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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 175

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act providing for the management of certain
7 state-owned land within the Matanuska-Susitna Bor-
8 ough; establishing the Chunilna State Forest Resource
9 Management Area; and providing for an effective
10 date."

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

12 * Section 1. AS 41.15 is amended by adding new sections to read:

13 ARTICLE 3B. CHUNILNA STATE FOREST RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AREA.

14 Sec. 41.15.530. CHUNILNA STATE FOREST RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AREA.

15 (a) The purpose of AS 41.15.530 - 41.15.550 is to establish the land
16 and water presently owned by the state and all land and water acquired
17 in the future by the state lying within the boundaries described in
18 AS 41.15.540(a) as the Chunilna State Forest Resource Management Area.
19 The primary purposes for the establishment of the Chunilna State
20 Forest Resource Management Area are the utilization, perpetuation,
21 conservation, and production of the land and water including the use
22 of renewable and nonrenewable resources through multiple-use manage-
23 ment and the continuation of beneficial uses including traditional
24 uses and recreational activities.

25 (b) The responsibility for the management, control, development,
26 and maintenance of the Chunilna State Forest Resource Management Area
27 established under AS 41.15.530 - 41.15.550 is assigned to the Depart-
28 ment of Natural Resources.

29 Sec. 41.15.540. BOUNDARIES AND MANAGEMENT OF CHUNILNA STATE

1 FOREST RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AREA. (a) Subject to valid existing
2 rights, the land and water presently owned by the state and all land
3 and water acquired in the future by the state lying within the follow-
4 ing parcels is designated as the Chunilna State Forest Resource
5 Management Area:

6 (1) Township 29 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian
7 Section 32, all land east of Alaska Railroad
8 Sections 33 - 34

9 (2) Township 28 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian
10 Sections 3 - 5
11 Sections 8 - 10
12 Sections 15 - 17
13 Sections 20 - 22
14 Sections 25 - 29
15 Sections 32 - 36

16 (3) Township 28 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian
17 Sections 29 - 32

18 (4) Township 27 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian
19 Sections 1 - 5
20 Sections 8 - 17
21 Sections 21 - 24

22 (5) Township 27 North, Range 3 West, Seward Meridian
23 Sections 5 - 8
24 Sections 17 - 20

25 (b) Private land within the Chunilna State Forest Resource
26 Management Area is excluded from the Chunilna State Forest Resource
27 Management Area. The commissioner of natural resources may not
28 acquire private land within the Chunilna State Forest Resource Manage-
29 ment Area by eminent domain for any purpose.

1 (c) The director of forestry in the Department of Natural
2 Resources shall consult with the Department of Fish and Game, includ-
3 ing each local fish and game advisory committee with jurisdiction in
4 the area of the Chunilna State Forest Resource Management Area, to
5 promote effective, efficient, and coordinated administration of the
6 Chunilna State Forest Resource Management Area for the values for
7 which it is established.

8 (d) Resource studies undertaken by the Department of Natural
9 Resources shall be designed to benefit the management and administra-
10 tion of the Chunilna State Forest Resource Management Area.

11 (e) The establishment of the Chunilna State Forest Resource
12 Management Area has no effect on the terms and conditions of an exist-
13 ing permit or contract involving use of the land, water, or other
14 resources of the Chunilna State Forest Resource Management Area.

15 Sec. 41.15.550. MULTIPLE-USE MANAGEMENT. (a) The Chunilna State
16 Forest Resource Management Area shall be managed under the principles
17 of multiple-use and sustained yield, under AS 41.17, and under a
18 management plan prepared by the Department of Natural Resources. The
19 management plan may not be adopted or revised without prior review by
20 the Board of Forestry or without a public hearing held by the
21 Department of Natural Resources in Talkeetna.

22 (b) The Department of Natural Resources shall periodically
23 review and revise the management plan adopted for the Chunilna State
24 Forest Resource Management Area under the procedures established in
25 (a) of this section.

26 (c) A copy of a management plan and any revisions to the manage-
27 ment plan prepared by the Department of Natural Resources, reviewed by
28 the Board of Forestry, and adopted by the department after public
29 hearings required under (a) of this section shall be provided to the

1 legislature within 30 days of its adoption or revision or within the
2 first 10 days of a regular session of the legislature to commence
3 after its adoption or revision.

4 (d) The Department of Fish and Game is responsible for the
5 management of fish and game resources in the Chunilna State Forest
6 Resource Management Area under applicable law and in a manner con-
7 sistent with AS 41.15.530 - 41.15.550 except that the Department of
8 Natural Resources and the Department of Fish and Game shall permit
9 traditional use of the Chunilna State Forest Resource Management Area
10 at traditional levels and by traditional methods and means. As used
11 in this subsection, "traditional use" includes but is not limited to
12 fishing, hunting, trapping, berry picking, to subsistence and
13 recreational uses, to the operation of motorized vehicles, and to the
14 harvest of personal-use firewood.

15 (e) The state land and water described in AS 41.15.540(a) is
16 closed to sale under state land disposal laws. The commissioner of
17 natural resources may lease the land described in AS 41.15.540(a)
18 under AS 38.05.070 - 38.05.105 for a purpose consistent with AS 41.-
19 15.530(a).

20 (f) The Department of Natural Resources shall consult with the
21 Department of Fish and Game and the governing bodies of each munici-
22 pality in the general area during preparation of a management plan
23 under (a) and (b) of this section and during formulation of regula-
24 tions governing the use of the Chunilna State Forest Resource Manage-
25 ment Area. The Department of Fish and Game shall consult with the
26 Department of Natural Resources and local fish and game advisory
27 committees before adopting regulations governing fish and wildlife
28 management in the Chunilna State Forest Resource Management Area.
29 Regulations may not be adopted by either department without prior

1 review at a public hearing in Talkeetna.

2 (g) The Department of Natural Resources may enter into coopera-
3 tive management agreements with a person who holds title to or has a
4 valid entry on land within or adjoining the boundaries of the Chunilna
5 State Forest Resource Management Area.

6 * Sec. 2. The management plan for the Chunilna State Forest Resource
7 Management Area prepared by the Department of Natural Resources under
8 AS 41.15.550 enacted in sec. 1 of this Act shall be adopted and implemented
9 within two years after the effective date of this Act.

10 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1983.