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1 IN THE SENATE
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3 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 69
4 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
5 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
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7 Relating to the revision of the Tongass
8 Management Plan of 1980.
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10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
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12 WHEREAS the nation's largest national forest, the Tongass, was the
13 first to be planned under the provisions of the National Forest Management
14 Act of 1976; and
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16 WHEREAS the U.S. Forest Service is now in the process of reviewing the
17 1980 plan under the provisions of the National Forest Management Act and
18 the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; and
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20 WHEREAS public comments on the Tongass Land Management Plans designat-
21 ed issues were due by February 15, 1988, and local communities, individu-
22 als, and organizations had responded to this process in good faith; and
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24 WHEREAS in following the provisions of the National Environmental
25 Policy Act the U.S. Forest Service has targeted late 1989 as the time for
26 development of a draft environmental impact statement; and
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28 WHEREAS major land allocation changes covering over 10 percent of the
29 Tongass National Forest are being proposed in the Nation's capital by a
limited number of special interest representatives to be accomplished by
markup sessions on H.R. 1516 and H.R. 3556; and
WHEREAS this action is taking place outside of the normal plan re-
vision process and without any input by the affected communities, the
general public, and local organizations that would be adversely affected;
BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature strongly urges the
U.S. Congress and the U.S. Forest Service to follow the statutory proce-
dures mandated by the National Forest Management Act and the National

1 Environmental Policy Act when making major land management changes such as
2 those currently proposed for the Tongass National Forest.

3 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Morris K.
4 Udall, Chairman of the U.S. House Committee on Interior and Insular Af-
5 fairs; the Honorable Richard Lyng, Secretary of Agriculture; the Honorable
6 F. Dale Robertson, Chief of the U.S. Forest Service; and to the Honorable
7 Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the
8 Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation
9 in Congress.