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Natural Resource Development

1 IN THE SENATE BY THE RULES COMMITTEE
2 CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 69 (Rules)
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION
5 Relating to the revision of the Tongass
6 Management Plan of 1980.
7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:
8 WHEREAS the nation's largest national forest, the Tongass, was the
9 first to be planned under the provisions of the National Forest Management
10 Act of 1976; and
11 WHEREAS the U.S. Forest Service is now in the process of reviewing the
12 1980 plan under the provisions of the National Forest Management Act and
13 the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; and
14 WHEREAS public comments on the Tongass Land Management Plans designat-
15 ed issues were due by February 15, 1988, and local communities, individu-
16 als, and organizations had responded to this process in good faith; and
17 WHEREAS in following the provisions of the National Environmental
18 Policy Act the U.S. Forest Service has targeted late 1989 as the time for
19 development of a draft environmental impact statement; and
20 WHEREAS major land management changes affecting the Tongass National
21 Forest are being proposed and considered in the United States Congress in
22 H.R. 1516 and H.R. 3556; and
23 WHEREAS these changes that are taking place outside of the revision
24 process may affect many communities, local organizations, and the general
25 public within the Tongass National Forest;
26 BE IT RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature strongly urges the
27 U.S. Congress and the U.S. Forest Service to follow the statutory proce-
28 dures mandated by the National Forest Management Act and the National
29 Environmental Policy Act when making major land management changes such as

1 those currently proposed for the Tongass National Forest.

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