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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the Hatcher Pass State Recreation Area."

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

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

ARTICLE 13. HATCHER PASS STATE RECREATION AREA.

Sec. 41.20.435. DECLARATION OF PURPOSE. The purpose of secs. 435 - 450 of this chapter is to establish the state-owned land and water described in sec. 440 of this chapter as the Hatcher Pass State Recreation Area. The land and water described in sec. 440 of this chapter are closed to multiple-purpose use in conformity with AS 38.05.300, and are designated as a special purpose site in accordance with art. VIII, sec. 7, of the Constitution of the State of Alaska, except that existing valid entries for purposes of agriculture and mining may continue and may be renewed at the discretion of the commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources.

Sec. 41.20.440. DESIGNATED STATE LAND AND WATER RESTRICTED TO USE AS A STATE RECREATION AREA. The state-owned and state-acquired land and water within the following parcel are designated as the Hatcher Pass Recreation Area: beginning at the SW corner of Section 31, T20N, R2W, S.M.; thence north along the township line to the NW corner of Section 30, T21N, R2W, S.M.; thence east along the section line to the SE corner of the SW 1/4 of Section 20, T21N, R2W, S.M.; thence northeasterly along a ridge line a distance of 2 3/4 miles, more or less, to the NE corner of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section

15, T21N, R2W, S.M.; thence east-southeasterly along a ridge line a distance of 10 miles, more or less, to the NW corner of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 29, T21N, R1E, S.M.; thence northeasterly along the ridge line a distance of 4 1/4 miles, more or less, to the north 1/4 corner of Section 23, T21N, R1E, S.M.; thence east-southeasterly across the Bartholf Creek Valley a distance of 1 1/2 miles, more or less, to the NE corner of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 24, T21N, R1E, S.M.; thence east-southeasterly along a ridge line a distance of 4 miles, more or less, to a point known as "Montana Peak" located in the NE 1/4 of Section 27, T21N, R2E, S.M.; thence northeasterly along that ridge line a distance of 2 1/4 miles, more or less, to the NE corner of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 24, T21N, R2E, S.M.; thence southeasterly along that ridge line a distance of 2 1/2 miles, more or less, to the SE corner of Section 29, T21N, R3E, S.M.; thence south-southwesterly along a ridge line a distance of 6 1/2 miles, more or less, to a point known as "Eska Mountain," that point being located near the center of Section 32, T20N, R3E, S.M.; thence southwesterly along a descending ridge line a distance of 3 1/2 miles, more or less, to the SE corner of Section 11, T19N, R2E, S.M.; thence west along the south line of that Section 11 to the SW corner of that section; thence south along the east line of Section 15, T19N, R2E, S.M. to the SE corner of that section; thence west along the south section line to the NE corner of Section 20, T19N, R2E, S.M.; thence south along the section line to the SE corner, Section 20, T19N, R2E, S.M.; thence west along the section line to the SW corner of Section 23, T19N, R1E, S.M.; thence south along the section line to the SW corner NW 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 26, T19N, R1E, S.M.; thence east along the north 1/4 line to the SE corner, NW 1/4, NW 1/4 of that Section 26; thence south along the west 1/4 line to the SE corner, SW

1/4, SW 1/4 of that Section 26; thence west along the section line to the NW corner, Section 31, T19N, R1E, S.M.; thence south along the section line to the SE corner of that Section 31; thence west along the section line to the SW corner of the SE 1/4 of Section 36, T19N, R1W, S.M.; thence north to the NW corner of the SE 1/4 of that Section 36; thence west to the NE corner, NW 1/4, SE 1/4, Section 35, T19N, R1W, S.M.; thence south to the SE corner, NW 1/4, SE 1/4 of that Section 35; thence west to the NE corner, SE 1/4, SW 1/4, Section 34, T19N, R1W, S.M.; thence south to the SE corner of the SW 1/4 of that Section 34; thence west along the section line to the SW corner, Section 36, T19N, R2W, S.M.; thence northerly along the section line to the NW corner of Section 1, T19N, R2W, S.M.; thence west to the SW corner of Section 31, T19N, R2W, S.M.; which corner is the true point of beginning.

Sec. 41.20.445. DESIGNATION OF MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY. (a) The land and water specified in sec. 440 of this chapter are assigned to the Department of Natural Resources for control, development, and maintenance as a state recreation area.

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

Sec. 41.20.450. INCOMPATIBLE USE PROHIBITED. (a) The land and water described in sec. 440 of this chapter are closed to mineral entry.

(b) The commissioner of natural resources shall designate by regulation incompatible uses within the boundaries of the Hatcher Pass State Recreation Area in accordance with sec. 435 of this chapter, and those incompatible uses designated are prohibited or restricted, as provided by regulation.