

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: Resources

A RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to a proposed moratorium on the building of roads in the roadless areas**
2 **of national forests.**

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

4 **WHEREAS** it has been reported that the Clinton Administration is proposing a
5 moratorium on the building of roads in the roadless areas of national forests; and

6 **WHEREAS** this proposed road-building moratorium would be instituted on a national
7 level without consideration of local interests, local concerns, and the unique character of each
8 national forest; and

9 **WHEREAS** the recently completed land management plan for the Tongass National
10 Forest examines issues relating to the need for and effects of various activities on the Tongass
11 National Forest, including road construction; and

12 **WHEREAS** a land management plan that examines and guides activity on the forest,
13 including road building, is periodically completed for each national forest; and

14 **WHEREAS** these national forest land management plans provide an individualized
15 review of activities on the national forests, including road building, after extensive
16 opportunities for public comment;

1 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature opposes a moratorium on the
2 building of roads in the roadless areas of national forests that is imposed on a national level
3 without the use of the existing forest land management plan process, including public
4 comment, and without an individualized review of the effects of the moratorium on each
5 national forest.

6 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the
7 United States; the Honorable Al Gore, Jr., Vice-President of the United States and President
8 of the U.S. Senate; the Honorable Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture; and to the
9 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the
10 Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.