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2 SENATE BILL NO. 603

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 Park."

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

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

10 ARTICLE 12. TALKEETNA MOUNTAINS STATE PARK.

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

19 Sec. 41.20.425. DESIGNATED STATE LANDS AND WATERS RESTRICTED TO
20 USE AS A STATE PARK. (a) The following land and water within the
21 Talkeetna Mountains State Park are subject to the use and restrictions
22 specified in sec. 430(a) of this chapter: beginning at the SW corner,
23 Section 30, T20N, R2W, S.M.; thence northerly along the section line
24 to the NW corner, Section 6, T20N, R2W, S.M.; thence westerly along
25 the section line to the SW corner, Section 31, T21N, R2W, S.M.; thence
26 northerly along the section line to the NW corner, Section 30, T22N, R2W,
27 S.M.; thence westerly along the section line to the SW corner, SE 1/4,
28 SW 1/4, Section 20, T22N, R3W, S.M.; thence northerly to the SW corner,
29 SE 1/4, SW 1/4, Section 5, T22N, R3W, S.M.; thence northeasterly along

1 a straight line to the SW corner, SE 1/4, SW 1/4, Section 22, T23N,
2 R3W, S.M.; thence east northeasterly along a straight line to approxi-
3 mately the NW corner, SW 1/4, SE 1/4, Section 17, T23N, R2W, S.M.;
4 that point being the top of the ridge between the north fork Kashwitna
5 River and the Sheep Creek drainage; thence easterly along the ridgeline
6 a distance of 21 miles, more or less, to the approximate center of
7 Section 21, T23N, R2E, S.M.; thence southeasterly along the ridgeline
8 a distance of 23 miles, more or less, to the SE corner, Section 27,
9 T21N, R4E, S.M.; thence southwesterly along the ridgeline a distance
10 of nine and one-half miles, more or less, to the S 1/4 corner, Section
11 31, T20N, R4E, S.M.; thence westerly along the section line to the SW
12 corner of that Section 31; thence southerly along the section line to
13 the SE corner, NE 1/4, SE 1/4, Section 12, T19N, R3E, S.M.; thence
14 westerly to the SW corner, NE 1/4, SW 1/4 of that Section 12; thence
15 northerly to the NW corner, NE 1/4, SW 1/4 of that Section 12; thence
16 westerly to the center 1/4 corner of Section 11, T19N, R3E, S.M.;
17 thence southerly along the centerline to the SE corner, NE 1/4, SW 1/4
18 of that Section 11; thence westerly to the SW corner, NW 1/4, SE 1/4,
19 Section 9, T19N, R3E, S.M.; thence northerly to the center 1/4 corner
20 of that Section 9; thence westerly to the W 1/4 corner of that Section
21 9; thence northerly along the section line to the NW corner of that
22 Section 9; thence westerly along the section line to the NE corner,
23 Section 12, T19N, R2E, S.M.; thence southerly along the section line
24 to the E 1/4 corner of that Section 12; thence westerly to the E 1/4
25 corner of Section 11, T19N, R2E, S.M.; thence southerly along the
26 section line to the SE corner, NE 1/4, SE 1/4 of that Section 11;
27 thence westerly to the NE corner, SW 1/4, SE 1/4 of that Section 11;
28 thence southerly to the SE corner, NE 1/4, SW 1/4, SE 1/4 of that
29 Section 11; thence westerly to the NE corner, SE 1/4, SE 1/4, SW 1/4
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1 of that Section 11; thence southerly to the SE corner, NE 1/4, SW 1/4,
2 Section 14, T19N, R2E, S.M.; thence westerly to the SW corner, NE 1/4,
3 SW 1/4, of that Section 14; thence southerly to the SE corner, SW 1/4,
4 SW 1/4, of that Section 14; thence easterly along the section line to
5 the S 1/4 corner of that Section 14; thence southerly to the center
6 1/4 corner of Section 23, T19N, R2E, S.M.; thence westerly to the W
7 1/4 corner of that Section 23; thence northerly along the section line
8 to the SE corner of Section 15, T19N, R2E, S.M.; thence westerly along
9 the section line to the SW corner, Section 16, T19N, R2E, S.M.;
10 thence southerly along the section line to the SE corner, Section 20,
11 T19N, R2E, S.M.; thence westerly along the section line to the SW
12 corner, Section 24, T19N, R1E, S.M.; thence northerly along the section
13 line to the intersection of the ridgeline delineating the Little
14 Susitna River drainage, including its tributaries, occurring at approxi-
15 mately the SE corner, NE 1/4, SE 1/4, Section 14, T19N, R1E, S.M.;
16 thence northeasterly along that ridgeline a distance of five and one-
17 half miles, more or less, to a point at the approximate center of the
18 NE 1/4, SW 1/4, NE 1/4, Section 3, T19N, R2E, S.M.; thence northerly
19 along that ridgeline a distance of nine miles, more or less, to the
20 top of Montana Peak; thence southwesterly along that ridgeline a
21 distance of 11 miles, more or less, and along the ridgeline between
22 Purches and Willow Creeks a distance of four miles, more or less, to
23 the intersection of the east section line, Section 26, T20N, R1W,
24 S.M.; thence westerly along the ridgeline between Purches and Willow
25 Creeks a distance of four and one-quarter miles, more or less, to the
26 intersection of the east section line, Section 30, T20N, R1W, S.M.;
27 thence southerly along the section line a distance of five-eighths of
28 a mile, more or less, to the SE corner of that Section 30; thence
29 westerly along the section line to the SW corner, Section 30, T20N,

1 R2W, S.M., this corner being the point of beginning.

2 (b) The following land and water within the Talkeetna Mountains
3 State Park are subject to the use and restrictions specified in sec.
4 430(b) of this chapter: beginning at the SE corner of Section 30,
5 T20N, R2W, S.M.; thence easterly along the section line to the SE
6 corner, Section 30, T20N, R1W, S.M.; thence northerly along the section
7 line a distance of five-eighths of a mile, more or less, to a point on
8 the ridgeline between Purches and Willow Creeks; thence easterly along
9 that ridgeline a distance of four and one-quarter miles, more or less,
10 to the intersection of the east section line, Section 26, T20N, R1W,
11 S.M.; thence northeasterly along that ridgeline a distance of four
12 miles, more or less, and along a ridgeline delineating the Little
13 Susitna River drainage, including its tributaries, a distance of 11
14 miles, more or less, to the top of Montana Peak; thence southerly
15 along the ridgeline delineating the Little Susitna River drainage,
16 including its tributaries, a distance of nine miles, more or less, to
17 a point at the approximate center of the NE 1/4, SW 1/4, NE 1/4,
18 Section 3, T19N, R2E, S.M.; thence southwesterly along that ridgeline
19 a distance of five and one-half miles, more or less, to the intersection
20 of the section line occurring at approximately the SE corner, NE 1/4,
21 SE 1/4, Section 14, T19N, R1E, S.M.; thence southerly along the section
22 line to the SE corner, Section 23, T19N, R1E, S.M.; thence westerly
23 along the section line to the SW corner of that Section 23; thence
24 southerly along the section line to the SW corner, NW 1/4, NW 1/4,
25 Section 26, T19N, R1E, S.M.; thence easterly along the north 1/4 line
26 to the SE corner, NW 1/4, NW 1/4 of that Section 26; thence southerly
27 along the west 1/4 line to the SE corner, SW 1/4, SW 1/4 of that Section
28 26; thence westerly along the section line to the NE corner, Section
29 31, T19N, R1E, S.M.; thence southerly along the section line to the SE

1 corner of that Section 31; thence westerly along the section line to
2 the S 1/4 corner, Section 36, T19N, R1W, S.M.; thence northerly to the
3 center 1/4 corner of that Section 36; thence westerly to the NE corner,
4 NW 1/4, SE 1/4, Section 35, T19N, R1W, S.M.; thence southerly to the
5 SE corner, NW 1/4, SE 1/4 of that Section 35; thence westerly to the
6 NE corner, SE 1/4, SW 1/4, Section 34, T19N, R1W, S.M.; thence southerly
7 to the S 1/4 corner of that Section 34; thence westerly along the
8 section line to the SW corner, Section 36, T19N, R2W, S.M.; thence
9 northerly along the section line to the SW corner, Section 1, T19N,
10 R2W, S.M.; thence westerly along the section line to the S 1/4 corner,
11 Section 6, T19N, R2W, S.M.; thence northerly to the N 1/4 corner of
12 that Section 6; thence easterly along the section line to the NE
13 corner of that Section 6; thence northerly along the section line to
14 the SE corner, Section 30, T20N, R2W, S.M., this corner being the
15 point of beginning.

16 Sec. 41.20.430. USES PERMITTED AND RESTRICTED. (a) Within the
17 portion of Talkeetna Mountains State Park which is closed to multiple-
18 use management under sec. 425(a) of this chapter, private land, valid
19 leases and mineral entries are restricted to the type of uses to which
20 they were put before January 1, 1976. With the exception of boats
21 with motors, motorized vehicles are prohibited on land and water
22 described in sec. 425(a) of this chapter. No more than one aircraft
23 landing strip may be established upon the land described in sec.
24 425(a) of this chapter, the landing strip to provide for park management
25 requirements and visitor access.

26 (b) Within the portion of Talkeetna Mountains State Park open to
27 restricted multiple-use management under sec. 425(b) of this chapter,
28 the commissioner shall designate by regulation those uses of land and
29 water which are compatible with recreation. All state land and water

1 described in sec. 425(b) of this chapter are to be managed under a
2 land-use plan prepared by representatives of the division of parks,
3 division of lands, division of agriculture, division of geological and
4 geophysical surveys, Department of Fish and Game and Department of
5 Highways. The plan must be approved by the commissioner of the Depart-
6 ment of Natural Resources, and shall be revised as necessary every
7 five years by representatives of the agencies specified in this sub-
8 section. Grazing leases may be renewed as provided by law. Other
9 agricultural activity may be permitted if compatible with recreation.
10 Use of motorized vehicles may be permitted at the discretion of the
11 commissioner in areas designated by him for that purpose.

12 Sec. 41.20.435. DESIGNATION OF MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY. (a) The
13 management of recreational uses of state land and water described in
14 sec. 425(b) of this chapter is the responsibility of the division of
15 parks. The management of resources other than recreation is the
16 responsibility of the division of lands subject to (e) of this section.

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

21 (c) The Department of Fish and Game is responsible for the
22 management of fish and wildlife resources in the areas described in
23 sec. 425 of this chapter; however, it shall consult with the Department
24 of Natural Resources before adopting regulations concerning fish and
25 wildlife management.

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

29 (e) The division of lands must receive the approval of the

1 director of the division of parks before leasing any land or permitting
2 any land uses within the recreation zone described in sec. 425(b) of
3 this chapter.

4 Sec. 41.20.445. BOUNDARY MODIFICATIONS. If, in the exercise of
5 management responsibility under secs. 420--445 of this chapter, conflicts
6 of land ownership, jurisdiction, or authority are unreconcilable or
7 unmanageable at reasonable cost to the state, the commissioner may
8 modify the boundaries of the Talkeetna Mountains State Park, not to
9 exceed a 20 per cent diminution of the total acreage described in sec.
10 425 of this chapter. The commissioner may also add adjacent land
11 found to be desirable but not included in the description in sec. 425
12 of this chapter. Boundary modifications under this section shall be
13 made by regulation adopted under the Administrative Procedure Act (AS
14 44.62) and are subject to annulment by the legislature under AS
15 44.62.320(a).