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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE BY  
REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 73

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH 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 14. KEYSTONE CANYON STATE PARK.

10 Sec. 41.20.460. DECLARATION OF PURPOSE. The purpose of secs.  
11 460 - 475 of this chapter is to establish the state-owned and state-  
12 acquired land and water described in sec. 465 of this chapter as the  
13 Keystone Canyon State Park. The primary purpose in creating the park  
14 is to protect and develop the area's recreational and scenic resources.  
15 The land and water described in sec. 465 of this chapter are closed to  
16 multiple-purpose use in conformity with AS 38.05.300 and are dedicated  
17 as a special purpose site in accordance with art. VIII, sec. 7, of the  
18 Constitution of the State of Alaska.

19 Sec. 41.20.465. DESIGNATED LAND AND WATER RESTRICTED TO USE AS A  
20 STATE PARK. The state-owned and state-acquired land and water lying  
21 within the following parcel comprising 330,000 acres more or less, are  
22 designated as the Keystone Canyon State Park: beginning at the NW  
23 corner, Section 6, T9S, R4W, C.R.M.; thence east along the north line  
24 of Section 6 to the SW corner of Section 32, T9S, R4W, C.R.M.; thence  
25 northerly to the NW corner of Section 8, T7S, R4W, C.R.M.; thence  
26 easterly to the NE corner of Section 9, T7S, R2W, C.R.M.; thence  
27 southerly to the SE corner of Section 21, T7S, R2W, C.R.M.; thence  
28 easterly to the NE corner of Section 26, T7S, R1W, C.R.M.; thence  
29 southerly to the SE corner of Section 35, T8S, R1W, C.R.M.; thence

1 westerly to the SW corner of Section 32, T8S, R1W, C.R.M.; thence  
2 southerly to the SE corner of Section 7, T9S, R1W, C.R.M.; thence west  
3 along the south line of Sections 7 and 12 to the SW corner of Section  
4 12, T9S, R2W, C.R.M.; thence south along the east line of Section 14  
5 to the SE corner of Section 14, T9S, R2W, C.R.M.; thence west along  
6 the south line of Section 14 to the SW corner of Section 14, T9S, R2W,  
7 C.R.M.; thence south to the SE corner of Section 27, T10S, R2W,  
8 C.R.M.; thence west along the south line of Section 27 to the SW  
9 corner of Section 27, T10S, R2W, C.R.M.; thence south along the east  
10 line of Section 33 to the SE corner of Section 33, T10S, R2W, C.R.M.;  
11 thence west along the south line of Section 33 to the SW corner of  
12 Section 33, T10S, R2W, C.R.M.; thence south along the east line of  
13 Sections 5 and 8 to the SE corner of Section 8, T11S, R2W, C.R.M.;  
14 thence west along the south line of Section 8 to the SW corner of  
15 Section 8, T11S, R2W, C.R.M.; thence south along the east line of  
16 Sections 18 and 19 to the SE corner of Section 19, T11S, R2W, C.R.M.;  
17 thence westerly to the intersection of the south line of Section 21,  
18 T11S, R4W, C.R.M. with the north boundary of the Chugach National  
19 Forest; thence northwesterly along that boundary to the intersection  
20 of the west line of Section 30, T10S, R4W, C.R.M.; thence northerly to  
21 the NW corner of Section 30, T9S, R5W, C.R.M.; thence easterly to the  
22 NE corner of Section 27, T9S, R5W, C.R.M.; thence north along the west  
23 line of Section 23 to the NW corner of Section 23, T9S, R5W, C.R.M.;  
24 thence east along the north line of Sections 23 and 24 to the NW  
25 corner of Section 19, T9S, R4W, C.R.M.; thence northerly to the NW  
26 corner of Section 6, T9S, R4W, C.R.M.; that point being the true point  
27 of beginning.

28 Sec. 41.20.470. DESIGNATION OF MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY. The  
29 land and water described in sec. 465 of this chapter are assigned to

1 the Department of Natural Resources for control, development, and  
2 maintenance as a state park. The Department of Fish and Game is  
3 responsible for the management of fish and wildlife resources in the  
4 Keystone Canyon State Park and shall consult with the Department of  
5 Natural Resources before the adoption of regulations concerning fish  
6 and wildlife management. The maintenance of public roads and highways  
7 within the area is the responsibility of the Department of Highways,  
8 and the costs of the maintenance are to be borne by Department of  
9 Highways funds. Park regulations apply to a highway right-of-way.

10 Sec. 41.20.475. INCOMPATIBLE USE PROHIBITED. (a) The land and  
11 water described in sec. 465 of this chapter are closed to mineral  
12 entry.

13 (b) The commissioner shall designate by regulation incompatible  
14 uses within the boundaries of the Keystone Canyon State Park in accord-  
15 ance with sec. 460 of this chapter and those incompatible uses desig-  
16 nated are prohibited or restricted, as provided by regulation.

17 (c) The commissioner may, upon review of an approved environ-  
18 mental impact statement, issue a permit authorizing the construction  
19 of a utility or transportation project within the boundaries of the  
20 Keystone Canyon State Park when he determines that construction to be  
21 in the best interests of the state.  
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