful and diverse area to me is around Tangle Lakes where I love to canoe and discover wild plants and gather berries and medicinal plants. In Alaska our fragile boreal/tundra ecosystems can be easily damaged. This area deserves a protected status to allow it to continue to nourish the human connection to these landscapes. I do believe that mining activity is out of sync with this area and should not be allowed.

I attached a few docs which show the importance of this area, they have much to share. Thank you for your time, Cathy Lieser Cantwell, Alaska

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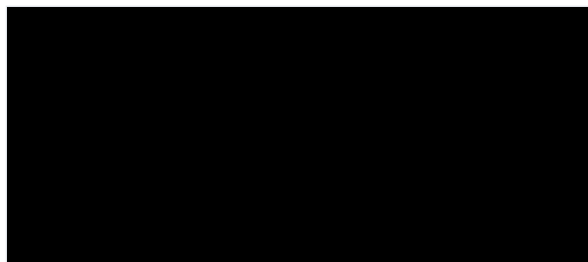


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**From:** Janelle Eklund <jeklund@cvinternet.net>

**Sent:** Monday, March 05, 2018 1:01 PM

**To:** House Resources <House.Resources@akleg.gov>; Rep. Geran Tarr <Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov>; Rep. John Lincoln <Rep.John.Lincoln@akleg.gov>; Rep. Harriet Drummond <Rep.Harriet.Drummond@akleg.gov>; Rep. Justin Parish <Rep.Justin.Parish@akleg.gov>; Rep. Chris Birch <Rep.Chris.Birch@akleg.gov>; Rep. DeLena Johnson <Rep.DeLena.Johnson@akleg.gov>; Rep. George Rauscher <Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Talerico <Rep.David.Talerico@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** HB 272 Tangle Lakes Game Refuge

Greetings,

I am in support of HB 272, establishing a Tangle Lakes Game Refuge. I go to the area every year for peace and solitude, berry picking, canoeing, boating, hiking, hunting, wildlife viewing, and photography. This area is a very special and sacred place and needs to be kept that way. We need these places and the earth needs these places to stay intact.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Janelle Eklund  
Kenny Lake, Alaska

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

From: Mark Luttrell <prufrock@arctic.net>

Sent: Monday, March 05, 2018 12:24 PM

To: House Resources <House.Resources@akleg.gov>; Rep. Geran Tarr <Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov>; Rep. John Lincoln <Rep.John.Lincoln@akleg.gov>; Rep. Harriet Drummond <Rep.Harriet.Drummond@akleg.gov>; Rep. Justin Parish <Rep.Justin.Parish@akleg.gov>; Rep. Chris Birch <Rep.Chris.Birch@akleg.gov>; Rep. DeLena Johnson <Rep.DeLena.Johnson@akleg.gov>; Rep. George Rauscher <Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Talerico <Rep.David.Talerico@akleg.gov>  
Subject: HB 272 Tangle Lakes Game Refuge

Representatives:

I fully, one thousand percent support this bill. I'm an archaeologist and am aware of the rich and geographically broad cultural resources in the area. I also hike and bike and pick berries in the area at least once per year. Thank you for your effort.

Mark Luttrell  
Seward, AK

**From:** Bee Long <woodyfiber17@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 08, 2018 11:33 AM  
**To:** Rep. Geran Tarr <Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB272 Tangle Lakes State Game Refuge

### Tangle Lakes State Game Refuge

I support the passage of HB 272 that would establish the Tangle Lakes Game Refuge (Refuge). My primary reason is the permanent protection of the Nelchina Caribou Herd population and their significant habitat in the Refuge area. This herd is the hunting focus of much of urban Southcentral Alaskan hunters. The herd is a subsistence resource for Copper Basin area residents and Cantwell.

The Refuge would also protect other wildlife species habitat. Subsistence hunting and fishing, sport hunting and wildlife viewing are important uses of the area. The views of the land and waters are spectacular and complement the Denali Highway vistas. Recreational, scientific, aesthetic and educational purposes would be fulfilled. The management of human uses would be compatible with Refuge goals. The current mineral claims and private property access will be assured and remain in effect. Prevention of land sales on the state land is a worthy goal.

This is long overdue.

Becky Long

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**From:** Chris Wooley [mailto:chumis@gci.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 27, 2018 8:32 PM  
**To:** Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Josephson E-Blast, February 2018 Edition

Hi Andy,

Good job on the Tangle Lakes Game Refuge! As an archaeologist I applaud any and all initiatives to protect the habitat and resources in that unique area.

Thanks for all you do.

Chris and Bev Wooley

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

From: Ruth McHenry <cca@coppervalleyak.net>

Sent: Monday, March 05, 2018 12:25 PM

To: House Resources <House.Resources@akleg.gov>; Rep. Geran Tarr <Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov>; Rep. John Lincoln <Rep.John.Lincoln@akleg.gov>; Rep. Harriet Drummond <Rep.Harriet.Drummond@akleg.gov>; Rep. Justin Parish <Rep.Justin.Parish@akleg.gov>; Rep. Chris Birch <Rep.Chris.Birch@akleg.gov>; Rep. DeLena Johnson <Rep.DeLena.Johnson@akleg.gov>; Rep. George Rauscher <Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Talerico <Rep.David.Talerico@akleg.gov>

Subject: Support HB 272 Tangle Lakes State Game Refuge

Dear Resource Committee Members,

An impressive number of Alaskans, and some Outside visitors as well, have cared enough about the Tangle Lakes region to sign the attached Letter to the Legislature. This was not a quick, press-the-button sign-on. Many signed paper petitions at booths and events, and took the time to include how they use the area. They hunt, fish, pick berries, etc. (Please see "how recreate" column in attached spreadsheet.) Some of the signers are business owners. (See first column of spread sheet.) To make it easier for you to see which are from your districts, the list is arranged alphabetically by city.

Copper Country Alliance is a small non-profit conservation organization that has served the Copper River Basin for over 25 years. Our organization, partner organizations, and concerned individuals have spent years seeking ways to ensure that the Tangle Lakes region remains a place where wildlife flourishes and humans hunt, fish, and recreate.

We hope this information will help you understand the value of creating a Tangle Lakes State Game Refuge for the benefit of current and future Alaskans.

Sincerely,

Ruth McHenry

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Ruth McHenry, Executive Director  
Copper Country Alliance  
HC60 Box 306T  
Copper Center, AK 99573  
907-822-3644

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**From:** CATHY TEICH <cathyt@mtaonline.net>

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 07, 2018 11:15 AM

**To:** House Resources <House.Resources@akleg.gov>; Rep. Geran Tarr <Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov>; Rep. John Lincoln <Rep.John.Lincoln@akleg.gov>; Rep. Harriet Drummond <Rep.Harriet.Drummond@akleg.gov>; Rep. Justin Parish <Rep.Justin.Parish@akleg.gov>; Rep. Chris Birch <Rep.Chris.Birch@akleg.gov>; Rep. DeLena Johnson <Rep.DeLena.Johnson@akleg.gov>; Rep. George Rauscher <Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Talerico <Rep.David.Talerico@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** HB272

I am in support of making the Tangle Lakes area into the Tangle Lakes State Game Refuge. The Nelchina caribou herd has a lot of pressure due to it being accessible from urban areas via the road. Protecting the herd will maintain its availability for subsistence & sport hunting. Many people in the area depend on subsistence hunting for their winter meat.

Sincerely,

Cathy Teich  
907-733-2155  
P.O. Box 155  
Talkeetna, AK 99676

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**From:** Paul Boos <pboos@cvinet.net>

**Sent:** Monday, March 05, 2018 5:52 PM

**To:** House Resources <House.Resources@akleg.gov>; Rep. Geran Tarr <Rep.Geran.Tarr@akleg.gov>; Rep. John Lincoln <Rep.John.Lincoln@akleg.gov>; Rep. Harriet Drummond <Rep.Harriet.Drummond@akleg.gov>; Rep. Justin Parish <Rep.Justin.Parish@akleg.gov>; Rep. Chris Birch <Rep.Chris.Birch@akleg.gov>; Rep. DeLena Johnson <Rep.DeLena.Johnson@akleg.gov>; Rep. George Rauscher <Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Talerico <Rep.David.Talerico@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Tangle lakes Game Refuge

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this e-mail in support of the establishment of the Tangle Lakes Game Refuge. My wife and I have been using this area for many years...hunting, fishing, camping, recreating etc. and have seen substantial changes in this area over the last thirty years. The popularity of this area has increased substantially and the impacts of that increase are visible in increased OHV use, camping, boating, hiking, and in my opinion effects on the wildlife and fishing populations.

I am very familiar this area . I was the lead recreation planner for BLM for many years, who had management responsibility for a portion of the subject area, and have a wildlife management degree. I have seen substantial changes in this area, mostly a large increase in popularity for hunting and OHV use. I have seen a displacement of caribou migration patterns from this use. Increase of management will hopefully help the situation. Again I am very supportive of this designation.

Respectfully:

Paul G. Boos and Janelle B. Eklund