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1 IN THE HOUSE BY THE FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

2 FREE CONFERENCE CS FOR HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 Relating to the designation of in-
6 compatible uses within the Chena
7 River Recreational Area.

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

9 WHEREAS the commissioner of natural resources, by AS 41.20.020(4), is
10 given responsibility to control, develop and maintain state recreational
11 areas; and

12 WHEREAS, in ch. 26, SLA 1967, establishing the Chena River Recreational
13 Area, gives the commissioner of natural resources specific responsibility to
14 designate by regulation incompatible uses within the boundaries of that
15 recreational area, and authority to prohibit or restrict those incompatible
16 uses which are designated by regulation; and

17 WHEREAS, notwithstanding 11 AAC 18.020 providing for establishment of
18 access routes, the commissioner of natural resources has failed to provide
19 the necessary permit to enable persons to gain access across the Chena River
20 Recreational Area for mechanical equipment which is essential to conduct
21 mining activities on adjacent land; and

22 WHEREAS other public use values within the Chena River Recreational Area
23 should be recognized and accommodated;

24 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully requests
25 the governor to direct the commissioner of natural resources to refrain from
26 designating or enforcing the designation of the following uses as incompat-
27 ible uses within the Chena River Recreational Area:

- 28 (1) existing mineral leasing and mining claims;
29 (2) the taking of fur-bearing animals;

1 (3) the use of existing roads and trails by traditional means of
2 transportation, including mechanical equipment; and

3 (4) the use of any vehicles, including all-terrain vehicles, in
4 sections 4, 5, 8, 9, 16, 17, 18 and 33 of T1N, R6E, Fairbanks Meridian, and
5 in the portions of sections 19 and 20, T1N, R6E, Fairbanks Meridian, north of
6 Chena Hot Springs Road.

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