

1 IN THE SENATE BY SENATOR METCALF

2 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 63

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 Relating to access to the natural  
6 wonders of the Chugach National  
7 Forest.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA IN  
9 SECOND LEGISLATURE, SECOND SESSION ASSEMBLED:

10 WHEREAS, Alaska's rugged mountains, vast glaciers, bountiful  
11 supply of wildlife, and sport fishing provide attractions, recre-  
12 ation, and thrills for the visiting tourists; and

13 WHEREAS, there exists in the Resurrection River Valley,  
14 near Seward, Alaska, the large Lowell Glacier, located about  
15 fifteen miles up the Valley from the Seward-Moose Pass Highway;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, the Resurrection River Valley area has a substantial  
18 stand of merchantable timber; and

19 WHEREAS, the Resurrection River Valley abounds with wildlife;  
20 and

21 WHEREAS, the Resurrection River Valley has gold-bearing  
22 gravel, which could afford visiting tourists the opportunity and  
23 thrill of panning gold in the traditional pioneer style; and

24 WHEREAS, the scenic tourist attractions of Resurrection  
25 River Valley, a valley bounded on both sides by high and rugged  
26 mountains, are not accessible to visiting tourists because there  
27 is no road by which tourists might travel to visit and to view  
28 such attractions; and

29 WHEREAS, the valley floor of Resurrection River Valley does

1 not exceed 700 feet in elevation and has a gradual grade incline;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, the construction of a road from Mile 3 on the  
4 Seward-Moose Pass Highway up the Resurrection River Valley for  
5 15 miles to near Lowell Glacier would allow many people to visit  
6 the Valley and hike and fish in the surrounding area, including  
7 Upper Russian Lake; and

8 WHEREAS, the greater portion of the Resurrection River  
9 Valley floor lies within the boundaries of the Chugach National  
10 Forest; and

11 WHEREAS, it has long been the policy of the U. S. Forest  
12 Service, in the matter of providing and promoting recreational  
13 areas for tourists, to construct usable forest development roads  
14 into inaccessible areas, allowing visiting tourists to enjoy the  
15 beauties of Alaska's scenic grandeur;

16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Alaska in  
17 Second Legislature, Second Session assembled, that the Department  
18 of Agriculture, through the Forest Service, be respectfully urged  
19 to give high priority in the over-all planning and development of  
20 the Forest Development Road System to the construction of a  
21 Forest Development Road from Mile 3 on the Seward-Moose Pass High-  
22 way up the Resurrection River Valley for a distance of 15 miles  
23 to the vicinity of Lowell Glacier; and be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to  
25 the Honorable Orville L. Freeman, Secretary of Agriculture; the  
26 Honorable Richard E. McArdle, Chief, Forest Service; the Honor-  
27 able P. D. Hanson, Regional Forester, Region 10, Forest Service;  
28 the members of the Alaska Delegation to Congress; and the Honor-  
29 able William A. Egan, Governor of Alaska.

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