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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY BOWMAN

2 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 46

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the use of trails and paths
6 located on federal lands.

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

8 WHEREAS throughout the state there are many scenic nature paths running
9 through federal lands that Alaskans and visitors utilize for hiking, snow-
10 shoeing and the like, and were constructed primarily for those purposes; and

11 WHEREAS in recent years there has been a vastly increased utilization
12 of what are essentially footpaths by snowmobiles, trail bikes, and other
13 motorized vehicles; and

14 WHEREAS these motorized vehicles not only disturb the serenity of the
15 countryside for one who desires to get away from it all but are in fact
16 dangerous to the hiker; and

17 WHEREAS motorized vehicles and hikers should not be forced nor permitted
18 to utilize the same footpaths for their recreational enjoyment;

19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that those agencies of the
20 federal government who are in control of federal lands that contain footpaths
21 or other types of paths for use by the citizens of Alaska and visitors to
22 Alaska definitely designate those areas and paths that may be utilized only
23 by persons on foot and those that may be utilized by persons riding a
24 motorized vehicle.

25 COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Rogers C. B.
26 Morton, Secretary, Department of the Interior; the Honorable Earl Butz,
27 Secretary, Department of Agriculture; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and
28 the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, members of the Alaska delegation
29 in Congress.