

**SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 162(RES)**  
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY THE SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 4/2/10**  
**Referred: Finance**

**Sponsor(s): HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act establishing the Southeast State Forest and relating to the Southeast State**  
2 **Forest; and providing for an effective date."**

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

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 41.17 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 41.17.500. Southeast State Forest.** (a) Subject to valid existing rights,  
6 the state-owned or acquired land and water lying within the parcels described in (d) of  
7 this section is designated as the Southeast State Forest.

8 (b) The commissioner shall prepare a management plan for the Southeast State  
9 Forest under AS 41.17.230.

10 (c) The commissioner may establish transportation corridors within the  
11 Southeast State Forest.

12 (d) The Southeast State Forest includes the state-owned or acquired land  
13 within the following described parcels:

14 (1) Township 62 South, Range 84 East, Copper River Meridian

- 1 Section 9: E1/2SE1/4, Government Lots 1 and 2
- 2 Section 10: S1/2
- 3 Section 11: N1/2, E1/2SE1/4, W1/2SW1/4, and Government
- 4 Lots 1 - 4
- 5 Section 12: W1/2, W1/2E1/2
- 6 Section 13: W1/2W1/2, NE1/4NW1/4, NW1/4NE1/4
- 7 Section 14: E1/2NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4, W1/2NW1/4, and
- 8 Government Lots 1 - 4
- 9 Section 15: N1/2, N1/2SE1/4, NE1/4SW1/4
- 10 Section 16: Government Lot 1, and the portion of Government
- 11 Lot 2 Northerly of the East-West centerline of Section 16
- 12 Section 23: NE 1/4NE1/4, and Government Lots 1 and 3
- 13 Section 24: SE1/4NW1/4, W1/2NW1/4, SW1/4NE1/4,
- 14 NE1/4SW1/4, W1/2SE1/4, and Government Lots 1 and 2
- 15 Section 25: NE1/4NE1/4, and Government Lots 1 - 3;
- 16 (2) Township 65 South, Range 78 East, Copper River Meridian
- 17 Section 36: E1/2;
- 18 (3) Township 65 South, Range 79 East, Copper River Meridian
- 19 Section 31: E1/2NW1/4, and Government Lots 1 and 2;
- 20 (4) Township 65 South, Range 89 East, Copper River Meridian
- 21 Tract A: The portion within Protracted Sections 25 and 36,
- 22 and the portion in the E1/2E1/2 of Protracted Section 26;
- 23 (5) Township 65 South, Range 90 East, Copper River Meridian
- 24 Tracts A - G; Tract H: the portion within Protracted Sections
- 25 13 - 15 and 24, and the portion within the N1/2NE1/4 of
- 26 Protracted Section 23; Tract K within Protracted Section
- 27 30; and Tract L;
- 28 (6) Township 66 South, Range 78 East, Copper River Meridian
- 29 Section 1: E1/2, SW1/4
- 30 Section 12: NE1/4, N1/2NW1/4
- 31 Section 24: E1/2E1/2, and Government Lots 1 - 7

- 1                                   Section 25: E1/2NE1/4, NW1/4SE1/4, and Government Lots 1 -  
2                                   5;
- 3                                   (7) Township 66 South, Range 79 East, Copper River Meridian  
4                                   Section 6: SW1/4SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4, and Government Lots 1  
5                                   and 2  
6                                   Section 7: N1/2NE1/4, NE1/4NW1/4, and Government Lot 1;
- 7                                   (8) Township 68 South, Range 76 East, Copper River Meridian  
8                                   Section 10: S1/2SW1/4  
9                                   Section 15: NW1/4, S1/2NE1/4, N1/2S1/2  
10                                  Section 31: E1/2, E1/2W1/2, and Government Lots 1 - 4  
11                                  Section 32  
12                                  Section 33: S1/2, NW1/4  
13                                  Section 34: NW1/4SW1/4;
- 14                                  (9) Township 68 South, Range 81 East, Copper River Meridian  
15                                  Section 3: NW1/4, W1/2SW1/4, and Government Lots 3 and 4  
16                                  Section 4  
17                                  Section 8: Government Lot 1  
18                                  Section 9: E1/2, E1/2W1/2, and Government Lots 1 - 4  
19                                  Section 11: N1/2;
- 20                                  (10) Township 69 South, Range 76 East, Copper River Meridian  
21                                  Section 1: N1/2NW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4  
22                                  Section 2: NE1/4, N1/2SE1/4, NE1/4NW1/4;
- 23                                  (11) Township 69 South, Range 79 East, Copper River Meridian  
24                                  Section 23: E1/2SE1/4, NW1/4SE1/4  
25                                  Section 24: W1/2SW1/4;
- 26                                  (12) Township 69 South, Range 80 East, Copper River Meridian  
27                                  Section 9: SE1/4NE1/4, E1/2SE1/4, NW1/4SE1/4, and  
28                                  Government Lot 1  
29                                  Section 10: SW1/4, S1/2NW1/4  
30                                  Section 15: SE1/4  
31                                  Section 21: SE1/4SE1/4

- 1 Section 22: NE1/4, W1/2SE1/4, S1/2SW1/4
- 2 Section 27: N1/2NW1/4
- 3 Section 28: NE1/4NE1/4;
- 4 (13) Township 70 South, Range 77 East, Copper River Meridian
- 5 Section 23: E1/2NE1/4
- 6 Section 24: N1/2, N1/2SW1/4, N1/2SE1/4;
- 7 (14) Township 70 South, Range 78 East, Copper River Meridian
- 8 Section 16: Government Lot 5
- 9 Section 18: W1/2, W1/2NE1/4, W1/2SE1/4
- 10 Section 19: That portion of Government Lot 1 within the
- 11 NW1/4NE1/4, W1/2NW1/4, NE1/4NW1/4, W1/2SW1/4
- 12 Section 20: S1/2
- 13 Section 21: That portion of Government Lot 3 within the E1/2;
- 14 SW1/4; and the parcel described as: commencing at the NW
- 15 1/16 corner of Section 21, the point of beginning; thence
- 16 Northerly along the W 1/16 line to the mean high water line of
- 17 Sea Otter Sound; thence Northerly and Easterly along the
- 18 mean high water line of Sea Otter Sound to the intersection
- 19 with the North-South centerline of Section 21; thence
- 20 Southerly to the C 1/4 of Section 21; thence Westerly to the
- 21 NW 1/16 corner of Section 21 and the point of beginning;
- 22 (15) Township 71 South, Range 81 East, Copper River Meridian
- 23 Section 13: NW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, SE1/4, S1/2NE1/4,
- 24 NW1/4NE1/4;
- 25 (16) Township 71 South, Range 82 East, Copper River Meridian
- 26 Section 18: S1/2SW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4
- 27 Section 19: N1/2NW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4, NW1/4SW1/4;
- 28 (17) Township 71 South, Range 84 East, Copper River Meridian
- 29 Section 14: W1/2
- 30 Section 15: E1/2, S1/2SW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4
- 31 Section 16: S1/2SE1/4

- 1 Section 21: N1/2NE1/4
- 2 Section 22: E1/2, NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4
- 3 Section 23: W1/2
- 4 Section 26: NW1/4
- 5 Section 27: N1/2NE1/4;
- 6 (18) Township 71 South, Range 90 East, Copper River Meridian
- 7 Section 16: SW1/4SW1/4, and Government Lots 1 and 2
- 8 Section 17: Government Lots 1 - 4
- 9 Section 20: Government Lot 1
- 10 Section 21: SE1/4NW1/4, and Government Lots 1 - 6;
- 11 (19) Township 72 South, Range 84 East, Copper River Meridian
- 12 Section 1: SE1/4, E1/2SW1/4
- 13 Section 12: E1/2, E1/2NW1/4, E1/2SW1/4
- 14 Section 13: N1/2NE1/4, NE1/4NW1/4;
- 15 (20) Township 75 South, Range 89 East, Copper River Meridian
- 16 Section 13: SW1/4NE1/4, W1/2SE1/4, SE1/4SE1/4, SW1/4,
- 17 E1/2NW1/4, SW1/4NW1/4, and Government Lot 1
- 18 Section 14: SE1/4, Government Lot 1
- 19 Section 23: N1/2NE1/4
- 20 Section 24: N1/2N1/2;
- 21 (21) Township 75 South, Range 90 East, Copper River Meridian
- 22 Tract A: Within Protracted Section 27, 28, 33, and 34, and
- 23 the portion in the W1/2W1/2 of Protracted Section 35;
- 24 (22) Township 76 South, Range 90 East, Copper River Meridian
- 25 Tract A: Within Protracted Sections 3 - 6, 8, 9, 16, and 17;
- 26 the portion in the W1/2W1/2 of Protracted Section 2; and
- 27 the portion in the W1/2NW1/4 and the SW1/4 of Protracted
- 28 Section 11.
- 29 (e) Nothing in this section prevents the City and Borough of Wrangell from
- 30 exercising its land selection rights under AS 29.65.040(d) to state land within its
- 31 boundaries. If new municipalities are incorporated before June 30, 2019, and lands

1 designated in (d) of this section are within their boundaries, those lands that were  
2 classified as vacant, unappropriated, unreserved state land before establishment of the  
3 Southeast State Forest shall be used to calculate the municipal entitlement acreage  
4 under AS 29.65.030 but may not be selected.

5 \* **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
6 read:

7 TRANSITIONS: REGULATIONS. The Department of Natural Resources may  
8 immediately adopt regulations necessary to implement the change made by sec. 1 of this Act.  
9 The regulations take effect under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act), but not before  
10 July 1, 2010.

11 \* **Sec. 3.** Section 2 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

12 \* **Sec. 4.** Except as provided in sec. 3 of this Act, this Act takes effective July 1, 2010.