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1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 362 (Resources)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
5 A BILL
6 For an Act entitled: "An Act establishing the Dude Creek Critical Habitat
7 Area; and providing for an effective date."
8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
9 * Section 1. AS 16.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:
10 Sec. 16.20.610. DUDE CREEK CRITICAL HABITAT AREA. (a) The
11 purpose of the Dude Creek Critical Habitat Area is the protection and
12 enhancement of the wet meadow habitat that is the key roosting area
13 for migrating lesser sandhill cranes, for the protection of lesser
14 sandhill cranes, and for the continued public use and enjoyment of the
15 area.
16 (b) The following described area is established as the Dude
17 Creek Critical Habitat Area:
18 Township 40 South, Range 58 East, Copper River Meridian
19 Section 2: W1/2
20 Section 3
21 Sections 9 - 10
22 Section 11: W1/2NE1/4, W1/2
23 Section 14: Lot 3, NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SW1/4
24 Section 15
25 Section 16: N1/2, SE1/4
26 (c) The Dude Creek Critical Habitat Area described in (b) of
27 this section shall be managed under a management plan prepared by the
28 department in consultation with the community of Gustavus and approved
29 by the Board of Game.

1 (d) The department shall permit public access, grazing, firewood
2 harvesting, wildlife viewing, hiking, and berry picking under the
3 management plan adopted under (c) of this section to the extent that
4 the activities are compatible with the purpose for which the Dude
5 Creek Critical Habitat Area was established.

6 (e) The legislature understands that a portion of the state land
7 described in (b) of this section is mental health trust land of the
8 state and the legislature intends that the land retain its status as
9 mental health trust land, notwithstanding its inclusion in the Dude
10 Creek Critical Habitat Area.

11 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).