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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to national conservation
6 system designations under Section
7 17(d)(2)(A) of the Alaska Native
8 Claims Settlement Act.

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

10 WHEREAS Section 17(d)(2)(A) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act
11 of December 18, 1971, provides for creation or addition to existing units of
12 national parks, forests, wildlife refuges and wild and scenic rivers; and

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

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

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

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

25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that its members urge the
26 Joint Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission and the Secretary of the
27 Interior to consider to the fullest practical extent, inclusion of sub-
28 stantial units of new national forests under provision of the Alaska Native
29 Claims Settlement Act, Section 17(d)(2)(A) as a large proportion of their

1 recommendations to the Congress of the United States; and be it

2 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska delegation in Congress is urged to join
3 with the Joint Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission to encourage the
4 introduction of legislation to create substantial new units of national
5 forest within the 80 million acres provided for in Section 17(d)(2)(A) of the
6 Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, as a major part of the four systems
7 designated in Alaska.

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

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