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## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

DIVISION OF LANDS

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Representative Lisa Rudd  
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Dear Lisa:

I've just reviewed a copy of House Bill 116, which you sponsored entitled "An Act Relating to the Classification of State Land and Providing for an Effective Date". I understand from Gary Thurlow that this was an attempt to bring pressure on municipalities to accomplish recreational trail designation within their boundaries. I believe that the authority to classify State land already exists and that the purpose of the legislation would not be met by this bill, since it pertains to classification of State Lands only. I suggest that if this purpose really is to accelerate municipal action it might be better to look to AS41.20.355 which authorizes grants for the establishment of trails and footpaths. There is a requirement there for a comprehensive plan for the establishment of the trails. It might be appropriate to include some language that requires dedication by the municipality prior to the grant being made. 61.10.070

As a matter of information, the statutory authority for classifying lands is found in AS38.05.300 and regulations adopted thereunder.

Give me a call if you have any questions about this or any other matter I may be able to assist you with.

Yours truly,

  
TED SMITH  
Director

cc: Guy Martin  
Russ Cahill

*could I have copies of under-  
lined statutes pls?*