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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

2 SENATE BILL NO. 598

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. Secs.
14 10 - 60 of this chapter close the described land and water to multiple
15 use in conformity with AS 38.05.300 and designate the area as a special
16 purpose site in accordance with art. VIII, sec. 7 of the Constitution of
17 the State of Alaska.

18 Sec. 41.23.020. DESIGNATED STATE LAND AND WATER RESTRICTED TO USE
19 AS A STATE AGRICULTURAL RESERVE. The following land and water is
20 designated as the Talkeetna Mountains State Agricultural Reserve and is
21 subject to the uses specified in sec. 30 of this chapter:

22 (1) Beginning at the SE corner of Section 34, T 20 N, R 3 E,
23 SM; thence west twelve miles along section lines to the NW corner Sec-
24 tion 2, T 19 N, R 2 E, S.M.; thence south one mile to the SE corner
25 Section 2; thence west three miles to the NW corner of Section 2; thence
26 south one mile to the SW corner Section 3, T 19 N, R 2 E, SM; thence
27 west two miles to the NW corner of Section 13, T 19 N, R 1 E, SM; thence
28 south one mile to the SW corner of Section 13; thence west seven miles
29 to the NW corner Section 23, T 19 N, R 1 W, SM; thence south one mile to

1 the SW corner of Section 23; thence west four miles to SW corner of
2 Section 19; thence north five miles to the NW corner of Section 31, T 20
3 N, R 1 W, SM; thence west two miles to the SW corner of Section 26, T 20
4 N, R 2 W, SM; thence north twenty miles to the NW corner of Section 23,
5 T 23 N, R 2 W, SM; thence east 30 miles to the NE corner of Section 22,
6 T 23 N, R 3 E, SM; thence south twenty-one miles to the point of be-
7 ginning, containing 430,080 acres.

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

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

- 22 (1) the director of the division of parks;
- 23 (2) the director of the division of lands;
- 24 (3) the director of the division of agriculture;
- 25 (4) the commissioner of fish and game;
- 26 (5) the commissioner of highways;
- 27 (6) a person designated by the commissioner from the Depart-
28 ment of Natural Resources knowledgable on mining activities; and
- 29 (7) a representative from the Matanuska-Susitna Borough

1 assembly, designated by the borough planning and zoning commission, who
2 shall be a nonvoting member.

3 Sec. 41.23.050. ADVISORY COMMITTEE. The board of directors shall
4 obtain assistance in controlling and administering the uses within the
5 agricultural reserve by considering the recommendations of an advisory
6 group made up of one representative from each of the following local
7 organizations:

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

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

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

27 (b) In addition, the Department of Natural Resources shall provide
28 by regulation for a buffer strip of land no less than 300 feet in width
29 on either side of Fishhook-Willow Road within the area designated in

1 sec. 20 of this chapter. Public use within this area shall be limited
2 to access corridors except that berry picking is permitted.
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