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HOUSE BILL NO. 372

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the Willow Creek State Recre-
7 ation Area; and providing for an effective date."

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

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

10 ARTICLE 17. WILLOW CREEK STATE RECREATION AREA.

11 Sec. 41.20.530. PURPOSE. (a) The purpose of AS 41.20.530 -
12 41.20.536 is to dedicate the land and water described in AS 41.20.-
13 532(c) to use as a public recreation area and to protect and enhance
14 the recreational, natural, cultural, scenic, and wildlife resources of
15 the Willow Creek State Recreation Area and the fishery resources of
16 Willow Creek.

17 (b) The land and water described in AS 41.20.532(c) is dedicated
18 to use as a public recreation area under art. VIII, sec. 7 of the
19 Constitution of the State of Alaska.

20 Sec. 41.20.532. ESTABLISHMENT AND MANAGEMENT. (a) The land and
21 water presently owned by the state and all land and water acquired in
22 the future by the state lying within the parcels described in (c) of
23 this section are designated as the Willow Creek State Recreation Area,
24 reserved from all uses incompatible with the uses stated in AS 41.20.-
25 530(a) and assigned to the Department of Natural Resources for con-
26 trol, development, and maintenance.

27 (b) The Department of Natural Resources may agree to manage land
28 owned by the Matanuska-Susitna Borough that is within the parcels
29 described in (c) of this section and that is transferred by ordinance

1 or resolution of the borough to the department for management as a
2 part of the Willow Creek State Recreation Area.

3 (c) The state land and water presently owned, the state land and
4 water acquired in the future, and the land and water owned by the
5 Matanuska-Susitna Borough and transferred to the Department of Natural
6 Resources for management under (b) of this section that are within the
7 parcels described in this subsection are designated as the Willow
8 Creek State Recreation Area, with a total acreage of approximately
9 3,440 acres:

10 Township 19 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian

11 Section 6 NW1/4

12 Township 19 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian

13 Sections 1 and 2

14 Section 3 N1/2

15 Township 20 North, Range 4 West, Seward Meridian

16 Section 31 S1/2 S1/2 West of Parks Highway

17 Township 20 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian

18 Section 36 S1/2

19 Section 34

20 Section 35

21 (d) The commissioner of natural resources may acquire land for
22 inclusion in the Willow Creek State Recreation Area under AS 41.20.-
23 536. Land and water acquired under AS 41.20.536 shall be described in
24 a regulation adopted by the commissioner and reported to the legisla-
25 ture within 30 days of the acquisition or within the first 10 days of
26 the first regular session of the legislature to convene after the
27 acquisition.

28 (e) The commissioner of natural resources shall develop a master
29 plan for the use and development of the Willow Creek State Recreation

1 Area in cooperation with the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and the Depart-
2 ment of Fish and Game.

3 (f) The Department of Fish and Game is responsible for the
4 management of the fishery and wildlife resources in the Willow Creek
5 State Recreation Area consistent with the purposes of AS 41.20.530(a)
6 and shall consult with the commissioner of natural resources before
7 adopting regulations governing the fishery and wildlife resources of
8 the Willow Creek State Recreation Area.

9 Sec. 41.20.534. INCOMPATIBLE USES PROHIBITED. Within the bound-
10 aries of the Willow Creek State Recreation Area the commissioner of
11 natural resources may prohibit uses of state land or borough land
12 managed by the state under AS 41.20.532(b) if the uses are incompati-
13 ble with the purposes of the recreation area stated in AS 41.20.530(a)

14 Sec. 41.20.536. PURCHASE AUTHORIZED. (a) The commissioner of
15 natural resources may not acquire title to real property within or
16 abutting the parcels described in AS 41.20.532(c) except by purchase
17 in the name of the state. The commissioner of natural resources may
18 accept a gift of land for inclusion in the Willow Creek State Recrea-
19 tion Area at any time.

20 (b) A purchase under this section may not exceed 80 acres in
21 area.

22 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1983.