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BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR 2d SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 31 am S

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 excluding valid existing rights, are established as the
17 Delta Junction Bison Range Area:

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

19 Section 28: S 1/2 SW 1/4, SW 1/4 SE 1/4 and that portion
20 of the NW 1/4 SW 1/4 east of the west bank of Granite Creek
21 excluding A.S.L.S. 78-93, Tract A, Unit 1

22 Sections 29, 32: those lands east of the west bank of
23 Granite Creek

24 Section 33: all, excluding A.S.L.S. 78-93, Tract A, Unit
25 1 .

26 Section 34: S 1/2 NW 1/4, excluding A.S.L.S. 78-93,
27 Tract A, Unit 1, S 1/2

28 Section 35: S 1/2, S 1/2 NW 1/4, that portion of the NE
29 1/4 lying south of the Alaska Highway excluding a corridor

1 extending 1320 feet from the center line of the highway

2 Section 36: that portion lying south of the Alaska
3 Highway excluding a corridor extending 1320 feet from the center-
4 line of the highway

5 (2) Township 12 South, Range 11 East, Fairbanks Meridian
6 Sections 13, 24-26, 35, 36: all
7 Sections 1, 11, 12, 14, 22, 23, 27, 34: those lands east
8 of the west bank of Granite Creek

9 (3) Township 12 South, Range 12 East, Fairbanks Meridian
10 Sections 1-4, 7-25, 30, 36: all
11 Sections 5, 6: those lands east of the west bank of
12 Granite Creek

13 (4) Township 12 South, Range 13 East, Fairbanks Meridian
14 Sections 5, 6, 9: that portion lying south of the Alaska
15 Highway excluding a corridor extending 1320 feet from the center-
16 line of the highway

17 Section 7: all

18 Section 8: all, excluding a corridor extending 1320 feet
19 from the centerline of the Alaska Highway

20 Section 10: that portion of the SW 1/4 lying south of
21 the Alaska Highway excluding a corridor extending 1320 feet from
22 the centerline of the highway

23 Section 14: S 1/2 S 1/2 SW 1/4

24 Section 15: S 1/2, NW 1/4, excluding a corridor
25 extending 1320 feet from the centerline of the Alaska Highway

26 Sections 16-22: all

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

28 1/4

29 Section 24: SW 1/4, S 1/2 NW 1/4, excluding a corridor

1 extending 1320 feet from the centerline of the Alaska Highway, S
2 1/2 S 1/2 SE 1/4

3 Sections 25-36: all

4 (5) Township 12 South, Range 14 East, Fairbanks Meridian

5 Sections 19, 28-30, 33-35: that portion lying south of
6 the Alaska Highway excluding a corridor extending 1320 feet from
7 the centerline of the highway

8 Sections 31, 32: all

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

10 Sections 1-5, 9-15, 23-25, 36: all

11 (7) Township 13 South, Range 14 East, Fairbanks Meridian

12 Section 1: that portion lying south of the Alaska High-
13 way excluding a corridor extending 1320 feet from the centerline of
14 the highway

15 Sections 2-36: all

16 (8) Township 13 South, Range 15 East, Fairbanks Meridian

17 Sections 5, 6, 8-10, 15: that portion lying south of the
18 Alaska Highway excluding a corridor extending 1320 feet from the
19 centerline of the highway

20 Sections 7, 16-20, 30: all

21 Sections 21, 22, 28, 29, 31, 32: that portion lying west
22 of the east bank of the Little Gerstle River

23 (9) Township 14 South, Range 14 East, Fairbanks Meridian

24 Section 1: that portion lying west of the east bank of
25 the Little Gerstle River

26 Sections 2-6: all

27 (10) Township 14 South, Range 13 East, Fairbanks Meridian

28 Section 1: all

29 (11) Township 14 South, Range 15 East, Fairbanks Meridian

1 Section 6: that portion lying west of the east bank of
2 the Little Gerstle River

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

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

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

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

13 (3) tilling to produce forage.

14 (c) The commissioner of fish and game shall develop and amend the
15 game management plan to coordinate, as closely as possible, the game
16 management plan with the activities of the Agricultural Development
17 Authority, Department of Natural Resources, relating to the Big Delta
18 agricultural development project.

19 Sec. 16.20.320. ACTIVITIES ON RANGE AREA. Nothing in AS 16.20.-
20 300 - 16.20.320 shall be construed as prohibiting activities on land
21 described in AS 16.20.300 which are otherwise permitted in accordance
22 with the laws and regulations of this state, including, but not limited
23 to, hunting, trapping, engaging in recreational activities, using the
24 land for access to adjacent areas and a 300-foot Alaska Railroad right-
25 of-way.

26 * Sec. 3. The provisions of secs. 1 and 2 of this Act terminate three
27 years after the effective date of this Act unless the legislature provides
28 otherwise by law.