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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 664

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the Talkeetna Mountains State  
7 Agricultural Reserve."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 41 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

10 CHAPTER 23. TALKEETNA MOUNTAINS STATE AGRICULTURAL RESERVE

11 Sec. 41.23.010. DECLARATION OF PURPOSE. The purpose of secs. 10 -  
12 60 of this chapter is to restrict state-owned land and water described  
13 in secs. 10 - 60 of this chapter as a state agricultural reserve.

14 Sec. 41.23.020. DESIGNATED STATE LAND AND WATER RESTRICTED TO USE  
15 AS A STATE AGRICULTURAL RESERVE. The following state-owned land and  
16 water is designated as the Talkeetna Mountains State Agricultural  
17 Reserve and is subject to the uses specified in sec. 30 of this chapter:  
18 Beginning at the SE corner of Section 34, T 20 N, R 3 E, SM; thence west  
19 twelve miles along section lines to the NW corner Section 2, T 19 N, R 2  
20 E, SM; thence south one mile to the SW corner Section 2; thence west  
21 three miles to the NW corner of Section 8; thence south one mile to the  
22 SW corner Section 8, T 19 N, R 2 E, SM; thence west two miles to the NW  
23 corner of Section 13, T 19 N, R 1 E, SM; thence south one mile to the SW  
24 corner of Section 13; thence west seven miles to the NW corner Section  
25 23, T 19 N, R 1 W, SM; thence south one mile to the SW corner of Section  
26 23; thence west four miles to SW corner of Section 19; thence north five  
27 miles to the NW corner of Section 31, T 20 N, R 1 W, SM; thence west two  
28 miles to the SW corner of Section 26, T 20 N, R 2 W, SM; thence north  
29 twenty miles to the NW corner of Section 23, T 23 N, R 2 W, SM; thence

1 east 30 miles to the NE corner of Section 22, T 23 N, R 4 E, SM; thence  
2 south twenty-one miles to the point of beginning, containing 430,080  
3 acres.

4 Sec. 41.23.030. PERMISSIBLE USES. Within the area classified as a  
5 state agricultural reserve under sec. 20 of this chapter, grazing under  
6 lease issued by the department is considered to be the primary use for  
7 the area, and all other uses incompatible with this primary use shall be  
8 prohibited or restricted, as provided by regulation; however, mining  
9 activities are permitted in accordance with AS 38.05.135 - 38.05.280,  
10 and recreational activities, including hunting, fishing and trapping,  
11 are permitted in accordance with Department of Natural Resources and  
12 Department of Fish and Game regulations, as appropriate. Development of  
13 private property within the boundaries of the reserve shall be in accor-  
14 dance with applicable local ordinance and state law.

15 Sec. 41.23.040. MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY. Land and water speci-  
16 fied in sec. 20 of this chapter are assigned to the Department of  
17 Natural Resources, division of agriculture, for control through a board  
18 of directors composed of the following persons or their designees:

- 19 (1) the director of the division of parks;
- 20 (2) the director of the division of lands;
- 21 (3) the director of the division of agriculture;
- 22 (4) the commissioner of fish and game;
- 23 (5) the commissioner of highways;
- 24 (6) a person designated by the commissioner from the Depart-  
25 ment of Natural Resources knowledgeable on mining activities; and
- 26 (7) a representative from the Matanuska-Susitna Borough  
27 assembly, or the borough planning and zoning commission.

28 Sec. 41.23.050. ADVISORY COMMITTEE. The board of directors shall  
29 obtain assistance in controlling and administering the uses within the

1 agricultural reserve by considering the recommendations of an advisory  
2 committee made up of one representative from each of the following  
3 active organizations:

- 4 (1) an alpine ski club;
- 5 (2) a cross-country ski club;
- 6 (3) a snow machine club;
- 7 (4) a hang glider club;
- 8 (5) a local stock grazing association;
- 9 (6) a mountaineering club;
- 10 (7) a mining association;
- 11 (8) a sportsman association; and
- 12 (9) a dog musher association.

13 Sec. 41.23.060. REGULATIONS. (a) Regulations shall be adopted by  
14 the Department of Natural Resources, except as provided in sec. 30 of  
15 this chapter, to implement secs. 10 - 60 of this chapter, including but  
16 not limited to

- 17 (1) specification and control of the permissible uses within  
18 the reserve in conformity with sec. 30 of this chapter;
- 19 (2) the imposition of reasonable use fees to cover maintenance  
20 costs; and
- 21 (3) a plan to attract and recruit volunteer labor for work  
22 within the reserve.

23 (b) In addition, the Department of Natural Resources shall provide  
24 by regulation for a buffer strip of state-owned land no less than 300  
25 feet in width on either side of Fishhook-Willow Road within the area  
26 designated in sec. 20 of this chapter. Public use within this area  
27 shall be limited to access corridors except that berry picking is  
28 permitted.  
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