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3 HOUSE BILL NO. 580

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4 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

5 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

6 A BILL

7 For an Act entitled: "An Act Establishing the Talkeetna Mountains State
8 Park."

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

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

11 ARTICLE 12. TALKEETNA MOUNTAINS STATE PARK.

12 Sec. 41.20.420. DECLARATION OF PURPOSE. The purpose of secs.
13 420--445 of this chapter is to establish the land and water described
14 in sec. 425 of this chapter as the Talkeetna Mountains State Park.
15 The land and water in sec. 425(a) of this chapter are closed to
16 multiple-use management in conformity with AS 38.05.300. The land and
17 water described in sec. 425(b) of this chapter, to be known as a
18 "recreation zone", are to be managed under a principle of restricted
19 multiple-use, in conformance with sec. 430(b) of this chapter.

20 Sec. 41.20.425. DESIGNATED STATE LANDS AND WATERS RESTRICTED TO
21 USE AS A STATE PARK. (a) The following land and water within the
22 Talkeetna Mountains State Park are subject to the use and restrictions
23 specified in sec. 430(a) of this chapter: Beginning at the SW corner,
24 Section 30, T20N, R2W, S.M.; thence northerly along the section line
25 to the NW corner, Section 6, T20N, R2W, S.M.; thence westerly along
26 section line to the SW corner, Section 31, T21N, R2W, S.M.; thence
27 northerly along the section line to the NW corner, Section 30, T22N,
28 R2W, S.M.; thence westerly along the section line to the SW corner, SE
29 1/4, SW 1/4, Section 20, T22N, R3W, S.M.; thence northerly to the NW

1 corner, SE 1/4, SW 1/4, Section 5, T22N, R3W, S.M.; thence north-
2 easterly along a straight line to the SW corner, SE 1/4, SW 1/4,
3 Section 22, T23N, R3W, S.M.; thence east northeasterly along a straight
4 line to approximately the NW corner, SW 1/4, SE 1/4, Section 17, T23N,
5 R2W, S.M.; said point being the top of the ridge between the north
6 fork Kashwitna River and the Sheep Creek drainage; thence easterly
7 along said ridgeline a distance of 21 miles, more or less, to the
8 approximate center of Section 21, T23N, R2E, S.M.; thence southeasterly
9 along said ridgeline a distance of 23 miles, more or less, to the SE
10 corner, Section 27, T21N, R4E, S.M.; thence southwesterly along said
11 ridgeline a distance of nine and one-half miles, more or less, to the
12 SE corner, SE 1/4, SW 1/4, Section 31, T20N, R4E, S.M.; thence westerly
13 along the section line to the SW corner of Section 31, T20N, R4E,
14 S.M.; thence southerly along the section line to the SE corner, NE
15 1/4, Section 12, T19N, R3E, S.M.; thence westerly to the NW corner of
16 the SE 1/4, SW 1/4, thence northerly to the NW corner, NE 1/4, SW 1/4
17 of said Section 12; thence westerly to the center of Section 11, T19N,
18 R3E, S.M.; thence southerly along the centerline of said section to
19 the SE corner, NW 1/4, SW 1/4 of said Section 11; thence westerly to
20 the SW corner, NW 1/4, SE 1/4, Section 9, T19N, R3E, S.M.; thence
21 northerly to the center of Section 9; thence westerly to the W 1/4
22 corner of Section 7, T19N, R2E, S.M.; thence southerly to the SE
23 corner, NE 1/4, SE 1/4 of said Section 12; thence westerly to the NE
24 corner, NW 1/4, SE 1/4, SE 1/4, Section 11, T19N, R2E, S.M.; thence
25 southerly to the SE corner, NW 1/4, SE 1/4, SE 1/4 of said Section 11;
26 thence westerly to the NE corner, SW 1/4 SW 1/4, SE 1/4 of said Section
27 11; thence southerly to the SE corner, SW 1/4, NW 1/4, SE 1/4, Section
28 14, T19N, R2E, S.M.; thence westerly to the SW corner, NW 1/4, SE 1/4,
29 of said Section 14; thence southerly to the south 1/4 corner of said

1 Section 14; thence easterly to the NE corner, NW 1/4, NW 1/4, NW 1/4,
2 NE 1/4, Section 23, T19N, R2E, S.M.; thence southerly to the SE corner,
3 SW 1/4, NE 1/4, Section 23, T19N, R2E, S.M.; thence westerly to the E
4 1/4, Section 22, T19N, R2E, S.M.; thence northerly to the SE corner of
5 Section 15, T19N, R2E, S.M.; thence westerly to the SW corner, Section
6 16, T19N, R2E, S.M.; thence southerly along the section line to the SE
7 corner, Section 20, T19N, R2E, S.M.; thence westerly to the SW corner,
8 Section 24, T19N, R1E, S.M.; thence northerly along the section line
9 to the intersection of the ridgeline delineating the Little Susitna
10 River drainage, including its tributaries, occurring at approximately
11 the SE corner, NE 1/4, SE 1/4, Section 14, T19N, R1E, S.M.; thence
12 northeasterly along said ridgeline a distance of five and one-half
13 miles, more or less to a point at the approximate center of the NE
14 1/4, SW 1/4, NE 1/4, Section 3, T19N, R2E, S.M.; thence northerly
15 along said ridgeline a distance of nine miles, more or less, to the
16 top of Montana Peak; thence southwestery along said ridgeline and a
17 distance of 11 miles, more or less, and along the ridgeline between
18 Purches and Willow Creeks a distance of four miles, more or less, to
19 the intersection of the east section line, Section 26, T20N, R1W,
20 S.M.; thence westerly along the ridgeline between Purches and Willow
21 Creeks a distance of four and one-quarter miles, more or less, to the
22 intersection of the east section line, Section 30, T20N, R1W, S.M.;
23 thence southerly along the section line a distance of five-eighths of a
24 mile, more or less to the SE corner, Section 30, T20N, R1W, S.M.;
25 thence westerly along the section line to the SW corner, Section 30,
26 T20N, R2W, S.M., said corner being the point of beginning.

27 (b) The following land and water within the Talkeetna Mountains
28 State Park are subject to the use and restrictions specified in sec.
29 430(b) of this chapter: Beginning at the SW corner of Section 30,

1 T20N, R2W, S.M.; thence easterly along the section line to the SE
2 corner, Section 30, T20N, R1W, S.M.; thence northerly along the section
3 line a distance of five-eighths of a mile, more or less, to a point on
4 the ridgeline between Purches and Willow Creeks; thence easterly along
5 said ridgeline a distance of four and one-quarter miles, more or less,
6 to the intersection of the east section line, Section 26, T20N, R1W,
7 S.M.; thence northeasterly along said ridgeline a distance of four
8 miles, more or less, and along a ridgeline delineating the Little
9 Susitna River drainage, including its tributaries, a distance of 11
10 miles, more or less, to the top of Montana Peak; thence southerly
11 along the ridgeline delineating the Little Susitna River drainage,
12 including its tributaries, a distance of nine miles, more or less to a
13 point at the approximate center of the NE 1/4, SW 1/4, NE 1/4, Section
14 3, T19N, R2E, S.M.; thence southwesterly along said ridgeline a distance
15 of five and one-half miles, more or less, to the intersection of the
16 section line occurring at approximately the SE corner, NE 1/4, SE 1/4,
17 Section 14, T19N, R1E, S.M.; thence southerly along the section line
18 to the SE corner, Section 23, T19N, R1E, S.M.; thence westerly along
19 the section line to the SW corner, Section 23, T19N, R1E, S.M.; thence
20 southerly along the section line to the SW corner, NW 1/4, NW 1/4,
21 Section 26, T19N, R1E, S.M.; thence easterly along the north 1/4 line
22 to the SE corner, NW 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 26, T19N, R1E, S.M.; thence
23 southerly along the west 1/4 line to the SE corner, SW 1/4, SW 1/4,
24 Section 26, T19N, R1E, S.M.; thence westerly along the section line to
25 the NE corner, Section 31, T19N, R1E, S.M.; thence southerly along the
26 section line to the SE corner, Section 31, T19N, R1E, S.M.; thence
27 westerly along the section line to the SW corner, Section 31, T19N,
28 R2W, thence northerly along the section line to the SW corner, Section
29 30, T20N, R2W, S.M., said corner being the point of beginning.

1 Sec. 41.20.430. USES PERMITTED AND RESTRICTED. (a) Within the
2 portion of Talkeetna Mountains State Park which is closed to multiple-
3 use management under sec. 425(a) of this chapter, private land, valid
4 leases and mineral entries are restricted to the type of uses to which
5 they were put before January 1, 1976. With the exception of boats
6 with motors, motorized vehicles are prohibited on land and water
7 described in sec. 425(a) of this chapter. No more than one aircraft
8 landing strip may be established upon the land described in sec.
9 425(a) of this chapter, the landing strip to provide for park management
10 requirements and visitor access.

11 (b) Within the portion of Talkeetna Mountains State Park open to
12 restricted multiple-use management under sec. 425(b) of this chapter,
13 the commissioner shall designate by regulation those uses of land and
14 water which are compatible with recreation. All state land and water
15 described in sec. 425(b) of this chapter are to be managed under a
16 land-use plan prepared by representatives of the division of parks,
17 division of lands, division of agriculture, division of geological and
18 geophysical surveys, Department of Fish and Game and Department of
19 Highways. The plan must be approved by the commissioner of the Depart-
20 ment of Natural Resources, and shall be revised as necessary every
21 five years by representatives of the agencies specified in this sub-
22 section. Grazing leases may be renewed as provided by law. Other
23 agricultural activity may be permitted if compatible with recreation.
24 Use of motorized vehicles may be permitted at the discretion of the
25 commissioner in areas designated by him for that purpose.

26 Sec. 41.20.435. DESIGNATION OF MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY. (a) The
27 management of recreational uses of state land and water described in
28 sec. 425(b) of this chapter is the responsibility of the division of
29 parks. The management of resources other than recreation is the

1 responsibility of the division of lands subject to (e) of this section.

2 (b) The Department of Highways is responsible for the repair and
3 maintenance of the routes known as the Fishhook-Willow Road and the
4 Craigie Creek Road. The costs of road maintenance and repair are to
5 be borne by Department of Highway funds.

6 (c) The Department of Fish and Game is responsible for the
7 management of fish and wildlife resources in the areas described in
8 sec. 425 of this chapter; however, it shall consult with the Department
9 of Natural Resources before adopting regulations concerning fish and
10 wildlife management.

11 (d) The division of parks shall consult with the Department of
12 Fish and Game before adoption of regulations concerning the use and
13 control of firearms in the areas described in sec. 425 of this chapter.

14 (e) The division of lands must receive the approval of the
15 director of the division of parks before leasing any land or permitting
16 any land uses within the recreation zone described in sec. 425(b) of
17 this chapter.

18 Sec. 41.20.445. BOUNDARY MODIFICATIONS. If, in the exercise of
19 management responsibility under secs. 420--445 of this chapter, conflicts
20 of land ownership, jurisdiction, or authority are unreconcilable or
21 unmanageable at reasonable cost to the state, the commissioner may
22 modify the boundaries of the Talkeetna Mountains State Park, not to
23 exceed a 20 per cent diminution of the total acreage described in sec.
24 425 of this chapter. The commissioner may also add adjacent land
25 found to be desirable but not included in the description in sec. 425
26 of this chapter. Boundary modifications under this section shall be
27 made by regulation adopted under the Administrative Procedure Act (AS
28 44.62) and are subject to annulment by the legislature under AS
29 44.62.320(a).