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2 SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 31
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating the Delta Junction Bison Range Area."

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

8 * Section 1. It is the purpose of this Act to perpetuate free-ranging
9 bison on the land described in this Act by management of the habitat to pro-
10 vide an adequate winter range for the bison. It is also the purpose of this
11 Act to alter seasonal movements of bison herds on the land in order to dimi-
12 nish the damage caused by the herds to agriculturally developed land.

13 * Sec. 2. AS 16.20 is amended by adding new sections to read:

14 ARTICLE 6. STATE RANGE AREAS.

15 Sec. 16.20.300. DELTA JUNCTION BISON RANGE. The following de-
16 scribed areas are established as the Delta Junction Bison Range Area:

17 (1) Township 11 South, Range 12 East, Fairbanks Meridian

18 Section 17: SW 1/4 those lands south of the Alaska
19 Highway right-of-way

20 Section 18: S 1/2 those lands south of the Alaska High-
21 way right-of-way

22 Section 19: NE 1/4, NW 1/4 those lands north of Fort
23 Greely military withdrawal (P.L. 87-334), SE 1/4 those lands north
24 of Fort Greely military withdrawal (P.L. 87-334)

25 Section 20: NE 1/4 those lands south of the Alaska
26 Highway right-of-way, NW 1/4, SE 1/4, SW 1/4 those lands north of
27 Fort Greely military withdrawal (P.L. 87-334)

28 Section 21: NW 1/4 those lands south of the Alaska
29 Highway right-of-way, S 1/2 those lands south of the Alaska Highway

1 right-of-way

2 Section 22: SW 1/4 those lands south of the Alaska
3 Highway right-of-way

4 Section 26: SE 1/4 those lands south of the Alaska
5 Highway right-of-way, SW 1/4 those lands south of the Alaska High-
6 way right-of-way

7 Section 27: NE 1/4 those lands south of the Alaska
8 Highway right-of-way, NW 1/4 those lands south of the Alaska High-
9 way right-of-way, S 1/2

10 Section 28: E 1/2, NW 1/4 those lands north of Fort
11 Greely military withdrawal (P.L. 87-334), SW 1/4 those lands north
12 of Fort Greely military withdrawal (P.L. 87-334)

13 Section 29: NE 1/4 those lands north of Fort Greely
14 military withdrawal (P.L. 87-334), NW 1/4 those lands north of Fort
15 Greely military withdrawal (P.L. 87-334), SE 1/4 those lands south
16 of Fort Greely military withdrawal (P.L. 87-334)

17 Section 32: NE 1/4 those lands south of Fort Greely
18 military withdrawal (P.L. 87-334), NW 1/4 those lands south of Fort
19 Greely military withdrawal (P.L. 87-334), SE 1/4, SW 1/4 those
20 lands east of Fort Greely military withdrawal (P.L. 87-334)

21 Sections 33, 34: All

22 Section 35: NE 1/4 those lands south of the Alaska
23 Highway right-of-way, NW 1/4, S 1/2

24 Section 36: NW 1/4 those lands south of the Alaska
25 Highway right-of-way, SE 1/4 those lands south of the Alaska High-
26 way right-of-way, SW 1/4

27 (2) Township 11 South, Range 13 East, Fairbanks Meridian

28 Section 31: SW 1/4 those lands south of the Alaska
29 Highway right-of-way

1 (3) Township 12 South, Range 11 East, Fairbanks Meridian
2 Section 1: SE 1/4 those lands south of Fort Greely
3 military withdrawal (P.L. 87-334)
4 Section 12: NE 1/4 those lands south of Fort Greely
5 military withdrawal (P.L. 87-334), NW 1/4 those lands south of Fort
6 Greely military withdrawal (P.L. 87-334), SE 1/4, SW 1/4 those
7 lands south of Fort Greely military withdrawal (P.L. 87-334)
8 Section 13: All
9 Section 14: NE 1/4 those lands south of Fort Greely
10 military withdrawal (P.L. 87-334), NW 1/4 those lands south of Fort
11 Greely military withdrawal (P.L. 87-334), SE 1/4, SW 1/4 those
12 lands south and east of the Fort Greely military withdrawal (P.L.
13 87-334)
14 Section 23: E 1/2, NW 1/4 those lands east of the Fort
15 Greely military withdrawal (P.L. 87-334), SW 1/4
16 Sections 24, 25, 26: All
17 Section 27: NE 1/4 those lands south and east of the
18 Fort Greely military withdrawal (P.L. 87-334), SE 1/4 those lands
19 south and east of the Fort Greely military withdrawal (P.L. 87-334)
20 Section 34: E 1/2, NW 1/4 those lands south and west of
21 the Fort Greely military withdrawal (P.L. 87-334), SW 1/4 those
22 lands south and west of the Fort Greely military withdrawal (P.L.
23 87-334)
24 Sections 35, 36: All
25 (4) Township 12 South, Range 12 East, Fairbanks Meridian
26 Sections 1 - 4: All
27 Section 5: E 1/2, NW 1/4 those lands south of the
28 Fort Greely military withdrawal (P.L. 87-334), SW 1/4
29 Section 6: NE 1/4 those lands south of the Fort Greely

1 military withdrawal (P.L. 87-334), SE 1/4, SW 1/4 those lands south
2 of the Fort Greely military withdrawal (P.L. 87-334)

3 Sections 7 - 25: All

4 Section 30: All

5 (5) Township 12 South, Range 13 East, Fairbanks Meridian

6 Section 5: NW 1/4 those lands south of the Alaska Highway
7 right-of-way, SE 1/4 those lands south of the Alaska Highway right-
8 of-way, SW 1/4 those lands south of the Alaska Highway right-of-way

9 Section 6: NE 1/4 those lands south of the Alaska High-
10 way right-of-way excluding lands within FO25785, NW 1/4 those lands
11 south of withdrawal FO25785, S 1/2

12 Sections 7, 8: All

13 Section 9: NE 1/4 those lands south of the Alaska High-
14 way excluding Mil. Pur. Wdl. (PLO 386), NW 1/4 those lands south of
15 the Alaska Highway excluding Mil. Pur. Wdl. (PLO 386), SE 1/4 those
16 lands south of the Alaska Highway right-of-way, SW 1/4

17 Section 10: SW 1/4 those lands south of the Alaska
18 Highway right-of-way

19 Section 14: S 1/2, S 1/2, SW 1/4

20 Section 15: NW 1/4, S 1/2

21 Sections 16 - 22: All

22 Section 23: N 1/2, N 1/2 NE 1/4, NW 1/4, S 1/2

23 Section 24: S 1/2 NW 1/4, S 1/2 S 1/2 SE 1/4, SW 1/4

24 Sections 25, 26, 27: All

25 Section 28: N 1/2, SE 1/4 excluding those lands within
26 Mil. Pur. Wdl. (PLO 910), SW 1/4 excluding those lands within Mil.
27 Pur. Wdl. (PLO 910)

28 Sections 29, 30, 31: All

29 Section 32: NE 1/4 excluding those lands within Mil.

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Pur. Wdl. (PLO 910), W 1/2, SE 1/4 excluding those lands within Mil. Pur. Wdl. (PLO 910)

Section 33: NE 1/4 excluding those lands within Mil. Pur. Wdl. (PLO 910), NW 1/4 excluding those lands within Mil. Pur. Wdl. (PLO 910)

Section 34: NE 1/4 excluding those lands within Mil. Pur. Wdl. (PLO 910), NW 1/4 excluding those lands within Mil. Pur. Wdl. (PLO 910), SE 1/4 excluding those lands within Mil. Pur. Wdl. (PLO 910)

Section 35: N 1/2, SE 1/4, SW 1/4 excluding those lands within Mil. Pur. Wdl. (PLO 910)

Section 36: All

(6) Township 12 South, Range 14 East, Fairbanks Meridian

Section 19: SE 1/4 those lands south of the Alaska Highway right-of-way, SW 1/4 those lands south of the Alaska Highway right-of-way

Section 28: SE 1/4 those lands south of the Alaska Highway right-of-way, SW 1/4 those lands south of the Alaska Highway right-of-way

Section 29: NE 1/4 those lands south of the Alaska Highway right-of-way, NW 1/4 those lands south of the Alaska Highway right-of-way, S 1/2

Sections 30 - 32: All

Section 33: NE 1/4 those lands south of the Alaska Highway right-of-way, W 1/2, SE 1/4

Section 34: NE 1/4 those lands south of the Alaska Highway right-of-way, NW 1/4 those lands south of the Alaska Highway right-of-way, SE 1/4 those lands south of the Alaska Highway right-of-way, SW 1/4

1 Section 35: SW 1/4 those lands south of the Alaska
2 Highway right-of-way
3 (7) Township 13 South, Range 13 East, Fairbanks Meridian
4 Section 1: NE 1/4 excluding those lands within Mil. Pur.
5 Wdl. (PLO 910)
6 Section 4: NW 1/4 excluding those lands within Mil. Pur.
7 Wdl. (PLO 910), SW 1/4 excluding those lands within Mil. Pur. Wdl.
8 (PLO 910)
9 Section 5: N 1/2, SE 1/4 excluding those lands within
10 Mil. Pur. Wdl. (PLO 910), SW 1/4
11 (8) Township 13 South, Range 14 East, Fairbanks Meridian
12 Section 1: NE 1/4 those lands south of the Alaska High-
13 way right-of-way excluding existing right-of-way (44LD 513,
14 F-013513) and ILMT 56933, NW 1/4, SE 1/4 excluding existing right-
15 of-way (44LD513, F-013513), SW 1/4 excluding existing right-of-way
16 (44LD513, F-013513)
17 Section 2: N 1/2, SE 1/4 excluding existing right-of-way
18 (44LD513, F-013513), SW 1/4
19 Sections 3 - 5: All
20 Section 6: NE 1/4, NW 1/4 excluding those lands within
21 Mil. Pur. Wdl. (PLO 910), SE 1/4 excluding those lands within Mil.
22 Pur. Wdl. (PLO 910), SW 1/4 excluding those lands within Mil. Pur.
23 Wdl. (PLO 910)
24 Section 8: NE 1/4 excluding those lands within Mil. Pur.
25 Wdl. (PLO 910), NW 1/4 excluding those lands within Mil. Pur. Wdl.
26 (PLO 910), SE 1/4 excluding those lands within Mil. Pur. Wdl. (PLO
27 910)
28 Section 9: N 1/2, SE 1/4 excluding those lands within
29 Mil. Pur. Wdl. (PLO 910), SW 1/4 excluding those lands within Mil.

1 Pur. Wdl. (PLO 910)

2 Section 10: N 1/2, SE 1/4 excluding existing right-of-
3 way (44LD513, F-013513) and right-of-way mat. site (F-025897 and
4 exclusion USS 4218), SW 1/4 excluding existing right-of-way
5 (44LD513, F-013513)

6 Section 11: NE 1/4 excluding existing right-of-way
7 (44LD513, F-013513), NW 1/4 excluding existing right-of-way
8 (44LD513, F-013513), S 1/2

9 Sections 12 - 14: All

10 Section 15: NE 1/4, NW 1/4 excluding existing right-of-
11 way (44LD513, F-013513) and those lands within Mil. Pur. Wdl. (PLO
12 910), SE 1/4 excluding those lands within Mil. Pur. Wdl. (PLO 910),
13 SW 1/4 excluding those lands within Mil. Pur. Wdl. (PLO 910)

14 Section 21: NE 1/4 excluding those lands within Mil.
15 Pur. Wdl. (PLO 910), SE 1/4 excluding those lands within Mil. Pur.
16 Wdl. (PLO 910)

17 Section 22: E 1/2, NW 1/4 excluding those lands within
18 Mi. Pur. Wdl. (PLO 910), SW 1/4

19 Sections 23 - 27: All

20 Section 28: E 1/2, NW 1/4 excluding those lands within
21 Mil. Pur. Wdl. (PLO 910), SW 1/4 excluding those lands within Mil.
22 Pur. Wdl. (PLO 910)

23 Section 31: SW 1/4 excluding those lands within Mil.
24 Pur. Wdl. (PLO 910)

25 Section 32: SW 1/4 excluding those lands within Mil.
26 Pur. Wdl. (PLO 910)

27 Section 33: NE 1/4, NW 1/4 excluding those lands within
28 Mil. Pur. Wdl. (PLO 910), SE 1/4, SW 1/4 excluding those lands
29 within Mil. Pur. Wdl. (PLO 910)

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Sections 34 - 36: All

(9) Township 13 South, Range 15 East, Fairbanks Meridian

Section 5: SW 1/4 those lands south of the Alaska Highway right-of-way excluding right-of-way Per. 22562

Section 6: NE 1/4 those lands south of the Alaska Highway right-of-way, NW 1/4 those lands south of the Alaska Highway right-of-way excluding right-of-way F-013513 and ILMT 56933, SE 1/4 those lands south of the Alaska Highway right-of-way excluding right-of-way 029736, SW 1/4 excluding right-of-way mat. site F-029735

Section 7: NE 1/4 excluding right-of-way 029736, W 1/2, SE 1/4

Section 8: NE 1/4 those lands south of the Alaska Highway right-of-way excluding right-of-way Per. 22562, NW 1/4 excluding right-of-way Per. 22562, SE 1/4 excluding right-of-way Per. 22562, SW 1/4

Section 9: NW 1/4 those lands south of the Alaska Highway right-of-way, SE 1/4 those lands south of the Alaska Highway right-of-way, SW 1/4 those lands south of the Alaska Highway right-of-way

Section 10: SW 1/4 those lands south of the Alaska Highway right-of-way

Section 15: NE 1/4 those lands south of the Alaska Highway right-of-way, NW 1/4 those lands south of the Alaska Highway right-of-way, S 1/2

Section 16: All

Section 17: NE 1/4 excluding right-of-way Per. 22562, NW 1/4 excluding right-of-way Per. 22562, SE 1/4, SW 1/4 excluding right-of-way Per. 22562

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Section 18: All

Section 19: NE 1/4 excluding right-of-way Per. 22562, W
1/2, SE 1/4 excluding right-of-way Per. 22562

Section 20: E 1/2, NW 1/4 excluding right-of-way Per.
22562, SW 1/4

Sections 21, 22: All

Section 29: E 1/2, NW 1/4 excluding right-of-way
Per. 22562 and Res. U. Apl. 26697, SW 1/4

Section 30: NE 1/4 excluding right-of-way Per. 22562, W
1/2, SE 1/4

Sections 31, 32: All

(10) Township 14 South, Range 14 East, Fairbanks Meridian

Sections 1 - 4: All

Section 5: E 1/2, NW 1/4 excluding those lands within
Mil. Pur. Wdl. (PLO 910), SW 1/4 excluding those lands within Mil.
Pur. Wdl. (PLO 910)

Sections 11 - 14: All.

Sec. 16.20.310. GAME MANAGEMENT PLAN. (a) The commissioner of
fish and game shall develop and may amend a game management plan for
bison in the area described in AS 16.20.300. After holding public
hearings in accordance with AS 44.62.310 and 44.62.312, the commissioner
shall implement the game management plan.

(b) The game management plan shall include, but is not limited to,

(1) planting grains for bison and planting other wildlife
forage;

(2) altering existing plant cover to create additional range
and year-round habitat for bison and other animal species in the area;

(3) tilling to produce forage.

(c) The commissioner of fish and game shall develop and amend the

1 game management plan to coordinate, as closely as possible, the game
2 management plan with the activities of the Agricultural Development
3 Authority, Department of Natural Resources, relating to the Big Delta
4 agricultural development project.

5 Sec. 16.20.320. ACTIVITIES ON RANGE AREA. Nothing in AS 16.20.-
6 300 - 16.20.320 shall be construed as prohibiting activities on land
7 described in AS 16.20.300 which are otherwise permitted in accordance
8 with the laws and regulations of this state, including, but not limited
9 to, hunting, trapping, engaging in recreational activities and using the
10 land for access to adjacent areas.

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