

HB

163


STATE  
of ALASKA

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Rep. Nels Anderson, Chairman  
House Resources Committee  
House of Representatives

DATE : March 9, 1976

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FROM: Walter B. Parker   
Commissioner  
Department of Highways

SUBJECT: HB 163 and SB 236

HB 163 and SB 236, companion bills creating a Keystone Canyon State Park, do not make adequate provisions for transportation-utility corridors along the existing Richardson Highway and the proposed Copper River Highway.

Should the proposed legislation become law, as written, the Department of Highways will be prohibited from rehabilitating or reconstructing any portion of the Richardson Highway within the Park boundary during the coming construction season due to Section 4(f) of the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1968. Section 4(f) specifies that taking publicly owned land from a public park will require an additional Environmental Impact Statement which is subject to review and approval at the Washington, D.C. level. Our past experience indicates that one to two years is required to process this document and receive approval. This time frame is extremely critical in view of the 70 million dollars in pipeline impact funds expected from the U.S. Congress, for use during the coming construction season, to rehabilitate our pipeline impacted highways.

The proposed legislation will also create a 4(f) situation for the Tasnuna Alternate to the Copper River Highway, whose other alternates are presently placed in a 4(f) situation due to the existing Wood Canyon Historical Site along the west bank of the Copper River above Milepost 82.

Our suggested ammendment is as follows:

Sec. 41.20.353. INCOMPATIBLE USES. The lands and waters described in Sec. 349 of this chapter are closed to mineral entry. The Commissioner shall, in adopting regulations under Sec. 20 of this chapter, make provision for the issuance of prospecting permits and mineral leases. The development, operation, and maintenance of transportaton corridors is not considered an imcompatible use under this section and the following lands are set aside for transportation-utility corridors not inclusive of park lands.

Richardson Highway Transportation - Utility Corridor

1. Mile 5.2 to 13.0 mile - 1,000 feet on either side of the existing alignment.
2. Mile 13.0 to 16.0 mile - 500 feet on either side of the existing alignment.
3. Mile 16.0 to 35.0 mile - 1,000 feet on either side of the proposed alignment.
4. Mile 35.0 to 40.0 mile - 500 feet on the north side of and 3,000 feet south of existing road.
5. Mile 40.0 to Stuart Creek - 1,000 feet on either side of the existing road.

Tasnuna Alternate to the Copper River Highway Transportation - Utility Corridor

1. From Mile 21.7 of the Richardson Highway to Sta. 800+00, 2,000 feet on either side of the proposed alignment.
2. Sta. 800+00 to Mile 82 Copper River Highway, 3,000 feet on the north side and 4,000 + feet on the side of the proposed alignment, depending on location of the quarry site.
3. Upon completion of the Tasnuna Route the remaining unaffected lands will be relinquished to the Park with the exception of a 200 foot ROW North and South of centerline and existing material sources.

# MEMORANDUM


## State of Alaska

TO: Honorable Ted Smith  
Alaska State Representative  
Alaska State Legislature

DATE: April 4, 1975

FILE NO: 00-3077

TELEPHONE NO:

FROM:   
C. S. Matlock  
Deputy Commissioner  
Department of Highways

SUBJECT: CS for HB 163  
Keystone Canyon  
State Park

As requested, we agree that the wording as now contained in CSHB 163 concerning the exclusion from the Park of applied for rights-of-way and material sites should be adequate to keep it from being tied up in the 4(f) procedures. This would then keep the State's options open.

Thanks for your help.

CSM/mth

The Legislature of the State of Alaska  
FISCAL NOTE

First Session - Ninth Legislature

I. REQUEST

Bill No. HB 163

Title: An Act creating the Keystone Canyon State Park

Requested by: Ted Smith

Date: 2/25/75

Return Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: Division of Parks

Program: Parks & Recreation

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Budget Request Unit(s) Affected: Parks & Recreation

A. EXPENDITURES: (Thousands of dollars)

OBJECT	FY 75	FY 76	FY 77	FY 78	FY 79	FY 80
100 PERSONAL SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0	0
200 TRAVEL	0	0	0	0	0	0
300 CONTRACTUAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
400 COMMODITIES	0	0	0	0	0	0
500 EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0
600 LAND & STRUCTURES	0	0	0	0	0	0
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC.	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

B. FUNDING: (Thousands of dollars)

GENERAL FUND	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	0	0	0	0	0	0

C. POSITIONS:

PERMANENT/TEMPORARY	/0	/0	/0	/0	/0	/0
MAN MONTHS (P./T.)	/0	/0	/0	/0	/0	/0

III. ANALYSIS (See Fiscal Note Preparation Instructions, Section III)

Work would be absorbed by the existing staff.

IV. ATTACHMENTS

V. DATE: February 25, 1975

PREPARED BY: Kathy Jacobson

Kathy Jacobson for  
BILL SACHECK

Original: Legislative Finance  
cc: Budget and Management  
Prime Sponsor (First Legislator Named)