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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23 *AM*

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to national conservation  
6 system designations under the Alaska  
7 Native Claims Settlement Act.

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

9 WHEREAS the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971,  
10 provides for creation or addition to existing units of national parks,  
11 forests, wildlife refuges and wild and scenic rivers; and

12 WHEREAS, of these four systems, only the national forest system has  
13 congressional direction to practice multiple use-sustained yield management;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS the multiple use-sustained yield form of management provides for  
16 more options to meet the needs of the majority of Alaskans, as well as all  
17 Americans, now and in the future, consistent with sound environmental protec-  
18 tion; and

19 WHEREAS the Joint Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission and the  
20 Secretary of the Interior, Rogers C. B. Morton, are to recommend to Congress  
21 which lands are to be contained within each of the four systems; and

22 WHEREAS these recommendations and their enactment into law are of great  
23 concern to the people of this state;

24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that its members urge the Land  
25 Use Planning Commission and the Secretary of the Interior to consider to the  
26 fullest practical extent, inclusion of substantial units of new national  
27 forests as a large proportion of their recommendations to the Congress of the  
28 United States; and be it

29 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska delegation in Congress is urged to

1 introduce legislation to create substantial new units of national forest as  
2 a major part of the four systems designated in Alaska.

3 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M.  
4 Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton,  
5 Secretary, Department of the Interior; the Honorable Earl L. Butz, Secretary,  
6 Department of Agriculture; the Chairmen of the U. S. Senate and U. S. House  
7 Interior and Insular Affairs Committees; Governor William A. Egan, Co-  
8 chairman, Mr. Joseph Josephson, Co-chairman Designee, and Mr. Jack O. Horton,  
9 Co-chairman, Land Use Planning Commission of Alaska; and to the Honorable  
10 Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, members of the  
11 Alaska delegation in Congress.

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