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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 163

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating the Keystone Canyon State Park."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 41.20 is amended by adding new sections to read:

9 ARTICLE 9A. KEYSTONE CANYON STATE PARK.

10 Sec. 41.20.347. DECLARATION OF PURPOSE. The purpose of secs.
11 347 - 353 of this chapter is to dedicate and restrict lands and waters
12 described in sec. 349 of this chapter for use as a scenic park, as
13 defined in sec. 47 of this chapter, to be known as the Keystone Canyon
14 State Park. The primary purpose in creating the park is to protect
15 and develop the area's recreational and scenic resources for present
16 and future generations. Sections 347 - 353 of this chapter close the
17 described lands and waters to multiple-purpose use in conformity with
18 AS 38.05.300 and designates them as a special purpose site in accor-
19 dance with art. VIII, sec. 7, of the Constitution of the State of
20 Alaska.

21 Sec. 41.20.349. DESIGNATED LAND AND WATER RESTRICTED TO USE AS
22 A STATE PARK. The lands and waters lying within the boundaries
23 described in this section, containing approximately 330,000 acres,
24 are designated as the Keystone Canyon State Park:

25 (1) a tract of land in the southcentral region of Alaska,
26 beginning at the NW corner, Section 6, T9S, R4W, C.R.M.;

27 (2) thence easterly along the north line of Section 6 to
28 the SW corner, Section 32, T9S, R4W, C.R.M.;

29 (3) thence northerly along the west line of sections to the

1 NW corner, Section 8, T7S, R4W, C.R.M.;

2 (4) thence easterly along the north line of sections to the
3 NE corner of Section 9, T7S, R2W, C.R.M.;

4 (5) thence southerly along the east line of sections to the
5 SE corner of Section 21, T7S, R2W, C.R.M.;

6 (6) thence easterly along the north line of sections to the
7 NE corner of Section 26, T7S, R1W, C.R.M.;

8 (7) thence southerly along the east line of sections to the
9 SE corner of Section 35, T8S, R1W, C.R.M.;

10 (8) thence westerly along the north line of sections to the
11 SW corner of Section 32, T8S, R1W, C.R.M.;

12 (9) thence southerly along the east line of sections to the
13 SE corner of Section 7, T9S, R1W, C.R.M.;

14 (10) thence westerly along the south line of Sections 7 and
15 12 to the SW corner of Section 12, T9S, R2W, C.R.M.;

16 (11) thence south along the east line of Section 14 to the
17 SE corner of Section 14, T9S, R2W, C.R.M.;

18 (12) thence west along the south line of Section 14 to the
19 SW corner of Section 14, T9S, R2W, C.R.M.;

20 (13) thence south along the east line of sections to the
21 SE corner of Section 27, T10S, R2W, C.R.M.;

22 (14) thence west along the south line of Section 27 to the
23 SW corner of Section 27, T10S, R2W, C.R.M.;

24 (15) thence south along the east line of Section 33 to the
25 SE corner of Section 33, T10S, R2W, C.R.M.;

26 (16) thence west along the south line of Section 33 to the
27 SW corner of Section 33, T10S, R2W, C.R.M.;

28 (17) thence south along the east line of Sections 5 and 8
29 to the SE corner of Section 8, T11S, R2W, C.R.M.;

1 (18) thence west along the south line of Section 8 to the
2 SW corner of Section 8, T11S, R2W, C.R.M.;

3 (19) thence south along the east line of Sections 18 and 19
4 to the SE corner of Section 19, T11S, R2W, C.R.M.;

5 (20) thence west along the south line of sections to the inter-
6 section of the south line of Section 21, T11S, R4W, C.R.M. with the
7 north boundary of the Chugach National Forest;

8 (21) thence northwesterly along said boundary to the inter-
9 section of the west line of Section 30, T10S, R4W, C.R.M.;

10 (22) thence north along the west line of sections to the
11 NW corner of Section 30, T9S, R5W, C.R.M.;

12 (23) thence east along the north line of sections to the
13 NE corner of Section 27, T9S, R5W, C.R.M.;

14 (24) thence north along the west line of Section 23 to the
15 NW corner of Section 23, T9S, R5W, C.R.M.;

16 (25) thence east along the north line of Sections 23 and 24
17 to the NW corner of Section 19, T9S, R4W, C.R.M.;

18 (26) thence north along the west line of sections to the
19 NW corner of Section 6, T9S, R4W, C.R.M.; said point being the point
20 of beginning.

21 Sec. 41.20.351. DESIGNATION OF MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY. The
22 lands and waters described in sec. 349 of this chapter are assigned
23 to the Department of Natural Resources for control, development and
24 maintenance. The Department of Fish and Game is responsible for the
25 management of fish and wildlife resources in the Keystone Canyon
26 State Park and shall consult with the Department of Natural Resources
27 in promulgation of regulations concerning fish and wildlife management.
28 The Department of Natural Resources shall consult with the Department
29 of Fish and Game in promulgation of regulations concerning the use

1 and control of firearms in the area. The maintenance of public roads
2 and highways within the area is the responsibility of the Department
3 of Highways.

4 Sec. 41.20.353. INCOMPATIBLE USES. The lands and waters
5 described in sec. 349 of this chapter are closed to mineral entry. The
6 commissioner shall, in adopting regulations under sec. 20 of this
7 chapter, make provision for the issuance of prospecting permits and
8 mineral leases. The development, operation, and maintenance of
9 transportation corridors is not considered an incompatible use under
10 this section and may be permitted in accordance with a permit issued
11 by the commissioner of natural resources.
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