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Requesting the National Park Service to improve an old mining road through the north addition to Denali National Park and Preserve and to extend the road to the Denali Park Road at Wonder Lake-Kantishna.

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

WHEREAS an old mine road, constructed by the state to provide access between the Alaska Railroad to Healy and the Toklat River valley to obtain access to the Stampede Mine antimony deposits that were worked during World War II, has fallen into disrepair; and

WHEREAS the road now falls within portions of the Denali National Park and Preserve, as established by the 1980 Alaska National Interest Lands Act (P.L. 96-487); and

WHEREAS these additions to the Denali National Park and Preserve were established, according to the Congressional report issued with the 1980 federal Act, "to support populations of moose, wolf, and caribou as part of an integral ecosystem [so that] public enjoyment of these outstanding wild life values would thus continue to be assured"; and

WHEREAS the old mine road ends at the Stampede Mine in the Toklat River valley, but could be extended along the watershed of that river to the vicinity of Kantishna and Wonder Lake, providing a road loop within the Denali National Park and Preserve; and

WHEREAS the Kantishna Hills-Dunkle Mine area of the park and preserve has been identified by the Alaska National Interest Lands Act as worthy of special evaluation and study for, among other reasons, the potential value of wildlife and mineral resources; and

WHEREAS the tragic accident that recently occurred within

Denali National Park underscores the need for improved transportation facilities within the park; and

WHEREAS the reconstruction and extension of the north addition road would provide a transportation facility that would benefit visitors to Denali National Park and Preserve and serve as an alternative road for further mineral evaluation and development work;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that the National Park Service is respectfully requested to prepare plans for reconstruction of the old Stampede Mine road through the north addition to Denali National Park and Preserve and its extension to the vicinity of Wonder Lake and Kantishna.

COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable James G. Watt, Secretary of the Interior; to Mr. Ray Arnett, Assistant Secretary of the Department of the Interior for Parks and Wildlife; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.