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Relating to the designation of incompatible uses within the Chena River Recreational Area.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS the commissioner of natural resources, by AS 41.-20.020(4), is given responsibility to control, develop and maintain state recreational areas; and

WHEREAS, ch. 26, SLA 1967, establishing the Chena River Recreational Area, gives the commissioner of natural resources specific responsibility to designate by regulation incompatible uses within the boundaries of that recreational area, and authority to prohibit or restrict those incompatible uses which are designated by regulation; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding 11 AAC 18.020 providing for establishment of access routes, the commissioner of natural resources has failed to provide the necessary permit to enable persons to gain access across the Chena River Recreational Area for mechanical equipment which is essential to conduct mining activities on adjacent land; and

WHEREAS other public use values within the Chena River Recreational Area should be recognized and accommodated;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests the governor to direct the commissioner of natural resources to refrain from designating or enforcing the designation of the following uses as incompatible uses within the Chena River Recreational Area:

- (1) existing mineral leasing and mining claims;
- (2) the taking of fur-bearing animals;

(3) the use of existing roads and trails by traditional means of transportation, including mechanical equipment; and

(4) the use of any vehicles, including all-terrain vehicles, in sections 4, 5, 8, 9, 16, 17, 18 and 33 of T1N, R6E, Fairbanks Meridian, and in the portions of sections 19 and 20, T1N, R6E, Fairbanks Meridian, north of Chena Hot Springs Road.