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SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
LEGISLATION CHECKLIST

IDENTIFICATION:

BILL NUMBER: SB 225

BILL NAME: Creating the Matamoras Valley Moose Range.

SPONSOR(S): Kerttula

RELATED BILLS PENDING:

DATE INTRODUCED: 3-31-83

REFERRALS: Resources
Finance

INITIAL RESEARCH:

BILL SUMMARY COMPLETED:

SUMMARY BY LEGAL DIVISION:

SPONSOR CONTACTED FOR
BACKUP MATERIALS:

DEPT. OF LAW SUMMARY:

FISCAL NOTE:

AGENCY RESPONSE:

OTHER INTERESTED SENATORS OR
REPS. NOTIFIED:

BACKGROUND RESEARCH:

SIMILAR BILLS INTRODUCED IN PREVIOUS LEGISLATURES:

RESPONSES FROM INTERESTED PERSONS/GROUPS:

OTHER STATE OR FEDERAL PRECEDENTS, REGULATIONS, LAWS:

HEARING PREPARATION:

CHAIRMAN BRIEFED:

DATE AND PLACE SET:

STAFF MEMO TO COMMITTEE:

TELECONFERENCE:

BACKGROUND MATERIAL DISTRIBUTED:

PSA/PRESS RELEASE:

LIST OF WITNESSES:

SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE
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Senate

Committee on Resources

TO: Senate Resources Committee Members
FROM: Senate Resources Committee Staff
RE: March 30 Committee Hearing
DATE: March 28, 1984

On Friday, March 30, 1984 at 3:00 pm in the Beltz Room, the Senate Resources Committee will hear the following bills:

SSSB 45 ESTABLISHING AN AGRICULTURAL LAND SALE PAYMENT MORATORIUM

SSSB 45 would authorize DNR to declare a moratorium of up to 5 years on agricultural land purchase payments if certain conditions are met. Specifically, farm development, crop production and harvesting expenses must be equivalent to the payments that would otherwise be made.

Sb 225 CREATING THE MATANUSKA VALLEY MOOSE RANGE

SB 225, which was heard by the Resources Committee on March 19, establishes designated state lands as the Matanuska Valley Moose Range. A Committee Substitute has been prepared based on negotiations with DNR, the Department of Fish and Game, and the bill sponsor.

1. General management is assigned to DNR, with Fish and Game maintaining management responsibility for the fish and game resources.
2. DNR will prepare a management plan "which reflects the concurrence of the Dept. of Fish and Game".
3. The definition of "multiple use" has been amended to include forestry management and coal leasing and development.
4. About 20,000 acres of high quality general use land along the highway has been withdrawn.

Introduced: 4/22/83
Referred: Resources
and Finance

1 IN THE SENATE

BY KERTTULA

2 ^{COMMITTEE}
[SPONSOR] SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 225 (Resources)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating the Matanuska Valley Moose Range."

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

8 * Section 1. AS 16.20 is amended by adding new sections to read:

9 ARTICLE 7. MATANUSKA VALLEY MOOSE RANGE.

10 Sec. 16.20.340. PURPOSE. The purpose of AS 16.20.340 - 16.20.-
11 360 is to establish the area described in AS 16.20.350 as the Mata-
12 nuska Valley Moose Range. The primary purpose of the Matanuska Valley
13 Moose Range [is] to maintain, [and rehabilitate] ^{are} ^{improve and enhance} moose populations and
14 habitat and other wildlife resources of the area and to perpetuate
15 public multiple use of the area, including but not limited to fishing,
16 ^{forestry management} grazing, ^{coal leasing and development} hunting, trapping, mineral entry, and other forms of public
17 use of public land not incompatible with the purpose stated in this
18 section.

19 Sec. 16.20.350. DESIGNATED STATE LAND AND WATER. The state-
20 owned land and water, vacant and unappropriated, and all that acquired
21 in the future by the state, lying within the boundary described in
22 this section, are designated as the Matanuska Valley Moose Range, ^{and} are
23 reserved from all uses incompatible with their primary ^{purposes} [function] as
24 public use land. ^{The lands described herein are to be managed} [and are assigned to the Department of Natural Re-
25 sources and Department of Fish and Game for control, enforcement,
26 development, and maintenance]

27 (1) Township 18 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian

28 Section 1

29 (2) Township 18 North, Range 2 East, Seward Meridian

Sections 4-6

- 1 [Sections 1 - 2. that portion lying north of the
 2 Matanuska River
 3 Sections 3 - 6
 4 (3) Township 18 North, Range 3 East, Seward Meridian, that
 5 portion lying north of the Matanuska River]
 6 (4) Township 19 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian
 7 Section 13
 8 Sections 24 - 25
 9 Section 36
 10 (5) Township 19 North, Range 2 East, Seward Meridian
 11 Section 1
 12 Section 2, E1/2
 13 Section 10, S1/2
 14 Sections 11 - [35] 34
 15 Section 35, North 1/2
 16 (6) Township 19 North, Range 3 East, Seward Meridian
 17 Sections 1 - 30, that portion lying north of the
 18 Matanuska River
 19 Section 1, N1/2, SW1/4
 20 Sections 2-10
 21 Section 11, N1/2 NE1/4,
 22 SW1/4 NE1/4,
 23 NW1/4, (7) Township 19 North, Range 4 East, Seward Meridian [that
 24 NW1/4 SW1/4 portion lying north of the Matanuska River]
 25 Section 15, W1/2, NW1/4 (8) Township 19 North, Range 5 East, Seward Meridian [that
 26 NE1/4, NW1/4 portion lying north of the Matanuska River] Section 6 NW1/4,
 27 Section 16, E1/2 NE1/4, N1/2 S1/2 that portion (9) Township 20 North, Range 2 East, Seward Meridian N1/2 NE1/4
 28 north and east of the Glenn Highway
 29 right-of-way
 30 Section 1
 31 Sections 12 - 13
 32 Sections 24 - 25
 33 Section 36
 34 (10) Township 20 North, Range 3 East, Seward Meridian

- 1 Section 5, W1/2
- 2 Sections 6 - 7
- 3 Sections 11 - 13
- 4 Sections 18 - 19
- 5 Sections 24 - 25
- 6 Section 30, N1/2
- 7 Sections 31 - 33, S1/2
- 8 Sections 34 - 36
- 9 (11) Township 20 North, Range 4 East, Seward Meridian
- 10 Section 5, W1/2
- 11 Section 6
- 12 Section 7, N1/2
- 13 Sections 12 - 13
- 14 Sections 21 - 26
- 15 (12) Township 20 North, Range 5 East, Seward Meridian

Sections 1-3
 Section 4, E1/2
 Section 5, W1/2
 W1/2SE1/4
 NE1/4
 Section 7
 Section 8, W1/2
 W1/2E1/2
 Sections 11, 12
 Section 14, N1/2
 Sections 15 - 21
 Section 22, NW1/4
 N1/2, NE1/4
 Section 30, Section 29 W1/2,
 those portions lying
 north of the right of way
 for the Glenn Highway

Section 5
 Section 6, E1/2
 Sections 7 - 8
 Section 12, S1/2
 Sections 13 - 34
 Section 33 SW1/4 NE1/4
 N1/2 NE1/4
 SW1/4 SW1/4
 N1/2 SW1/4
 NW1/4
 Section 34 N1/2 N1/2
 [Sections 35 - 36, that portion lying north of the
 Matanuska River]

(13) Township 20 North, Range 6 East, Seward Meridian [that
 portion lying north of the Matanuska River]

(14) Township 20 North, Range 7 East, Seward Meridian
 Sections 6 [7]
 [Sections 18 - 19
 Section 30, that portion lying north of the Matanuska
 River]

1 (15) Township 21 North, Range 2 East, Seward Meridian
2 Section 25
3 Section 36
4 (16) Township 21 North, Range 3 East, Seward Meridian
5 Section 25
6 Section 29, W1/2
7 Sections 30 - 31
8 Section 32, W1/2
9 Section 36, N1/2
10 (17) Township 21 North, Range 4 East, Seward Meridian
11 Section 12, W1/2
12 Section 13
13 Section 20
14 Section 21, S1/2
15 Section 24, E1/2
16 Section 28
17 Section 29, E1/2
18 Section 30, S1/2
19 Sections 31 - 32
20 (18) Township 21 North, Range 5 East, Seward Meridian
21 Section 3
22 Section 9
23 Section 10, W1/2
24 Sections 16 - 17
25 Sections 19 - 20
26 Section 21, N1/2
27 Section 29, W1/2
28 Sections 30 - 31
29 Section 32, W1/2

- 1 (19) Township 21 North, Range 6 East, Seward Meridian
 2 Section 2
 3 Section 3, E1/2
 4 Section 10
 5 Section 11, W1/2
 6 Section 14, W1/2
 7 Section 15
 8 Sections 21 - 22
 9 Section 23, W1/2
 10 Sections 28 - 29
 11 Sections 31 - 36

- 12 (20) Township 21 North, Range 7 East, Seward Meridian
 13 Sections 27 - 28
 14 Sections 31 - 32
 15 Section 33, N1/2
 16 Section 4, N1/2

- 17 (21) Township 22 North, Range 6 East, Seward Meridian
 18 Section 23
 19 Section 26
 20 Section 35

21 Section 16.20.360. DESIGNATION OF MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY.

22 (a) The Department of Fish and Game is responsible for the management
 23 of fish and game resources on the state land and water described in
 24 AS 16.20.350 consistent with the purposes of AS 16.20.340 - 16.20.360.

25 (b) Management of the surface and subsurface estate is the
 26 responsibility of the Department of Natural Resources. ^{After adequate public hearings,} ~~Actions by~~ the
 27 Department of Natural Resources ^{develop and} ~~(that affect the habitat)~~ shall ^{be in} ~~conformity with a management plan proposed and adopted by~~ the Depart-
 28 ^{adopt a management plan for the Range which reflects the concurrence of} ~~ment of Fish and Game~~ ^{after adequate public hearings}. The management
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1 plan shall be revised, if necessary and appropriate, under the same
2 procedure[s] followed for initial adoption. *The plan shall provide for roadside recreation sites,
including picnicking and camping areas.*

3 (c) The Department of Natural Resources may, after consultation
4 with the Department of Fish and Game, adopt regulations governing the
5 public use of the area. The regulations must provide for multiple use
6 by the public, as defined in AS 38.04.910(4) *and AS 16.20.340*, including, among other
7 uses, fishing, grazing, hunting, trapping, and recreation].
8 Regulations adopted for the Matanuska Valley Moose Range shall not
9 apply to private land within the boundary described in AS 15.20.350.

10 (d) [Portions of] The area [important for fish and wildlife habi-
11 tat, breeding, and migration] must be managed to sustain fish and
12 wildlife resources in perpetuity, according to the principle of sus-
13 tained yield.

14 (e) [The area shall be open to mineral entry, under reasonable
15 regulations that the Department of Natural Resources may adopt, in
16 consultation with the Department of Fish and Game.

17 (f) [The commissioner of natural resources may acquire in the
18 name of the state, by negotiated purchase only, without an option of
19 first purchase, title or interest in real property lying within the
20 boundaries of the Matanuska Valley Moose Range.

Revisor's notes. — Formerly AS
41.17.140. Renumbered in 1983.

NOTES TO DECISIONS

Quoted in Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, Inc. v. State, Sup. Ct. Op. No. 2662 (File No. 5855), P.2d (1983).

Article 3. State Forest System.

Section	Section
200. State forest purposes	220. Management of state forests
210. State forests	230. Management plans

Sec. 41.17.200. State forest purposes. The purpose of AS 41.17.200 — 41.17.230 is to permit the establishment of designated state-owned or acquired land and water areas as state forests. The primary purpose in the establishment of state forests is the perpetuation of personal, commercial, and other beneficial uses of resources through multiple-use management. (§ 1 ch 91 SLA 1983)

Sec. 41.17.210. State forests. (a) The governor may propose to the legislature the establishment of state forests consisting primarily of commercially valuable forest land determined by the governor to be necessary for retention in state ownership for management under the principles of multiple use and sustained yield and consistent with AS 38.04.005. The proposal of the governor shall include a report and recommendations of the commissioner including

- (1) a preliminary forest inventory;
- (2) a summary of the testimony offered at public hearings held on the management of the proposed state forest in communities proximately located to a proposed state forest;
- (3) the findings of the commissioner on anticipated incompatibilities of uses described in AS 41.17.230(e) under AS 41.17.230(f);
- (4) written comments from appropriate state agencies on the compatibility of the uses described in AS 41.17.230(e) within the proposed state forest;
- (5) an estimate of the cost of a full implementation of an operational level forest inventory and the management plan.

(b) A state forest established by the legislature shall be retained in state ownership. (§ 1 ch 91 SLA 1983)

Sec. 41.17.220. Management of state forests. Land within a state forest or within a unit of a state forest shall be managed under

- (1) the principles of multiple-use and sustained yield;
- (2) this chapter; and
- (3) a management plan prepared by the department. (§ 1 ch 91 SLA 1983)

(1983).

Sec. 41.17.230. Management plans. (a) The commissioner shall prepare a management plan consistent with AS 38.04.005 and this chapter for each state forest and for each unit of a state forest to assist in meeting the requirements of this chapter. An operational level forest inventory shall be completed before a management plan for the state forest or the unit of a state forest is adopted. The management plan shall be adopted, implemented and maintained within three years of the establishment of a state forest by the legislature.

(b) The commissioner shall review a management plan at least once every five years and may revise the plan when necessary.

(c) A management plan may not be adopted or revised after the establishment of the state forest without prior review by the Board of Forestry and by other appropriate state agencies or without prior public hearings held in a community proximately located to the state forest or to a unit of a state forest.

(d) A copy of a management plan or a revision to a management plan adopted or prepared by the commissioner shall be provided to the legislature within 30 days of its adoption or revision or within the first 10 days of the first regular session of the legislature to convene after its adoption or revision.

(e) The commissioner shall consider and permit the following uses under a management plan prepared under (a) or (b) of this section subject to a determination under (f) of this section:

- (1) commercial timber harvest and related activities;
- (2) harvest of forest products for personal use;
- (3) mining, mining claim, and mineral leasehold location;
- (4) mineral leasing;
- (5) material extraction;
- (6) recreation;
- (7) wildlife and fisheries habitat management including critical habitat management;
- (8) greenbelts;
- (9) trapping and sport and subsistence fishing and hunting;
- (10) grazing;
- (11) watershed management;
- (12) research;
- (13) uses consistent with the policies of AS 38.04.015; and
- (14) other traditional, compatible uses.

(f) A management plan prepared by the commissioner shall consider and permit the uses described in (e) of this section. If the commissioner finds that a permitted use is incompatible with one or more other uses in a portion of a state forest, the commissioner shall affirmatively state in the management plan that finding of incompatibility for the specific area where the incompatibility is anticipated to exist and the time period when the incompatibility is anticipated to exist together with the reasons for each finding. (§ 1 ch 91 SLA 1983)

Article 4. State Land Reforestation.**Section**

300. State land reforestation fund
310. Appropriations to state land reforestation fund
320. Report to the legislature

Sec. 41.17.300. State land reforestation fund. A state land reforestation fund is established in the department. The money in the state land reforestation fund may be used only for the reforestation of state land, including site preparation, seed and seedling acquisition and cultivation, planting and other reforestation measures, timber stand improvement, and the development of materials and techniques for the reforestation of state land. (§ 2 ch 91 SLA 1983)

Sec. 41.17.310. Appropriations to state land reforestation fund. (a) The state land reforestation fund consists of money appropriated by the legislature and contributions from private donors. It is the intent of the legislature that the appropriations made to the fund equal no less than 25 percent of the revenues from the sale of timber and other forest products from state land as well as the total revenues from

- (1) compensation for loss or damage to land within a state forest; and
- (2) the federal government and other governmental units for reforestation.

(b) Money appropriated to or paid into the state land reforestation fund does not lapse. (§ 2 ch 91 SLA 1983)

Sec. 41.17.320. Report to the legislature. The commissioner shall make an annual report to the legislature within the first 10 days of each session of the legislature on the uses of the money in the state land reforestation fund, the proposed uses of the fund in the following fiscal year, and the balance in the fund. (§ 2 ch 91 SLA 1983)

Article 5. Tanana Valley State Forest.**Section**

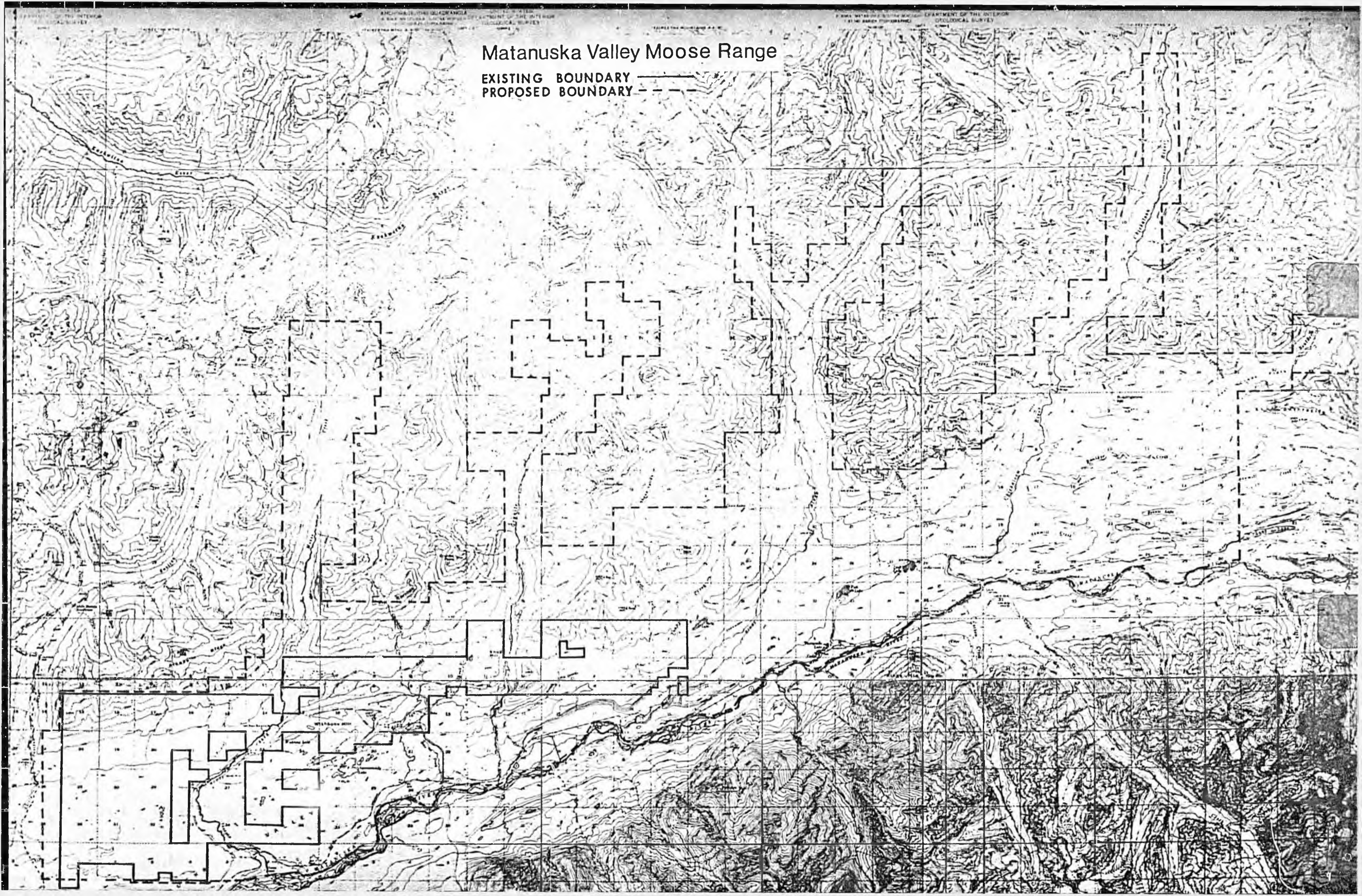
400. Tanana Valley State Forest

Sec. 41.17.400. Tanana Valley State Forest. (a) Subject to valid existing rights and except for land owned by or transferred to the University of Alaska under a settlement agreement between the state and the university, the state-owned or acquired land and water lying within the parcels described in (d) of this section is designated as the Tanana Valley State Forest.

(b) The commissioner shall prepare a management plan for the Tanana Valley State Forest under AS 41.17.230. The commissioner shall submit the management plan to the legislature for its approval within the first 10 days of the Second Session of the Fourteenth State

Matanuska Valley Moose Range

EXISTING BOUNDARY ———
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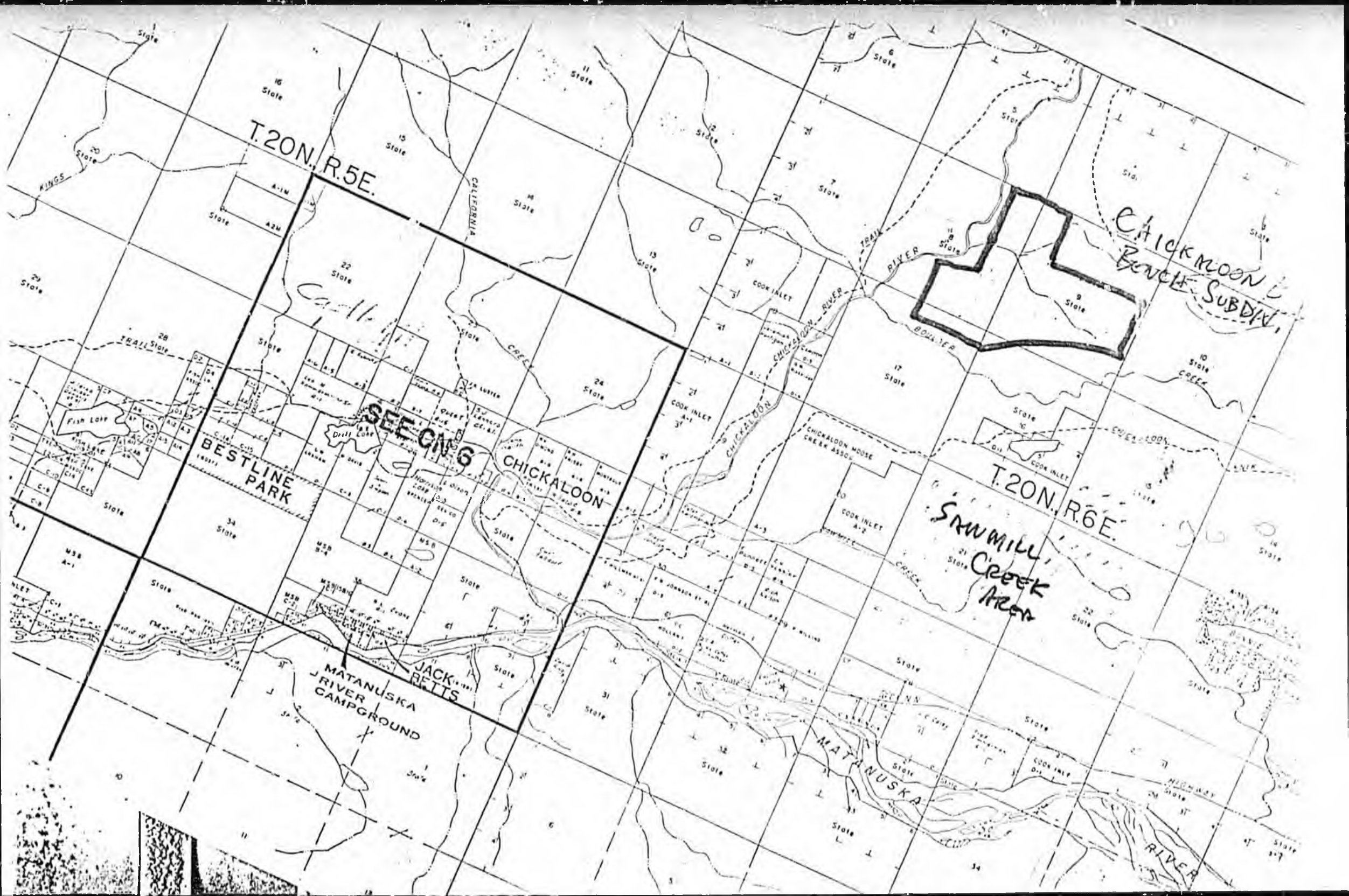
TO: SSSB 225

Sponsor Substitute for Senate Bill 225 establishes the Matanuska Valley Moose Range and establishes its boundaries.

It is the intent of the Alaska State Senate that any private property lying within the boundaries of the range may be acquired by the state only with the consent of the owner of the property.

For that reason in Sec. 16.20.360 the commission of natural resources is allowed to acquire land or an interest in land within the range "by negotiated purchase only, without an option of first purchase". This prohibits taking of land within the range by the state through exercise of a power of taking or condemnation and is intended to have that effect.

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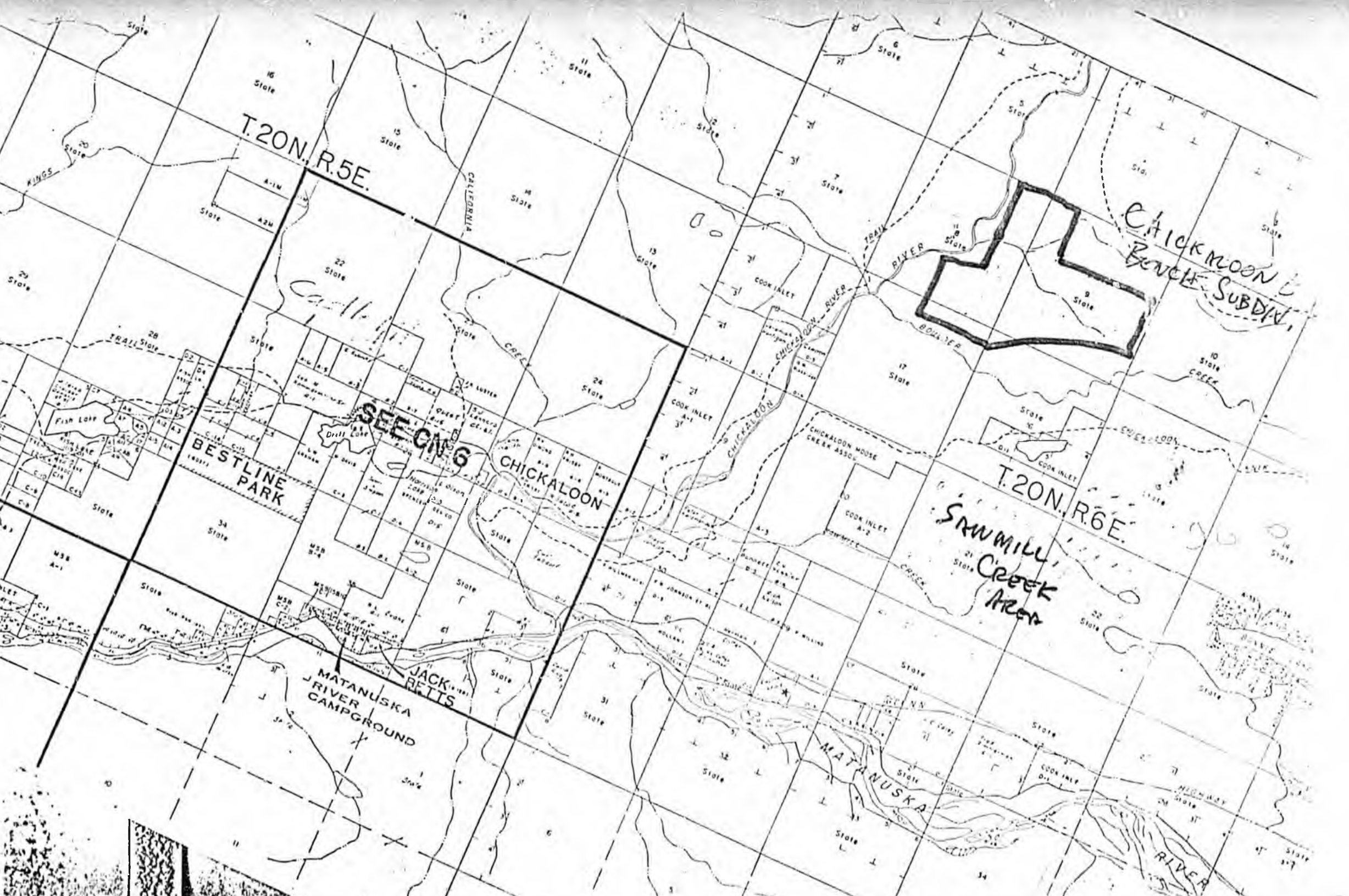
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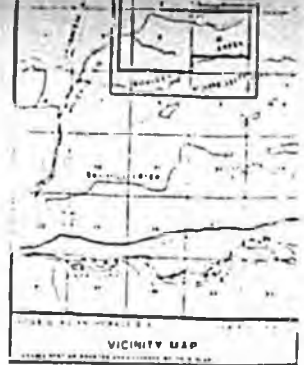
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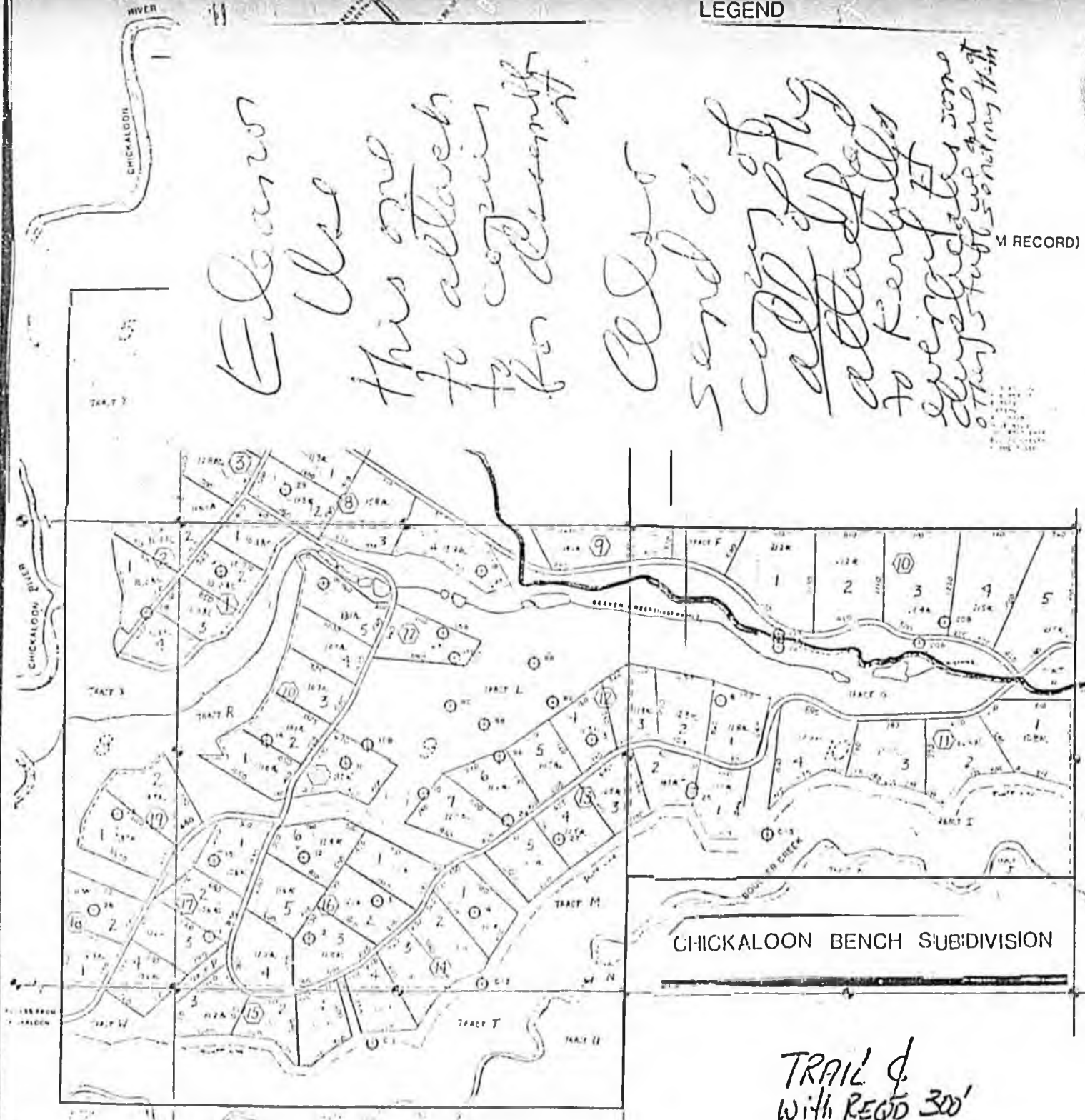
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AREA SUMMARY

	QTY	ACREAGE
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BLOCKS	22	816.1 ACRES
WATER COURSES	1.5 MI	108 ACRES
ROAD R.O.W	7.4 MI	52.6 ACRES
GROSS AREA		2193.0 ACRES
NET AREA		816.1 ACRES



NOTES

1. All road RIGHTS-OF-WAY are 80' wide.
2. An surveyed section line has a 33' easement on each side of a said line.
3. The table shown along Beaver Creek are beaver ponds and thus are not considered permanent water bodies.
4. A 50' easement on bluff line exists on lots overlooking Beaver Creek (as depicted).

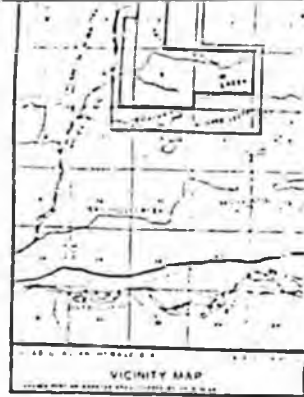
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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

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CHICKALOON BENCH SUBDIVISION

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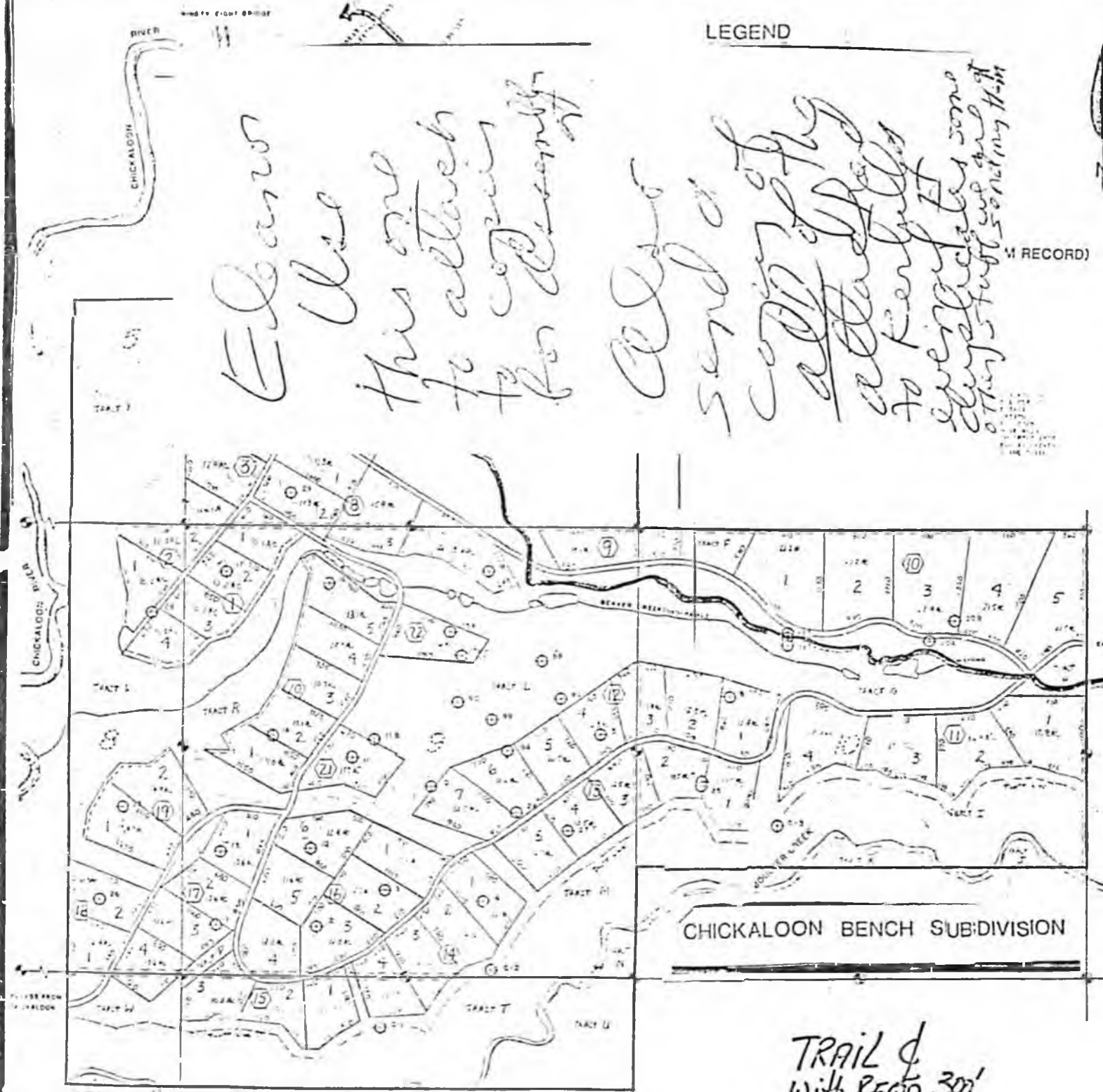


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BLOCKS	22	916.1 ACRES
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GROSS AREA		2193.0 ACRES
NET AREA		916.1 ACRES



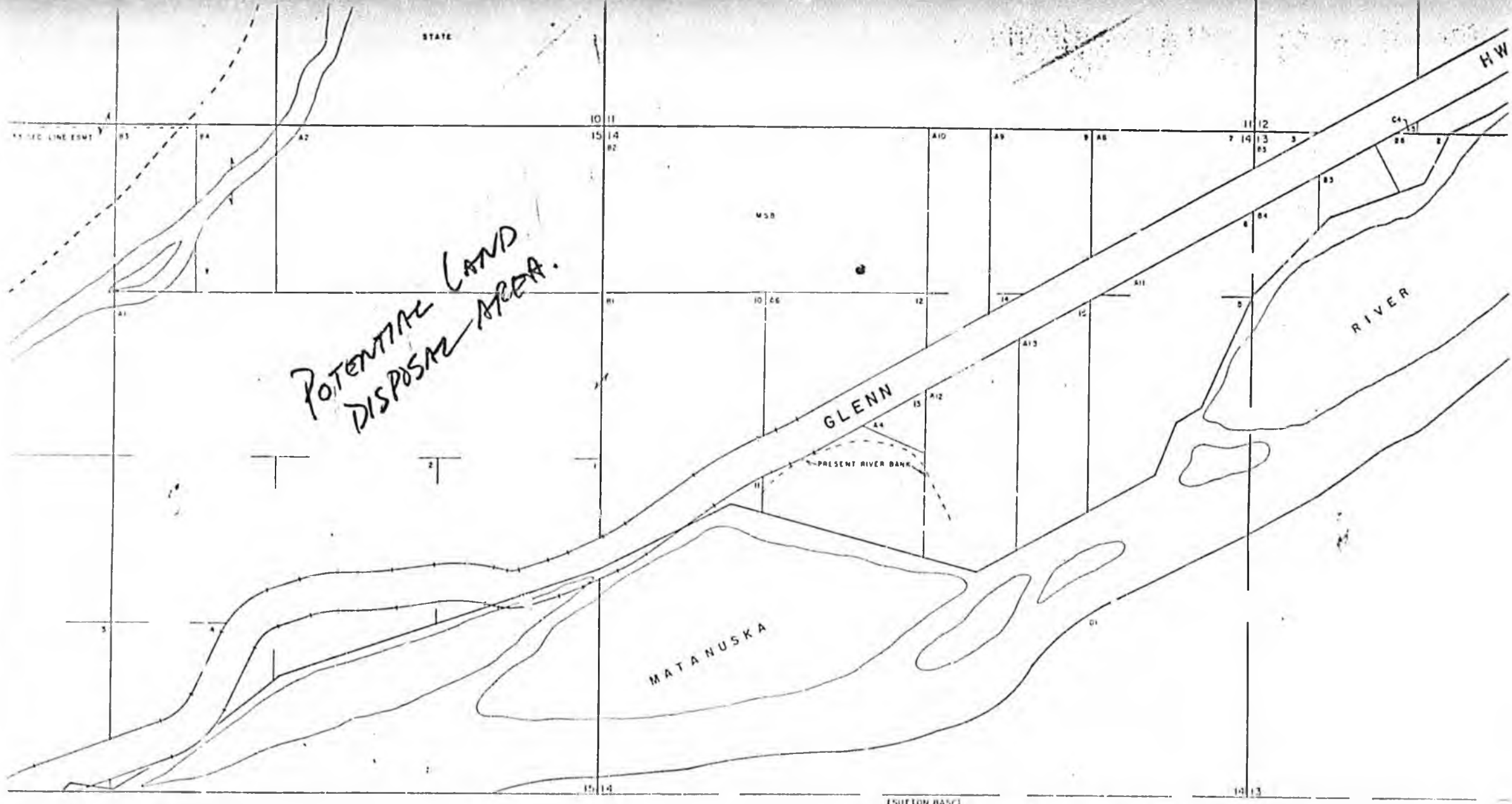
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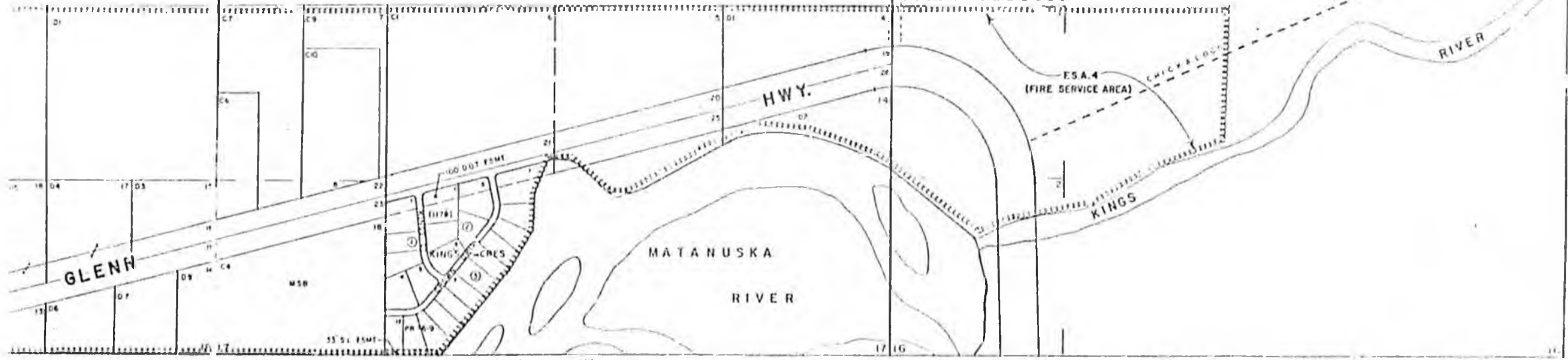
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- SERVICE AREA BOUNDARIES



MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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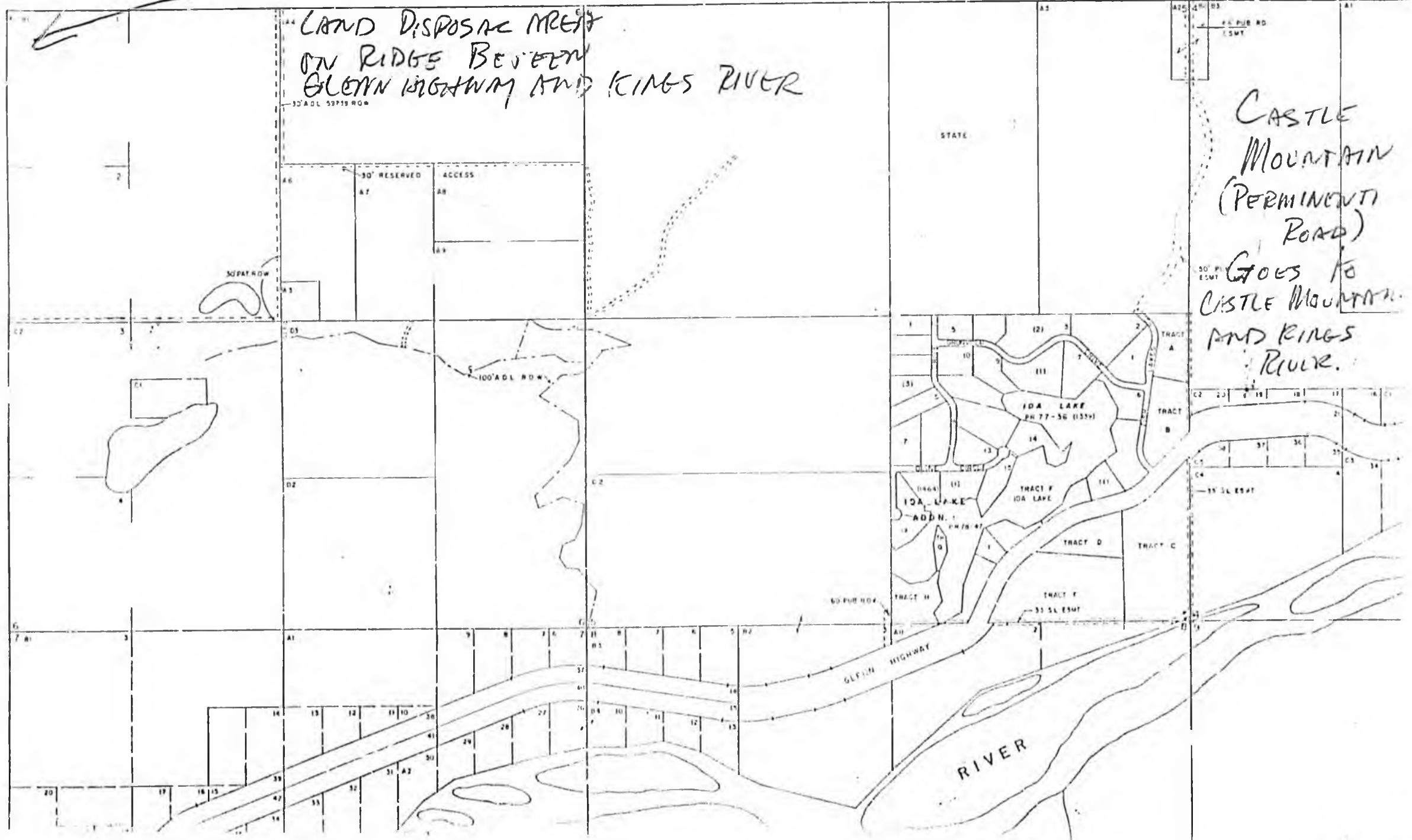
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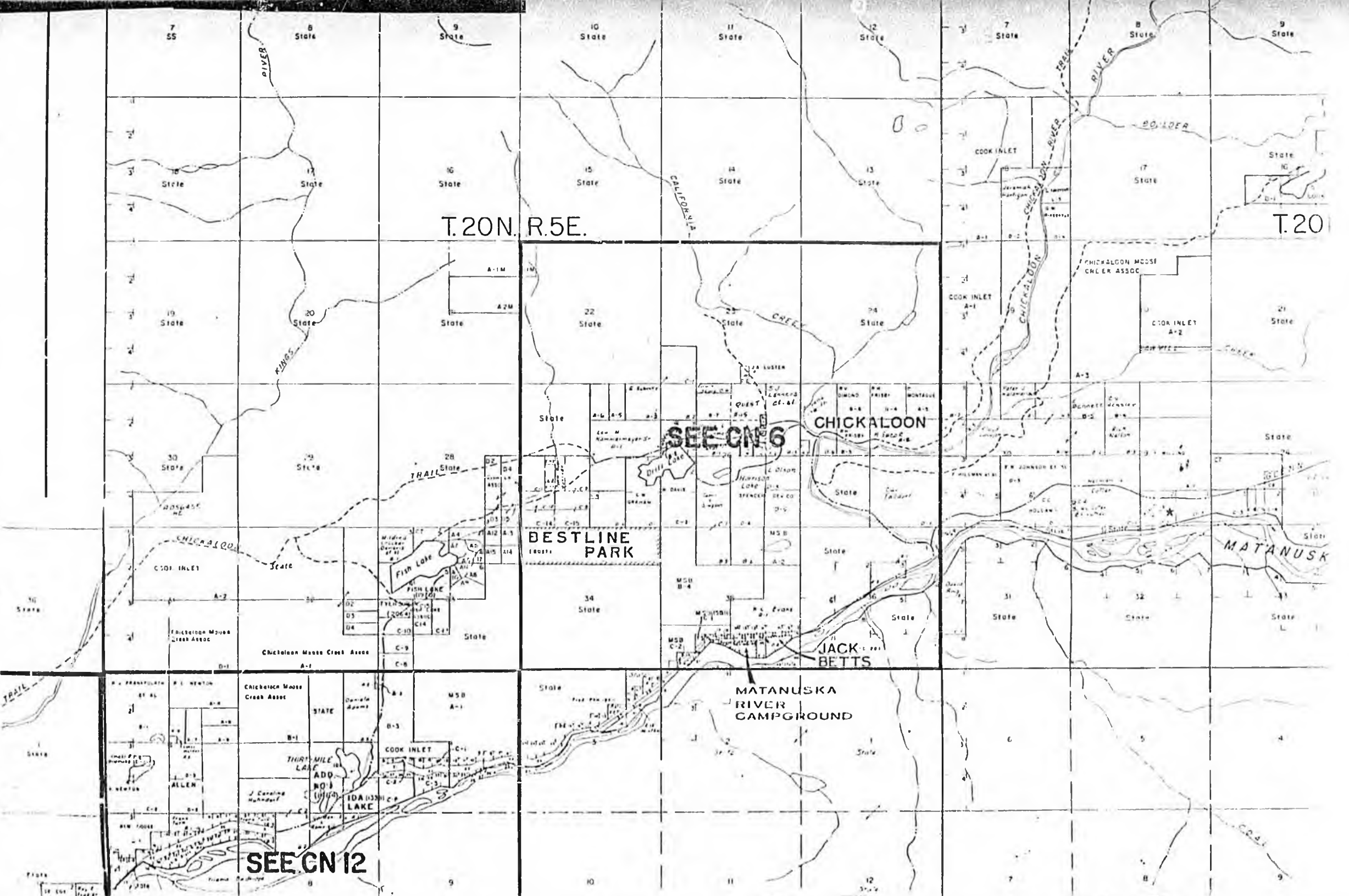
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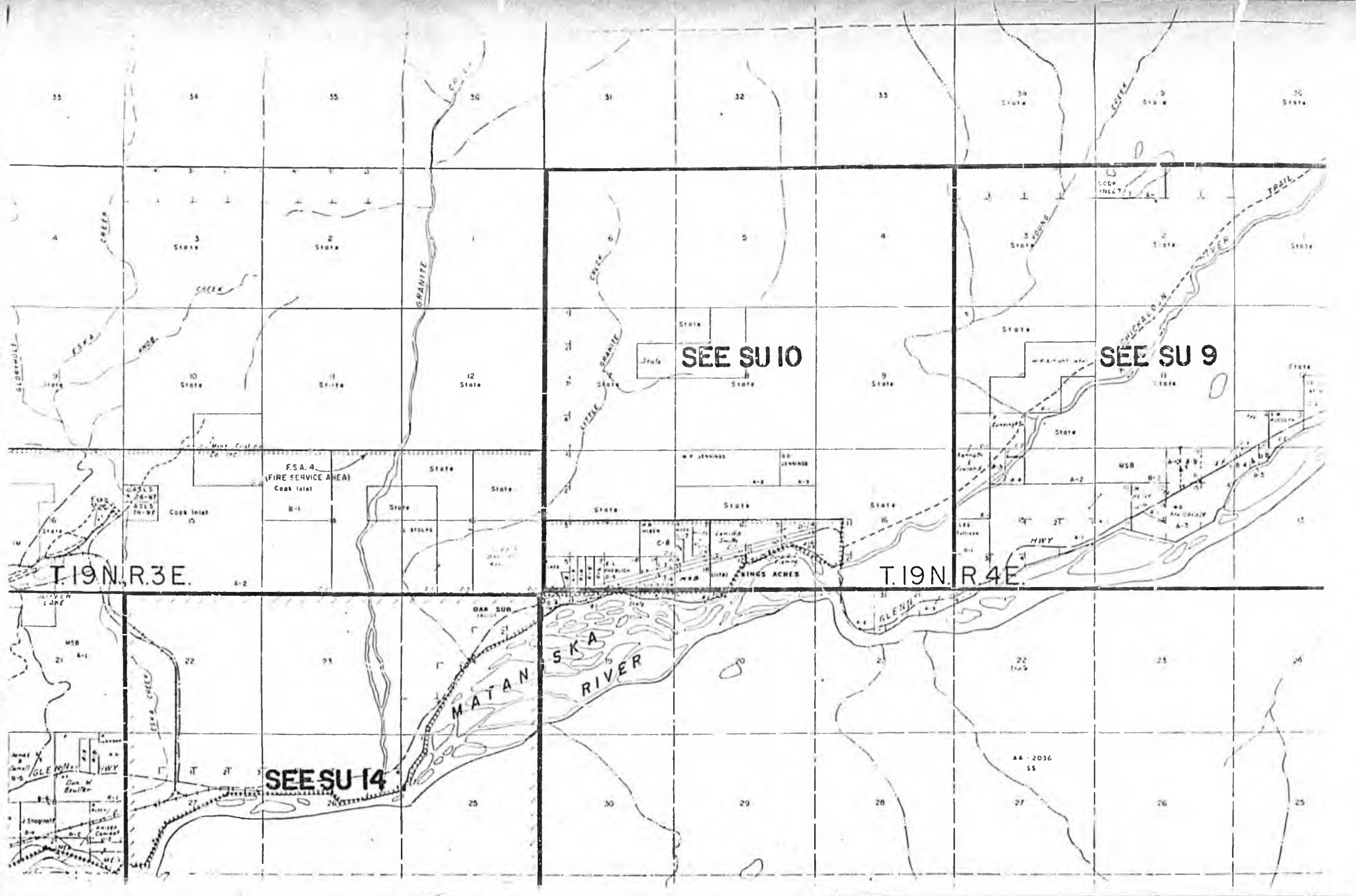
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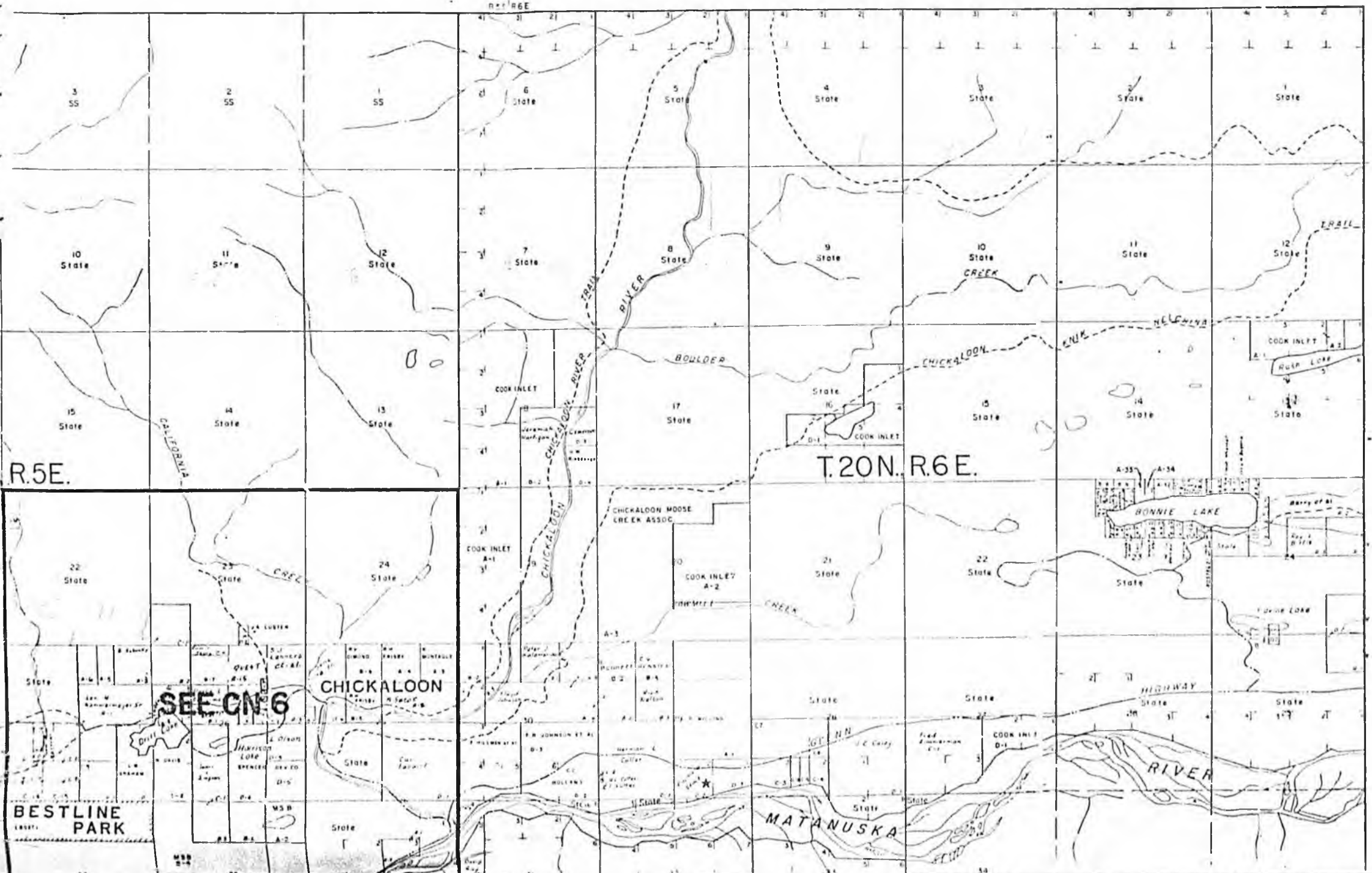
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PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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February 23, 1984

Honorable Jay Kerttula, President
Alaska State Senate
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Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Senator Kerttula:

The Assembly unanimously approved Resolution 84-19 supporting SB 225, "An Act Creating the Matanuska Valley Moose Range". A copy of the resolution is attached.

The Assembly's support for the preservation of the area covered in this bill for multiple use activities is irrespective of which state agency manages the area. Should this bill be altered in committee to reflect a state forest in lieu of the moose range, the Assembly's support is still valid.

This is a popular concept in the valley, and the setting aside of these lands is supported by the draft Susitna Area Plan being completed by the Department of Natural Resources and the Borough. The area is heavily used for a variety of activities, and the passage of this legislation will insure that the land is set aside for public use.

If we can do anything to help as the bill moves through the legislative process, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Stickles

Robert J. Stickles
Planning Director

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Attachment

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 84-019

A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA
BOROUGH SUPPORTING SB 225, A BILL ENTITLED; "AN ACT CREATING
THE MATANUSKA VALLEY MOOSE RANGE".

WHEREAS, the primary purpose of the Matanuska Valley
Moose Range is to maintain and rehabilitate moose
population; and

WHEREAS, the range and restrictions apply only to State
land and do not impose restrictions on Borough or private
land; and

WHEREAS, the area will be managed as a multiple use
area permitting uses as grazing, hunting, fishing, trapping,
mineral entry, wood cutting and other forms of public use
not inconsistent with range purposes; and

WHEREAS, as the majority of the area will become more
accessible to the public and will increase the recreational
opportunities in the local area; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has passed a
resolution urging the Assembly support of SB 225.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matanuska-Susitna
Borough Assembly recognizes the need and desirability of the
range and supports the passage of SB 225, an "Act Creating
the Matanuska Valley Moose Range".

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED by the Assembly of the
Matanuska-Susitna Borough this 21st day of
February, 1984.

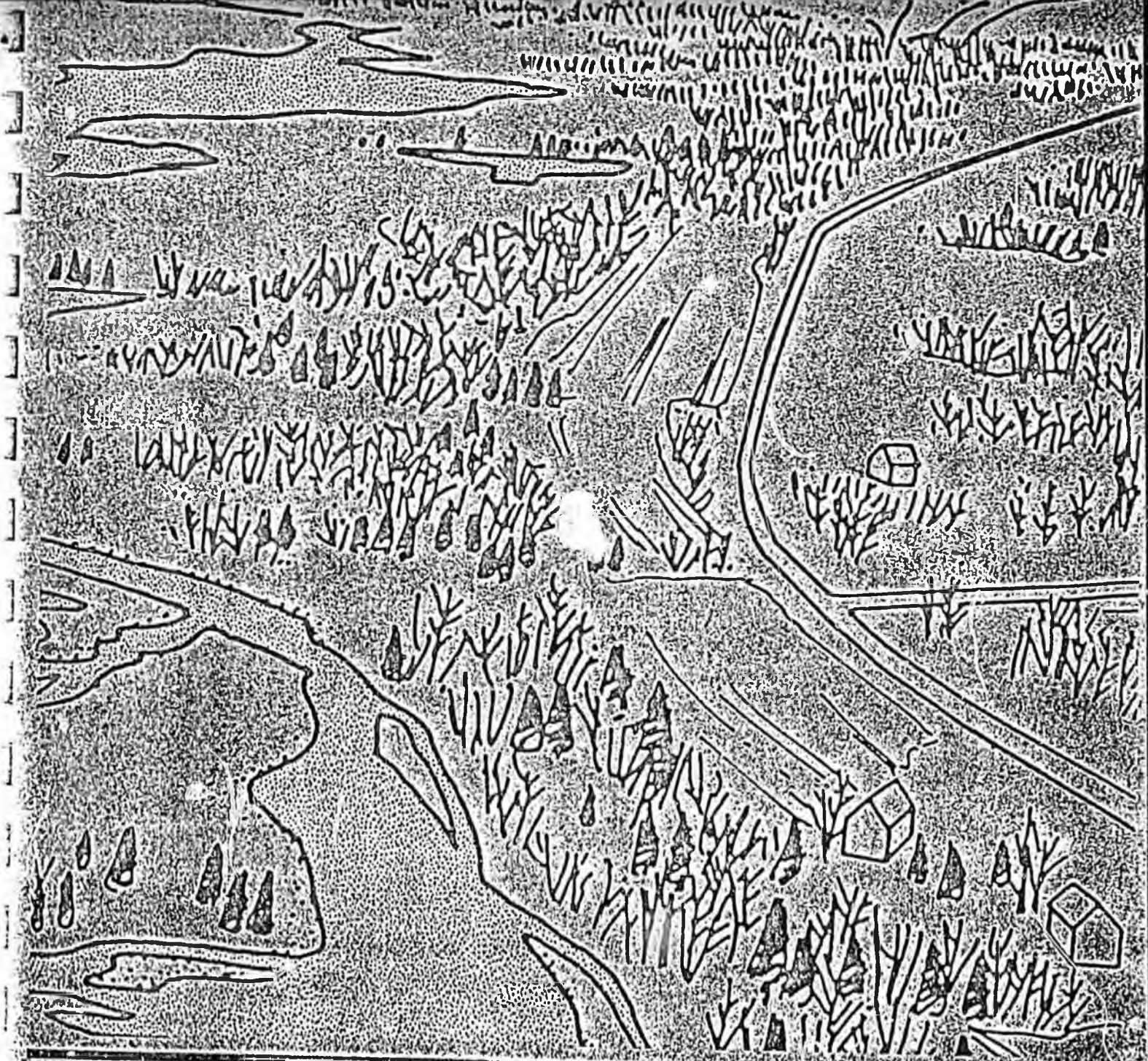
Dorothy A. Jones
Dorothy A. Jones, Deputy Mayor

ATTEST:

Evelyn Thompson
Evelyn Thompson
Clerk

Gary Thurlow
Gary Thurlow, Manager

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To: Agencies Represented on the Susitna Planning Team,

I am pleased to submit for your comments this agency review draft of the Susitna Area Plan. This draft is the result of a two-year effort on the part of the Susitna Planning Team. I commend your representative for many months of hard work and for his or her cooperation during weeks of intense agency negotiations.

We intend to distribute a public review draft of the plan by May 1, in order to have public meetings at the end of May, before the mass summer exodus of fishermen and miners from the study area. Therefore, we request that you submit comments by March 22.

I realize that the length of the document is somewhat daunting. However, I am confident that review can be accomplished in the time allotted if you focus review on three major aspects of the draft:

1) The Land Management Policies (Chapter 2)

These policies are a redraft of proposed statewide land management policies presented in the "Bluebook" (Statewide Natural Resources Plan--Draft Policy Revisions and Additions, DL&WM, September, 1983). In the version of these policies presented in Chapter 2, we have addressed many of the agency comments received on the Bluebook. The draft plan is a second opportunity to review the Bluebook policies. This summer we will publish a definitive version of these policies, which will guide future area and management planning.

2) The Subregion Summaries

The study area is divided into 12 subregions, each containing a number of management units. (There are a total of 83 management units.) In Chapter 3, specific land use designations and management guidelines are presented for each management unit. The chapter also contains summaries that explain the land allocations throughout each subregion. Although you may wish to read about each management unit in detail, I suggest you focus initially on these subregion summaries. By doing so you will be able to determine which management units require your close attention. If you concur with a particular subregion summary, you may decide not to spend much time reviewing the management units within that subregion.

Because of the extreme length of Chapter 3 we suggest that only the subregion summaries be included in the public review draft. (Each subregion summary would be accompanied by a land allocation map and chart showing designations for each management unit within the subregion.)

3) Unresolved Issues

Although the planning team reached consensus on most points, there remain several land allocation issues unresolved. These issues are identified in the plan along with the Resource Allocation Section's recommendations for resolution. I or my staff will contact you within the week to establish a schedule to resolve these issues.

...to emphasize that this is an agency review draft; although we gave it our best shot it surely contains numerous minor errors and several major ones. Do not be distressed when you find errors or conclusions with which you strongly disagree. Sorting these things out is the purpose of this draft. I also want to remind you that the document is not for release to the general public or to your particular constituent groups. That will be the purpose of the next draft.

I look forward to your comments.

Sincerely,

Tom Hawkins

Tom Hawkins, Director,
Division of Land and Water Management, DNR

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I. SUBREGION OVERVIEW

A. Background

The Glenn Highway subregion encompasses land along the highway from the eastern boundary of the Willow Sub-basin near Palmer to where the highway crosses the Little Nelckina River. The southern boundary of the subregion is loosely defined as the line where the valley ends and the mountains begin. This line approximately follows the 2500' contour in the western half of the subregion and the 3500' contour in the eastern half of the subregion. The northern boundary of the subregion generally follows the northern ridge of the Matanuska drainage. The western portion of the subregion also includes the lower-lying portions of the Knik River drainage and the Jim/Swan Lakes area.

This subregion contains approximately 1,060,000 total acres. Of this roughly 70% is state owned or selected. Native corporations own or have selected approximately 10% of the land in the subregion or roughly 200,000 acres. Most of the Native land west of the Matanuska Glacier has been patented or interimly conveyed to the Native regional or village corporation owners. The large block of land near Tahmeta Pass is part of Ahtna Corporations's extensive over selection of lands and may or may not ultimately go into Native ownership. Of the remaining 20% of the lands in the subregion, most is private ownership with a small portion in borough ownership. While the state owns the majority of land in the subregion most of the accessible, developable land is in private or native ownership. See the ownership maps at the end of this section for more information.

Much of Alaska contains beautiful mountain scenery; excellent hunting, hiking, snow mobiling and cross-country skiing; good land for settlement; and high value mineral and coal and other energy resources. What makes the Glenn Highway area unique is that it possesses all these attributes plus it is accessible by a major road and is located within a short drive of the majority of the state's population. Another unusual characteristic of the area is that, unlike most road accessible areas relatively near population centers, it contains substantial amounts of state-owned land.

regarding management issues -- that is, the intent is to protect and improve recreation, fish and wildlife and visual values while developing the area's coal and timber resources and selling significant amounts of state land. This is achieved, as is discussed in more detail below, by carefully selecting the location of settlement areas and by controlling the type and pace of settlement and other developments through management guidelines.

Details of planned land management policies are presented below by resource/type of land use.

1. Settlement

a. General Policy - The Glenn Highway subregion contains a substantial amount of accessible, state-owned land suitable for settlement. Much of this land can be offered for sale with less severe resource conflicts than land in other areas. Because of these two facts this area will be a location of a significant amount of land sales over the next twenty years. There is relatively little borough land in the Glenn Hwy., but what is there has decent access and good physical capability for settlement and therefore should be available for land sales over the long-term.

b. Specific Recommendations

Types of Sales - Land offered will be a mixture of large parcels (20 - 40 acres) and subdivisions. Once sold, the large parcels will probably be developed slowly due to the cost to the owner of complying with borough road building requirements. In order that some land be available in the near term to meet the large demand for recreational-seasonal settlement, some land will be offered as subdivisions with road access built and initially paid for by the state but with the cost added to the price of each parcel.

Location of Sales - Settlement areas will be selected using the following guidelines:

- 1) Visual quality will be protected. This will mean generally not offering land directly adjacent to the highway unless there is adequate screening by vegetation or topography. Generally the lower 2/3 of the subregion can absorb more settlement without adverse visual impacts than the eastern portion of the subregion; in the eastern third of the area the vegetation is sparse, the land is open and views are more likely to be harmed by settlement.
- 2) Working with the Department of Fish & Game, the Divisions of Parks, Forestry and Mining, and the Mat-Su Borough, several sections of publicly owned areas along the highway will be identified to be left in public ownership in order to reduce conflicts with coal development, protect habitat, provide personal use timber, and separate and concentrate development areas in order to reduce fiscal impacts. An effort will also be made to concentrate future sales into areas where there are existing communities, existing blocks of private land and some degree of public services and facilities already available, (e.g., Glacier View, Sutton, and Tahnetta Pass).
- 3) Generally there will not be sales south of the road with the possible exception of large homesteads (40 acres) in the vicinity of the Matanuska Glacier and remote cabin permits.
- 4) The state and borough will work closely with local communities to select sale areas and types of sales that will minimize effects on community character and fiscal concerns.

Amount and Pace of Sales - The amount of land sales will be stretched over the full twenty year planning period to provide sufficient time for road construction and to lessen fiscal impacts and impacts on community character. Total offerings over 20 years will be between 7,000 and 10,000 net acres of state land and roughly half of the borough land (approximately 1500 of the total 3000 acres). This presumes roughly 30% of the gross land identified on the settlement element map would eventually be offered. The table below summarizes planned land disposals.

	Planning Team Recommen- dations	Resource Allocation Proposals	Total	Planning Team Recommen- dations	Resource Allocation Proposals	Total
STATE LAND - New Offerings*	16,640	6,090	19,090	6,150	2,340	8,490
Reofferings Within Past Disposal Areas	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Agriculture (Commercial and Homestead)	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
STATE TOTAL	16,640	6,090	19,090	6,150	2,340	8,490
BOROUGH LAND New Offerings	420	-----	420	250	-----	250
STATE AND BOROUGH TOTAL	17,060	6,090	19,510	6,400	2,340	8,740

*Includes two existing approved projects -- Cas~~X~~cade and Chickaloon -- totaling a gross area of 2,640 acres or a net area of 1,200 acres.

The other half of the land management policy described above is the policy regarding retained lands. As stated in the settlement section, major retention areas are: most of the lands on the south side of the Matanuska River, most state lands east of Cascade Creek area, and several good sized blocks in the western portion of the subregion in areas where high coal, forestry and fish and wildlife values overlap. The specific sites for retention are described in the designations and guidelines by management unit. General objectives to be met on retained lands are described below.

- a. Forestry: Lands will be retained for personal use timber harvests, principally in areas located at intervals along the highway with reasonable access. The state should work with native land owners to set up joint forestry management programs in the lower portion of the subregion on the south side of the river. On the north side of the river the prime spot for commercial forestry will be within the boundaries of the existing moose reserve. In this area and throughout the subregion, timber sales should be designed to improve moose habitat. Timber sales will also be designed to minimize adverse visual impacts (which may limit size of harvests).

- b. Fish and Wildlife: Protection of fish and wildlife values will be the primary management objective within the boundaries of the Moose Creek moose reserve, in most areas on the south side of the Matanuska River and within most areas east of Cascade Creek where concern with visual impacts and the land's lower capability for settlement reduce opportunities for land sales. In the areas west of Cascade Creek and north of the Matanuska River designations will be more equally split between fish and wildlife and settlement. The major exception to the latter policy will be in the Moose Range which will be slightly expanded to the north and east (but not the south) and proposed for legislative designation. Another area where fish and wildlife will be a primary value is on state lands within the Knik River drainage and in the Jim-Swan Lakes area. The Jim-Swan area will also be proposed for legislative

following actions: retention of land for a number of developed campgrounds (including expansion of at least one existing recreation site at Long Lake), retention of several larger blocks of multipurpose forestry and/or habitat lands for dispersed activities such as snowmobiling or cross-country skiing, a proposal to protect recreation lands at Gunsight Mt., and protection/improvement of access to recreation attractions when land is sold or new roads are built for other purposes.

In addition to direct provision of land for recreation use, a major objective for management of any type of land use will be protection of visual quality along the highway. This will include identification of pull-offs and scenic turnouts when the planned road improvements occur, preparation of interpretive material for tourists and other people using the highway, and restriction of the amount and type of development in areas visible from the highway. It is hoped the borough will undertake a program with local landowners to encourage protection of visual quality on private land. Such a program might include restrictions on removal of vegetation, incentives to remove dead snowmobiles, walrus heads, and similar treasures out of sight, etc.

d. Coal and Other Subsurface Resources:

State land will not be offered for disposal in areas with high coal value as shown on the map prepared by DGGs. Sales will be quite limited even in areas with moderate coal value. Where sales do occur, the sites will be selected (with the assistance of the Division of Mining) to minimize impacts on future costs of coal development. Generally this will be achieved by concentrating sales and selling land in areas less likely to be developed for coal due to the nature of the coal deposits or to existing land use patterns. Areas with high and moderate coal value will be a major factor in identifying the location of the multiple use retention areas discussed previously.

4. Transportation/Access

The Alaska Department of Transportation is currently working on preliminary engineering and environmental assessment

Locations: north of Kings River, between Kings River and the
Glenn Highway, into the Chickaloon Bench/Sawmill Creek area
and north of the Glenn Highway in the vicinity of Muddy Creek.

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Senate

Committee on Resources

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senate Resources Committee Members

FROM: Senate Resources Committee Staff

RE: Committee Meeting, Monday, March 19

DATE: March 15, 1984

On Monday, March 19th at 3:00 pm in the Beltz Room, the Senate Resources Committee will be hearing the following bills:

SB 225, An Act creating the Matanuska Valley Moose Range.

SB 225 establishes designated state lands as the Matanuska Valley Moose Range. The management of fish and game resources is assigned to the Department of Fish and Game; the management of the surface and subsurface estate is assigned to the Department of Natural Resources. A management plan is required.

With growth and expansion of the surrounding communities there is potential for tremendous impact on the moose population in the Matanuska Valley. SB 225 would allow the Department of Fish and Game to rehabilitate and enhance the moose population, while allowing for public multiple use of the area.

Multiple use for the purposes of the moose range is defined as "fishing, grazing, hunting, trapping, mineral entry, and other forms of public use not incompatible...". The state forest system (established last year in AS 41.17.200) provides a broader definition of multiple use, including commercial timber harvest, harvest of forest products for personal use, material extraction, watershed management, greenbelts, and research.

The management plan for the Moose Range is to be adopted, and revised if necessary, after "adequate public hearings". No further guidelines are given. Management plans for state forests (under AS 41.17.230) must be adopted and implemented within three years, and reviewed every five years. Copies must be provided to the legislature within 30 days of adoption or revision.

LSB 225

CREATING THE MATANUSKA VALLEY MOOSE RANGE
SPONSOR: KERTTULA

Establishes designated state lands as the Matanuska Valley Moose Range to maintain and rehabilitate moose populations and to perpetuate public multiple use of the area, including fishing, hunting, trapping, mineral entry and other compatible uses.

Assigns management of fish and game resources to Dept. of Fish and Game; management of the surface and subsurface estate to DNR. Allows DNR to adopt regulations governing the public use of the area; requires that ADF&G adopt (after public hearings) a management plan.

Sponsor Substitute introduced 4/22/83:

Specifies that regulations adopted for the Matanuska Valley Moose Range shall not apply to private land within its boundaries.

Allows DNR to acquire in the name of the state title or interest in property within the boundaries of the Moose Range.

petition for reconsideration of a decision. The petition shall contain the information required to be submitted by AS 44.62.229 and shall be acted upon by the commissioner in the manner provided in AS 44.62.230. For purposes of this section, a municipality is an interested person with respect to its interests in land defined in (b) of this section.

SECTION = 38.04.910 *Definitions*
 TEXT In AS 38.04.900 - 38.04.910, unless the context otherwise requires.

- (1) "commissioner" means the commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources;
- (2) "director" means the director of the division of lands of the Department of Natural Resources;
- (3) "fair market value" means the price at which a willing seller and a willing buyer will trade;
- (4) "multiple use" means the management of state land and its various resource values so that it is used in the combination that will best meet the present and future needs of the people of Alaska, making the most judicious use of the land for some or all of these resources or related services over areas large enough to provide sufficient latitude for periodic adjustments in use to conform to changing needs and conditions; it includes
 - (A) the use of some land for less than all of the resources, and
 - (B) a combination of balanced and diverse resource uses that takes into account the short-term and long-term needs of present and future generations for renewable and nonrenewable resources, including, but not limited to, recreation, range, timber, minerals, watershed, wildlife and fish, and natural scenic, scientific, and historic values;
- (5) "official cadastral survey" means a United States public land survey or a survey executed under survey instructions issued by the division for the purpose of preparing a cadastral survey plat, and approved and accepted by the division for the state's official records;
- (6) "official control survey" means a position marked on the ground by triangulation or traverse stations established in conformity with standards adopted by United States Coastal and Geodetic Survey for first, second and third order work, whose geodetic positions have been rigidly



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Bettye Fahrenkamp
Chair, Senate Resources Committee

FROM: Senator Jay Kerttula
Senate President 

SUBJECT: SB 225 (Matanuska Valley Moose Range)

DATE: February 22, 1984

Would it be possible for the Resources Committee to hold an evening teleconference on SB 225, relating to the establishment of the Matanuska Valley Moose Range?

I suggest the teleconference include the communities of Palmer, Wasilla and Sutton and last no longer than one hour.

There has been discussion from interested parties on the topic of converting the Moose Range into a State Forest following the model of the Tanana Valley State Forest. I hope that we will be able to work with your staff on developing a potential committee substitute which would accomplish this.

what about Chumilna Forest?

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Original sponsor: Kerttula

1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 225 (Resources)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating the Matanuska Valley Moose Range."

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

8 * Section 1. AS 16.20 is amended by adding new sections to read:

9 Sec. 16.20.340. PURPOSE. The purpose of AS 16.20.340 - 16.20.-
10 360 is to establish the area described in AS 16.20.360 as the Mata-
11 nuska Valley Moose Range. The primary purposes of the Matanuska
12 Valley Moose Range are to maintain, improve and enhance moose popula-
13 tions and habitat, ^{and} other wildlife resources of the area, and to
14 perpetuate public multiple use of the area, including fishing,
15 grazing, forest management, hunting, trapping, mineral entry, coal
16 leasing and development, and other forms of public use of public land
17 not incompatible with the purpose stated in this section.

18 Section 16.20.350. DESIGNATION OF MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY.

19 (a) The Department of Fish and Game is responsible for the management
20 of fish and game resources on the state land and water described in
21 AS 16.20.360 consistent with the purposes of AS 16.20.340 - 16.20.360.

22 (b) Management of the surface and subsurface estate is the
23 responsibility of the Department of Natural Resources. After adequate
24 public hearings the Department of Natural Resources ^{develops} shall adopt a
25 management plan for the Matanuska Valley Moose Range ^{shall reflect the con-}
26 ^{current} of the Department of Fish and Game. The management plan shall be
27 revised, if necessary and appropriate, under the same procedure
28 followed for initial adoption. The plan shall provide for roadside
29 recreation sites, including picnicking and camping areas.

1 (c) The Department of Natural Resources may, after consultation
2 with the Department of Fish and Game, adopt regulations governing the
3 public use of the area. The regulations must include provisions for
4 multiple use, as defined in AS 38.04.910 and ⁽⁴⁾ for public uses listed in
5 AS 16.20.340. Regulations adopted for the Matanuska Valley Moose
6 Range ^{shall} may not apply to private land within the boundary described in
7 AS 16.20.360.

8 (d) The area shall be managed to sustain fish and wildlife
9 resources in perpetuity, according to the principle of sustained
10 yield.

11 (e) The commissioner of natural resources may acquire in the
12 name of the state, by negotiated purchase only, without an option of
13 first purchase, title or interest in real property lying within the
14 boundaries of the Matanuska Valley Moose Range.

15 Sec. 16.20.360. DESIGNATED STATE LAND AND WATER. The state-
16 owned land and water, vacant and unappropriated, and all that acquired
17 in the future by the state, lying within the boundary described in
18 this section, are designated as the Matanuska Valley Moose Range, and
19 are reserved from all uses incompatible with their primary purposes as
20 public use land. The lands described herein are to be managed
21 by the Department of Natural Resources.

22 (1) Township 18 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian
23 Section 1

24 (2) Township 18 North, Range 2 East, Seward Meridian
25 Sections 4 - 6

26 (3) Township 19 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian
27 Section 13

28 Sections 24 - 25

29 Section 36

(4) Township 19 North, Range 2 East, Seward Meridian

1 Section 1

2 Section 2, E1/2

3 Section 10, S1/2

4 Sections 11 - 34

5 Section 35, N1/2

6 (5) Township 19 North, Range 3 East, Seward Meridian

7 Sections 1 - 32, that portion lying north of the

8 *Glenn Highway right-of-way*

9 ~~Sections 32 - 36, that portion lying north of the~~
10 ~~Matanuska River~~

11 (6) Township 19 North, Range 4 East, Seward Meridian

12 Section 1, N1/2,

13 SW1/4

14 Sections 2 - 10

15 Section 11, N1/2 NE1/4,

16 SW1/4 NE1/4,

17 NW1/4,

18 NW1/4 SW1/4

19 Section 15, W1/2 NW1/4

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22 Section 16, E1/2 NE1/4,

23 N1/2 S1/2 that portion north and east of the Glenn
24 Highway right-of-way

25 (7) Township 19 North, Range 5 East, Seward Meridian

26 Section 6, NW1/4,

27 N1/2 NE1/4

28 (8) Township 20 North, Range 2 East, Seward Meridian

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(9) Township 20 North, Range 3 East, Seward Meridian

Section 5, W1/2

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Sections 24 - 25

Section 30, N1/2

Sections 31 - 33, S1/2

Sections 34 - 36

(10) Township 20 North, Range 4 East, Seward Meridian

Section 5, W1/2

Section 6

Section 7, W1/2

Sections 12 - 13

Sections 21 - 36

(11) Township 20 North, Range 5 East, Seward Meridian

Section 5

Section 6, E1/2

Sections 7 - 8

Section 12, S1/2

Sections 13 - 32

Section 33, SW1/4 NE1/4,

N1/2 NE1/4,

SW1/4 SW1/4,

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1 NW1/4

2 Section 34, N1/2 N1/2

3 (12) Township 20 North, Range 6 East, Seward Meridian

4 ~~Sections 1 - 3~~

5 Section 4, E1/2

6 Section 5, W1/2,

7 W1/2 SE1/4,

8 NE1/4

9 Section 7

10 Section 8, W1/2,

11 W1/2 E1/2

12 ~~Sections 11 - 12~~

13 Section 14, N1/2

14 Sections 15 - 21, *excluding ASLS 82-221*

15 Section 22, NW1/4,

16 N1/2 NE1/4

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18 Section 29, W1/2, those portions lying north of the
19 right-of-way for the Glenn Highway

20 Section 30, ~~W1/2~~, those portions lying north of the
21 right-of-way for the Glenn Highway

22 (13) Township 20 North, Range 7 East, Seward Meridian

23 Section 6

24 (14) Township 21 North, Range 2 East, Seward Meridian

25 Section 25

26 Section 36

27 (15) Township 21 North, Range 3 East, Seward Meridian

28 Section 25

29 Section 29, W1/2

*Sections 1-12 excluding
ASLS 82-221*

1 Sections 30 - 31

2 Section 32, W1/2

3 Section 36, N1/2

4 (16) Township 21 North, Range 4 East, Seward Meridian

5 Section 12, W1/2

6 Section 13

7 Section 20

8 Section 21, S1/2

9 Section 24, E1/2

10 Section 28

11 Section 29, E1/2

12 Section 30, S1/2

13 Sections 31 - 32

14 (17) Township 21 North, Range 5 East, Seward Meridian

15 Section 3

16 Section 9

17 Section 10, W1/2

18 Sections 16 - 17

19 Sections 19 - 20

20 Section 21, N1/2

21 Section 29, W1/2

22 Sections 30 - 31

23 Section 32, W1/2

24 (18) Township 21 North, Range 6 East, Seward Meridian

25 Section 2

26 Section 3, E1/2

27 Section 10

28 Section 11, W1/2

29 Section 14, W1/2

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2 Sections 21 - 22

3 Section 23, W1/2

4 Sections 28 - 29

5 Sections 31 - 36

6 (19) Township 21 North, Range 7 East, Seward Meridian

7 Sections 27 - 28

8 Sections 31 - 32

9 Section 33, N1/2

10 Section 34, N1/2

11 (20) Township 22 North, Range 6 East, Seward Meridian

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WHO TESTIFY?
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FISCAL NOTE DNR?

CHICKALOON BENCH SUBDIVISION IS PART OF MOOSE RANGE IN C.S.

- ADF&G SAYS NO HABITAT CONFLICT
- SPENT NEARLY \$400,000 (SURVEY, MONUMENTATION, RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION)
- DOES HAVE ACCESS PROBLEMS

SUSITNA AREA PLAN PROPOSES 42,000 ACRES FOR LEGISLATIVE DESIGNATION
FOR MOOSE RANGE, TIMBER, MINERALS
145,000 ACRES IN KERTTULA'S ORIGINAL BILL
130,000 ACRES IN C.S.

5 COMMERCIAL TIMBER SALES SOLD IN THE AREA IN 1983 (COTTONWOOD,
BIRCH, ASPEN)
400 PERSONAL USE PERMITS ISSUED 1983 (BIG DEMAND FOR FIREWOOD)
CHRISTMAS TREES

PRIVATE LAND DEPICTED ON MAP IS NATIVE SELECTED LAND

STATEMENT OF
DON COLLINSWORTH, COMMISSIONER
(Department of Fish and Game)
AND ESTHER WUNNICKE, COMMISSIONER
(Department of Natural Resources)
ON SSSB 225 (Matanuska Valley Moose Range)
Senate Resources Committee -- March 19, 1984

Madame Chair, members of the Committee, the Departments of Fish and Game and Natural Resources are testifying together before your Committee today on SSSB 225, by which the Legislature would designate a Moose Range in the Matanuska Valley.

Both agencies have considerable interest in Senator Kerttula's proposal to establish a special area in the Matanuska Valley. This area has resource potential not only for habitat but also other values such as coal, forestry, and settlement.

The bill would affect 145,000 acres within the boundaries of the Susitna Area Plan, which is now at the agency review draft stage. Because the Plan is still in draft form, the Administration cannot make specific recommendations about the bill. Our staffs, who have been involved in some of the most intensive land and resource planning yet conducted by the State, are scheduled to settle remaining issues in the Plan during the next six weeks. We generally agree that there should be legislation to designate some of the area for habitat protection, forestry, and other values, but we are not agreed on the boundaries and management for the proposal. The planning must continue before we can arrive at Administration recommendations for the area.

Our staffs look forward to working closely with yours in coming weeks, and we hope that our discussions will reflect the findings of the planning process and legislative intent.

Introduced: 4/22/83
Referred: Resources
and Finance

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REVISED
LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS FOR
THE MOOSE/COAL/FOREST

1 IN THE SENATE

BY KERTTULA

2 SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 225

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act creating the Matanuska Valley Moose Range."

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

8 * Section 1. AS 16.20 is amended by adding new sections to read:

9 ARTICLE 7. MATANUSKA VALLEY MOOSE RANGE.

10 Sec. 16.20.340. PURPOSE. The purpose of AS 16.20.340 - 16.20.-
11 360 is to establish the area described in AS 16.20.350 as the Mata-
12 nuska Valley Moose Range. The primary purpose of the Matanuska Valley
13 Moose Range is to maintain and rehabilitate moose populations and
14 habitat and other wildlife resources of the area and to perpetuate
15 public multiple use of the area, including but not limited to fishing,
16 grazing, hunting, trapping, mineral entry, and other forms of public
17 use of public land not incompatible with the purpose stated in this
18 section.

19 Sec. 16.20.350. DESIGNATED STATE LAND AND WATER. The state-
20 owned land and water, vacant and unappropriated, and all that acquired
21 in the future by the state, lying within the boundary described in
22 this section, are designated as the Matanuska Valley Moose Range, are
23 reserved from all uses incompatible with their primary function as
24 public use land, and are assigned to the Department of Natural Re-
25 sources and Department of Fish and Game for control, enforcement,
26 development, and maintenance:

27 (1) Township 18 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian

28 Section 1

29 (2) Township 18 North, Range 2 East, Seward Meridian

Sections 4-6

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~~Sections 3-6~~

~~(3) Township 18 North, Range 3 East, Seward Meridian, that
portion lying north of the Matanuska River~~

(4) Township 19 North, Range 1 East, Seward Meridian
Section 13
Sections 24 - 25
Section 36

(5) Township 19 North, Range 2 East, Seward Meridian
Section 1
Section 2, E1/2
Section 10, S1/2

Sections 11 - ~~24~~
Section 35 & NORTH 1/2
(6) Township 19 North, Range 3 East, Seward Meridian
Sections 1 - 30, that portion lying north of the
Matanuska River
Sections 32 - 36, that portion lying north of the
Matanuska River

(7) Township 19 North, Range 4 East, Seward Meridian, ~~that~~
~~portion lying north of the Matanuska River~~ OVER

(8) Township 19 North, Range 5 East, Seward Meridian, ~~that~~
~~portion lying north of the Matanuska River~~ OVER

(9) Township 20 North, Range 2 East, Seward Meridian
Section 1
Sections 12 - 13
Sections 24 - 25
Section 36

(10) Township 20 North, Range 3 East, Seward Meridian

T19N, R4E S.M.

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Sections 2-10

Section 11 N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$
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Section 16 E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$
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of the Glenn Highway R.O.W.

T19N, R5E, S.M.

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N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$

- 1 Section 5, W1/2
- 2 Sections 6 - 7
- 3 Sections 11 - 13
- 4 Sections 18 - 19
- 5 Sections 24 - 25
- 6 Section 30, N1/2
- 7 Sections 31 - 33, S1/2
- 8 Sections 34 - 36
- 9 (11) Township 20 North, Range 4 East, Seward Meridian
- 10 Section 5, W1/2
- 11 Section 6
- 12 Section 7, N1/2
- 13 Sections 12 - 13
- 14 Sections 21 - 36
- 15 (12) Township 20 North, Range 5 East, Seward Meridian
- 16 Section 5 Section 33 SW¹/₄ NE¹/₄
- 17 Section 6, E1/2 N¹/₂ NE¹/₄
- 18 Sections 7 - 8 SW¹/₄ SW¹/₄
- 19 Section 12, S1/2 N¹/₂ SW¹/₄
- 20 Sections 13 - 34³² NW¹/₄
- 21 ~~Sections 35 - 36, that portion lying north of the~~
- 22 ~~Matanuska River~~
- 23 (13) Township 20 North, Range 6 East, Seward Meridian, ~~that~~
- 24 ~~portion lying north of the Matanuska River~~ OVER
- 25 (14) Township 20 North, Range 7 East, Seward Meridian
- 26 Sections 6 WA
- 27 ~~Sections 18 - 19~~
- 28 ~~Section 30, that portion lying north of the Matanuska~~
- 29 ~~River~~

TOWNSHIP 20 N, RANGE ⁶ 2 E S.M.

Sections 1-3

Section 4 E¹/₂

Section 5 W¹/₂

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NE¹/₄

Section 7

Section 8 W¹/₂

W¹/₂ E¹/₂

Section 11, 12

Section 14 N¹/₂

Section 15-21

Section 22 NW¹/₄

N¹/₂ NE¹/₄

Section 30, Section 29 W¹/₂, those portions
lying north of the R.O.W. for the
Glenn Highway

1 (15) Township 21 North, Range 2 East, Seward Meridian
2 Section 25
3 Section 36
4 (16) Township 21 North, Range 3 East, Seward Meridian
5 Section 25
6 Section 29, W1/2
7 Sections 30 - 31
8 Section 32, W1/2
9 Section 36, N1/2
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21 Section 16.20.360. DESIGNATION OF MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY.

22 (a) The Department of Fish and Game is responsible for the management

23 of fish and game resources on the state land and water described in

24 AS 16.20.350 consistent with the purposes of AS 16.20.340 - 16.20.360.

25 (b) Management of the surface and subsurface estate is the

26 responsibility of the Department of Natural Resources. Actions by the

27 Department of Natural Resources that affect the habitat shall be in

28 conformity with a management plan proposed and adopted by the Depart-

29 ment of Fish and Game, after adequate public hearings. The management

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Senate

Committee on Resources

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senate Resources Committee Members

FROM: Senate Resources Committee Staff

RE: Committee Meeting, Thursday, March 8.
TELECONFERENCE

DATE: March 6, 1984

On Thursday, March 8, 1984, from 5:30 - 6:30 pm in the Beltz Room, the Senate Resources Committee will be hearing SB 225.

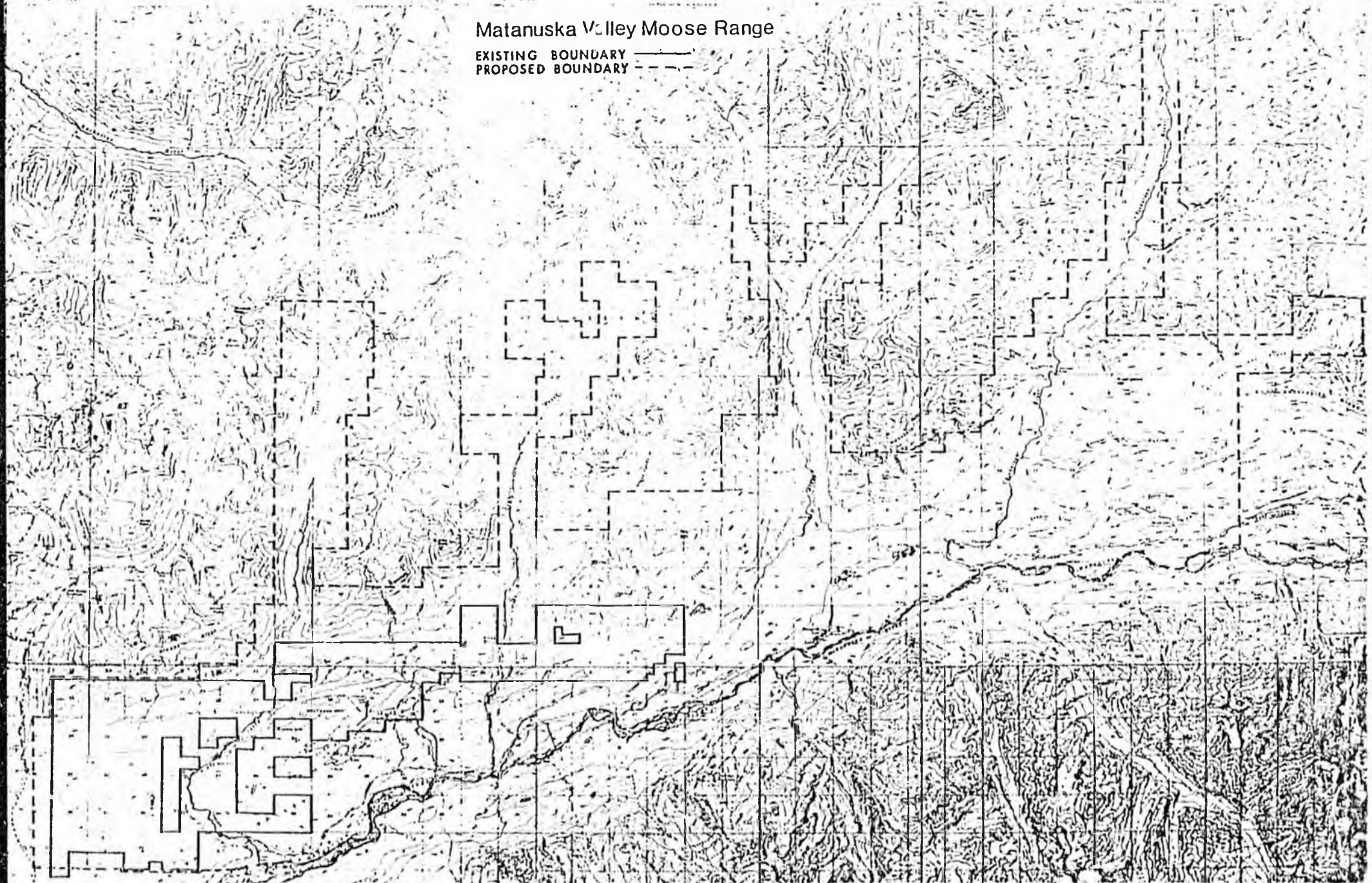
SB 225, An Act creating the Matanuska Valley Moose Range.

SB 225 establishes designated state lands as the Matanuska Valley Moose Range to maintain and rehabilitate moose populations and to perpetuate public multiple use of the area, including fishing, hunting, trapping, mineral entry and other compatible uses. The management of fish and game resources is assigned to the Department of Fish and Game; the management of the surface and subsurface estate is assigned to the Department of Natural Resources. A management plan is required.

The hearing will be teleconferenced to Palmer, Wasilla, and Sutton. No committee action will be taken on the bill.

Matanuska Valley Moose Range

EXISTING BOUNDARY ———
PROPOSED BOUNDARY - - - -



Matanuska-Susitna Borough

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BOROUGH MANAGER

February 29, 1984

The Honorable Jalmar Kerttula
Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: Senate Bill 225, A bill entitled "An Act creating the Matanuska Valley Moose Range"

Dear Jay:

Attached is Matanuska-Susitna Borough Resolution Serial No. 34-019 regarding the establishment of the Matanuska Valley Moose Range.

The Assembly wished to make it clear that they would have no objection to the management of the moose range being within the State Department of Natural Resources, as opposed to the State Department of Fish and Game, and would have no objection to the area being designated as a state forest, as opposed to a moose range.

There are several potential state land disposal areas that would be affected by the boundaries proposed under Senate Bill 225:

1. Chickaloon Bench Subdivision, a 78 parcel large-lot subdivision just east of the Chickaloon River approximately three miles north of the Glenn Highway, with access by means of the Chickaloon River Trail. See attached plat. This occupies about 640 acres including greenbelts, etc.
2. Kings River ridge. Area on top of ridge between Glenn Highway and Chickaloon Trail one mile east of the mouth of the Kings River and two miles west of the Castle Mountain Road. See maps--about 1,600 acres.
3. Kings River Subdivision. Area on bench overlooking Glenn Highway and Matanuska River one-quarter mile west of the mouth of the Kings River--160 acres.

Total acreage is about 2,400 acres.

Attached are sheets from the Susitna Area Plan Agency Review Draft prepared by the Department of Natural Resources which generally describes both state and borough positions with respect to land disposals along the Glenn Highway between Sutton and Eureka Lodge.

The land disposal goals for the Glenn Highway area are quite limited as follows:

"The amount of land sales will be stretched over the full 20 year planning period to provide sufficient time for road construction and to lessen fiscal impacts and impacts on community character. Total offerings over 20 years will be between 7,000 and 10,000 net acres of state land and roughly half of the Borough land (approximately 1,500 of the total 3,000 acres)."

All or nearly all of the 7-10,000 net acres referred to in the Susitna Area Plan Agency Review Draft would be within the Matanuska Valley Moose Range as proposed by Senate Bill 225.

The status of the three potential state disposal areas described above is as follows:

Chickaloon Bench Subdivision. This subdivision has been designed since about 1981. This was one of approximately 20 state subdivisions which were closely reviewed by the Platting Board and the Borough Assembly in 1981. Although the Borough greatly disliked the advent of state land subdivisions with legal access only, the Borough recognized--in 1981 that state law the state could proceed with new state subdivisions if legal right-of-way were provided within which feasible, constructable road access could be built, without actual construction of the road (Borough subdivision regulations require construction of a road to new subdivisions, but state law specifically exempted the state from this type of local government requirement). The Platting Board approved the preliminary plat for the Chickaloon Bench Subdivision subject to the condition that right-of-way be identified along the Chickaloon River to provide access to the subdivision. The State Department of Natural Resources had earlier taken the position that they had already identified such a right-of-way, part of which was the old Chickaloon railroad right-of-way. Because the width of this right-of-way is not certain, and because of other right-of-way questions the state has begun right-of-way acquisition through the formal Department of Transportation and Public Facilities right-of-way acquisition process which will provide right-of-way of a certain width. There has been no provision for later constructing any road within this right-of-way and this has not been discussed with the state.

Ridge area between Knik River and Glenn Highway. The ridge area between the Kings River and the Glenn Highway comprises approximately 2-1/2 square miles which overlooks the Matanuska River to the south and the Kings River to the north. The state apparently has not identified road access into this area. The access would almost certainly be from the Glenn Highway. The ridge is probably about 300 feet above the level of the Glenn Highway. One possible access to this area would be off of the Castle Mountain (Perminenti) Road. The Castle Mountain Road takes off from Mile 71.8 of the Glenn Highway and climbs to the top of the ridge. There would be other feasible accesses west of Mile 71.8.

Kings River Subdivision. The bench above the Glenn Highway just east of the mouth of Kings River is behind a strip of private property, all of which slopes steeply uphill to the bench area. This is a 160 acre rectangle parallel to the Glenn Highway. Apparently an existing road goes from the Glenn Highway to the bench area, which road is visible from the Glenn Highway. We do not have any information as to the status of the right-of-way for this road. There would probably be other feasible accesses to this bench.

There are several one mile square sections of state land between the Glenn Highway and the Chickaloon Bench Subdivision, on both sides of Sawmill Creek, and the state might have some plans with respect to those sections. These sections are shown with dots.

We are not aware of other potential state land disposal areas within the proposed Matanuska Valley Moose Range.

Sincerely,



Gary Thurlow
Borough Manager

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cc: Borough Assembly

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION SERIAL NO. 84-019

A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH SUPPORTING SB 225, A BILL ENTITLED; "AN ACT CREATING THE MATANUSKA VALLEY MOOSE RANGE".

WHEREAS, the primary purpose of the Matanuska Valley Moose Range is to maintain and rehabilitate moose population; and

WHEREAS, the range and restrictions apply only to State land and do not impose restrictions on Borough or private land; and

WHEREAS, the area will be managed as a multiple use area permitting uses as grazing, hunting, fishing, trapping, mineral entry, wood cutting and other forms of public use not inconsistent with range purposes; and

WHEREAS, as the majority of the area will become more accessible to the public and will increase the recreational opportunities in the local area; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has passed a resolution urging the Assembly support of SB 225.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly recognizes the need and desirability of the range and supports the passage of SB 225, an "Act Creating the Matanuska Valley Moose Range".

STATE OF ALASKA
FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date _____, 1983

I. REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 225
 Title: An Act Creating the Matanuska Valley
 Sponsor: Kerttula Moose Range
 Requestor: _____

II. FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: Dept. of Fish and Game
 Program Category Affected: Game
 BRU, Program of Subprogram(s) Affected: Moose Management

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 83	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88
OPERATING						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL		1.0				
300 CONTRACTUAL		.5				
400 COMMODITIES		.5				
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS, ETC						
TOTAL OPERATING		2.0				
CAPITAL						
REVENUE						

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER (Specify Source) Fish & Game		2.0				

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

III. SOURCE OF FUNDS TO OFFSET FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL:

These funds will be reprogrammed from the existing Game Division Moose Management Project.

IV. ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page for any Analysis

Prepared By: *Duane Baker*
 Division: *FISH & GAME*
 Approved by Commissioner: *[Signature]*
 Department: *[Signature]*

Phone: *465-4105*
 Date: *5/5/83*
 Date: *[Signature]*

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3/3/83

Fiscal Impact - Senate Bill No. 225 - Kerttula

This legislation, if enacted, would have minimal fiscal impact on the Department or other state and local governmental bodies.

Approximately \$2,000 to conduct public hearings in the development of a management plan would be reprogrammed from the Game BRU (Moose project).

Approximately \$100,000 would be spent on habitat improvement activities. These funds were previously identified for habitat manipulation within the existing Moose Creek Reserve Special Use District in the FY84 CIP request. If SB 225 passes some habitat improvement activities would be directed to areas outside of the Moose Creek Reserve, with no increase in total expenditures.

CS SS SB 225 (RESOURCES) - KERTTULA'S MOOSE RANGE BILL
AN ACT CREATING THE MATANUSKA VALLEY MOOSE RANGE.

GENERAL: ESTABLISHES DESIGNATED STATE LANDS (130,000 ACRES) AS THE MATANUSKA VALLEY MOOSE RANGE. WITH GROWTH AND EXPANSION OF THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES THERE IS POTENTIAL FOR TREMENDOUS IMPACT ON THE MOOSE POPULATION IN THE MATANUSKA VALLEY.

USES: THE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE WILL ALLOW THE DEPT. OF FISH AND GAME TO ENHANCE THE MOOSE POPULATION WHILE ALLOWING FOR PUBLIC MULTIPLE USE OF THE AREA:

- FOREST MANAGEMENT
- FISHING AND HUNTING AND TRAPPING
- MINERAL AND COAL ENTRY AND DEVELOPMENT
- GRAZING (AND OTHER USES NOT INCOMPATIBLE)

MANAGEMENT: GENERAL MANAGEMENT IS ASSIGNED TO D.N.R., WITH FISH AND GAME MAINTAINING MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FISH AND GAME RESOURCES.

MANAGEMENT PLAN MUST BE IMPLEMENTED WITHIN 3 YEARS. THE PLAN WILL BE PREPARED BY D.N.R., AND MUST REFLECT THE CONCURRENCE OF FISH AND GAME.

AGREED ON BY: D.N.R., DEPT. OF FISH AND GAME, BILL SPONSOR, AND OTHERS

BETTYE, REMEMBER THAT ONE PROPOSED STATE SUBDIVISION (CHICKALOON) IS WITHIN THE MOOSE RANGE BOUNDARIES SO WILL NOT BE DISPOSED OF. HOWEVER, NEARLY 20,000 ACRES OF HIGH QUALITY GENERAL USE LAND ALONG THE HIGHWAY HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM THE MOOSE RANGE.

COMMITTEE REPORT

SENATE

FURTHER: FINANCE

4/22/83

Date: 5 31 83

Mr. President:

The Committee on RESOURCES has had SS SB 225

Creating the Hatanuska Valley Moose Range.

under consideration and (a majority of the committee) (the committee) reports it back with the following recommendations:

- do pass [] do not pass
- [] do pass with attached amendments(s)
- replace with CS for SS SB 225 [X] same title [] new title
- and recommends Do Pass
- [] AND attaches a "Letter of Intent" [] New Fiscal Note
- [] reports it back without recommendation
- [] referred to the _____ Committee

MEMBERS SIGNING DO PASS

William Stangor

Bob Mulcahy

3/2/83

MEMBERS HAVING OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

Letter Stangor ^{Do Pass}

CHAIRMAN

MAY 18 1983

During the mid-1930's homesteaders began to arrive in the Matanuska Valley, and mature timberlands were cleared for agricultural fields. Much of the clearing was done by burning. Due to the lack of fire fighting personnel and equipment, the fires often became uncontrolled, razing thousands of acres. Most of the burned over land was allowed to revegetate naturally, and eventually reached a secondary successional stage (brush). The brush consisted of birch, aspen, willow and cottonwood - all ideal moose browse.

When homesteaders arrived the moose population was quite low. However, with the creation of a large and excellent moose range, the moose population began to increase. Good browse resulted in a healthy and rapidly expanding moose population, characterized by high calf crops and minimal winter mortality. The moose population increased dramatically through the 1950's and remained high in the 1960's.

During the 1960's and 70's, hundreds of acres of cleared farmlands were abandoned and grew into prime moose habitat. Thus, the high moose population was maintained through the 1970's with fluctuations associated with severe winters.

The current moose population remains very high, due to the recent mild winters. However, current land practices (aggressive fire suppression, and prevention of cleared lands from naturally revegetating) are eliminating new moose browse or are allowing current browse to mature into forestlands. With this reduction in moose habitat, the Matanuska Valley moose population will begin to decline.

The demand for huntable moose populations within short distances of human population centers is great, and it is increasing. In 1980, the Department of Natural Resources recognized this need and classified the majority of the Matanuska Valley north of the Glenn Highway and east of Palmer as Public Recreation/Wildlife Habitat Land. In 1980, the Matanuska - Susitna Borough enacted an ordinance zoning 30,000 acres of this area (designated the Moose Creek Reserve Special Use Area) to preserve public use and allow management for moose habitat. The Matanuska Valley Moose Range proposal encompasses approximately 130,000 acres including all of the Moose Creek Moose Reserve.

Moose are an extremely valuable renewable resource in Alaska, and tens of thousands of Alaskan hunters and wildlife viewers place them in high regard. During the 1982-83 hunting season over 47,000 hunters, the majority of whom reside in the Matanuska - Susitna or Anchorage Boroughs, obtained moose harvest tickets. Thousands more Alaskans enjoy viewing moose while hiking, fishing, hunting for other species, photographing, and other outdoor activities. Without the formation of the Matanuska Valley Moose Range and purposeful habitat management, the eventual loss of much of this valuable resource in the Matanuska Valley is highly probable.

Finally, it should be noted that the proposed recognition and classification of land in this area for the benefit of moose management does not preclude other uses of the state lands, as long as these uses are compatible with the primary function of the Moose Range.

STATE OF ALASKA 1984 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date: 3/30/84

REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.: CSSSSB225(Res)
Title: Matanuska Valley Moose
Range

Sponsor: Kerttula
Requestor: Senate Resources
Date of Request:

FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: Natural Resources

Program Category Affected: NRMEC

BRU, Program or Subprogram(s) Affected: Land and Water Management

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89
OPERATING						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		47.4				
200 TRAVEL		.5	.5			
300 CONTRACTUAL		2.0	4.0			
400 SUPPLIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS						
800 MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING		44.9	4.5	0	0	0
CAPITAL		0	0	0	0	0
REVENUE		0	0	0	0	0

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		49.9	0			
FEDERAL FUNDS		0				
OTHER		0				
TOTAL		49.9	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME		1	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME		0	0	0	0	0
TEMPORARY		1	0	0	0	0

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO OFFSET FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL:

General Fund

ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page for analysis

Prepared By: Ned Farquhar
Division: Commissioner's Office

Phone: 465-2400
Date: 3/30/84

MH Approved by Commissioner: *William D. Amos, Deputy*
Agency: Natural Resources

Date: 3/30/84

Distribution (by Agency preparing fiscal note):

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Requestor
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Impacted Agency(ies)

12/1/83

DNR ANALYSIS
FOR FISCAL NOTE CSSSB 225

All costs are associated with the management plan for the area.

FY 85

100	Planner full-time for one year in Southcentral District Office	38.9 (Nat Res. Tech II)
	Drafting Tech for four months	8.5 (Drafting Tech III)
200	Travel for hearings, meetings	.5
300	Contractual for meetings	<u>2.0</u>
	TOTAL FY 85	49.9

FY 86

200	Travel for hearings, meetings	.5
300	Contractual for meetings, publication	<u>4.5</u>
	TOTAL FY 86	5.0

TOTAL 1985-86 54.9

STATE OF ALASKA 1984 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date: March 28, 1984

REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.: CS SB 225
Title: An Act Creating the
Matanuska Valley Moose Range
Sponsor: Kerttula
Requestor: _____
Date of Request: _____

FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: Department of Fish & Game
Program Category Affected: _____
Game and Habitat
BRU, Program or Subprogram(s) Affected: _____
Moose Management

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89
OPERATING						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES						
200 TRAVEL						
300 CONTRACTUAL						
400 SUPPLIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS						
800 MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING		0	0	0	0	0

CAPITAL						
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REVENUE						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO OFFSET FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL:

ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page for analysis

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Date: March 28, 1984

Approved by Commissioner: Beverly Reame
Agency: Fish and Game

Date: 3-28-84

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Alaska State Legislature

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Senate Committee on Resources MINUTES

March 8, 1984
5:30 pm

Beltz Room
Room 211, Capitol

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Fahrenkamp, Chairman
Senator Kerttula

CALENDAR

SB 225, An Act creating the Matanuska Valley Moose Range.

Robert Reisley, Palmer, spoke in favor of the bill, and expressed concern over methods involved in clearing land for moose browse.

Jim Reiss, Palmer, recommended increasing the amount of acreage included in the range.

Mike Pervam, Wasilla, expressed concern over the impact of development on moose habitat.

Tony Lacau, Wasilla, spoke in support of the range.

Craig Olson, Division of Forestry, Department of Natural Resources, supported the concept of a moose range, but suggested including it as part of the State Forest system.

Jim McCracken, Wildlife Biologist, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, testified that this bill would expand the Department's existing moose habitat program.

Noel Woods, Palmer, recommended that the Department of Fish and Game administer the range. He also suggested adding waysides and campsites in the area.

Curtis Johnson, Eagle River, spoke in support of the bill.

A.E. Perry, Wasilla, recommended the Department of Fish and Game and the Department of Natural Resources manage the range.

Andrew Drabeck, Chickaloon, testified in support of the bill.

Ron Sommerville, Alaska Outdoor Council, spoke in support of the bill, preferring to see the Department of Fish and Game as the lead agency.

Mary Geist, Sutton, testified that she would like to see more citizen involvement in the planning and management of the range.

Rita Pfauth, Sutton, testified in support of the bill, urging management control be given to the Department of Fish and Game.

Mike Bronson, Palmer, spoke in support of the bill.

Warren Keogh, Wasilla, urged giving management control to the Department of Fish and Game.

Bob Parkerson, Palmer, spoke in support of the bill.

Jack Didrickson, Biologist, Department of Fish and Game, Palmer, supported the bill and explained how a clearing program could benefit firewood users and create moose browse.

Al Larson, Sutton, spoke in support of the bill, but expressed concern over private lands located within the proposed range. He preferred management control be given to the Department of Fish and Game.

Bob Green, Wasilla, spoke in support of the bill, preferring to see the Department of Fish and Game administer the program.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

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Senate

Committee on Resources

MINUTES

March 19, 1984
3:08 pm

Beltz Room
Room 211, Capitol

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Fahrenkamp, Chairman
Senator Ziegler, Vice Chairman
Senator Eliason
Senator Paul Fischer
Senator Vic Fischer
Senator Mulcahy
Senator Sturgulewski

CALENDAR

SB 202, An Act establishing the Yakataga State Forest.

SB 225, An Act creating the Matanuska Valley Moose Range.

SB 297, An Act establishing the land clearing account in the agricultural revolving loan fund; and providing for an effective date.

SB 298, An Act making a continuing appropriation of repayments of the principal and interest on loans made by the Alaska Agricultural Action Council for land clearing to the land clearing account in the agricultural revolving loan fund; and providing for an effective date.

SB 473, An Act establishing the Alaska Fisheries Council; and providing for an effective date.

SB 479, An Act relating to a forest products business loan guarantee program; and providing for an effective date.

SB 202

Gary Gustafson, Division of Land and Water Management, Department of Natural Resources, explained the Department's proposed amendment that would provide an opportunity to trade up to 3000 acres of land within the proposed Yakataga State Forest to the Seldovia Native Corporation.

Senator Eliason moved to adopt the Committee Substitute and the proposed DNR amendment. There was no objection. He then moved CS SB 202 from committee with individual recommendations, noting Senator Sturgulewski's abstention for possible conflict of interest. There was no objection.

SB 473

Carol Derfner, Special Assistant to the Governor, Boards and Commissions, testified that the Governor did not encourage the creation of another advisory board on fishery issues, and cited the existence of the mini-cabinet on fisheries, the fisheries task force, and many other local, regional, and federal advisory boards and commissions.

Steve Pennoyer, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Fish and Game, testified that there are already 72 advisory committees that advise the Board of Fisheries on policy issues. The department is opposed to this bill.

Greg Baker, Director, Office of Commercial Fisheries Division, Department of Commerce and Economic Development, testified that the Department agrees with the needs outlined in the bill, but feels the Governor's mini-cabinet on fisheries is serving that function.

Phil Daniel, United Fishermen of Alaska, spoke in support of the bill, citing the need for more industry participation in the Governor's mini-cabinet.

SB 479

Milt Barker, Deputy Commissioner, Treasury Division, Department of Revenue, spoke in support of the Committee Substitute that incorporates the changes recommended by the Department.

Senator Ziegler moved CS SB 479 from committee with individual recommendations. There was no objection.

SB 225

Chuck Hawley, owner of coal leases within the proposed Moose Range, asked for assurances that his leases would not be affected by establishment of the Moose Range.

Richard Ramsey, Aide to Senator Kerttula, testified to the loss of moose habitat due to development, and stressed the support of local residents. The existing language in the bill is intended to include coal mining.

Bob Arnold, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, speaking for the Department of Fish and Game also, spoke in general support of the bill, but indicated that the Department's are not agreed on the boundaries and management for the proposal.

Bill Beaty, Chief of Resource Allocation, Division of Land and Water Management, Department of Natural Resources, explained that the proposed area is currently undergoing an extensive planning and public review process as part of the Susitna area plan, and that several issues in the plan remain unresolved.

SB 297

SB 298

Senator Moss, sponsor of the bills, explained that they would provide for a separate land clearing account within the Agricultural Revolving Loan Fund and allow repayment of outstanding clearing loans to the account. He proposed an amendment that would grant a 5 year moratorium on repayment of outstanding clearing loans.

The meeting adjourned at 4:27 pm.

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Senate

Committee on Resources

MINUTES

March 30, 1984
3:55 pm

Beltz Room
Room 211, Capitol

MEMBERS PRESENT

Senator Fahrenkamp, Chairman
Senator Ziegler, Vice Chairman
Senator Paul Fischer
Senator Mulcahy
Senator Sturgulewski

CALENDAR

SB 225, Creating the Matanuska Valley Moose Range.

2dSSSB 45, Establishing an agricultural land sale payment moratorium.

SB 369, An Act relating to the planning, designing, and construction of agriculture and forestry facilities by the Department of Natural Resources.

SCR 42, Relating to sport fishing of salmon and underutilized species.

SB 225

Ned Farquhar, Special Assistant to the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, testified in support of the Committee Substitute, and proposed an amendment that would clarify that coal and mineral entry and development would be allowed within the Range.

Deborah Heidecker, Aide to Senator Kerttula, explained that the Committee Substitute, a result of negotiations with the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Fish and Game, contains specifics on management responsibility, multiple use definitions, and boundaries.

Senator Kerttula explained why the proposed Chickaloon Bench subdivision should remain within the Moose Range and not be disposed.

John Clark, Habitat Division, Department of Fish and Game, spoke in support of the Committee Substitute.

Senator Mulcahy moved to adopt DNR's proposed amendment. There was no objection.

Ron Sommerville, Alaska Outdoor Council, spoke in support of the Committee Substitute.

Jay Nelson, Alaska Environmental Lobby, spoke in support of the Committee Substitute and recommended that a timetable for implementing the management plan be included in the bill.

Senator Sturqulewski moved to adopt the proposed amendment regarding the timetable for a management plan. There was no objection.

Senator Mulcahy moved CS SB 225 from Committee with individual recommendations. There was no objection.

2dSSSB 45

Senator Moss explained that this bill would authorize the Department of Natural Resources to declare a moratorium of up to five years on agricultural land purchase payments if certain conditions are met.

Senator Mulcahy moved 2dSSSB 45 from Committee with individual recommendations. There was no objection.

SB 369

Senator Kerttula reviewed the history of construction cost overruns at the Department of Natural Resources plant materials center. SB 369 would begin to solve those problems by transferring construction responsibilities from the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities to DNR.

Senator Mulcahy moved SB 369 from Committee with individual recommendations. There was no objection.

SCR 42

Phil Daniel, United Fishermen of Alaska (UFA), spoke in support of the resolution, recommending aquaculture as a way of guaranteeing sportfishermen an adequate supply of fish, and resolving user group conflicts.

Ron Sommerville, Alaska Outdoor Council offered no formal position on the bill, but supported enhancement of sportfishing stocks as a way of resolving user group conflicts.

Senator Mulcahy moved SCR 42 from Committee with individual recommendations. There was no objection.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

April 16, 1984

The Honorable John Ringstad
Chairman
House Committee on Resources
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Dear Representative Ringstad:

I am writing about CSSB 225 (Res), creating the Matanuska Valley Moose Range, which passed the Senate last week and will be coming to your Committee for consideration.

The Administration supports the bill as it appears before your Committee. My understanding is that the bill before you excerpts the proposed Chickaloon Bench land disposal, already platted and projected for disposal in fiscal year 1985, from the proposed Moose Range. Please allow me to offer some background on this proposal.

The Chickaloon Bench subdivision is a significant one on the Department's schedule. About 900 acres would be offered in ten to twenty acre recreational lots. With legislative approval, the Department has already spent about \$350,000 on survey and right-of-way acquisition in preparation for this offering. The Department of Fish and Game and other state agencies have approved the proposed offering in the interagency review, and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough has provided conditional approval, dependent on adequate provisions for access corridors. The Borough's concerns, now being addressed by the Department, have caused us to delay the disposal from this year until next year, but we are confident that resolution of the access corridor problem is imminent.

Some local residents are opposed to the disposal because they fear that it would increase the local population and damage habitat. On the other hand, the Administration's position is that the disposal is warranted due to the demand of Alaskans for land in reasonably accessible areas, and that habitat protection is well provided for in the proposed legislation. The bill would protect about 125,000 acres of habitat -- about equal to the total acreage that the Department expects to be able to offer for sale in the entire Susitna planning area in the next twenty years. This protection must be balanced, in the interests of all Alaskans, with other land uses in the upper Matanuska Valley. The

April 15, 1964

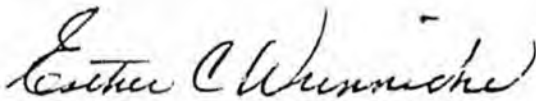
Department's land offerings in the next twenty years, according to our current estimates, will comprise at most 1% of the State's lands in the region. To preclude disposal of already platted lands in such a generally good situation as Chickaloon Bench would be a major mistake.

The bill's sponsor, Senator Kerttula, remains opposed to the land offering and is concerned that it would create demand for a \$12 million bridge across the Chickaloon River for access. The Department's position has been that access on this scale is not appropriate for a recreational subdivision. Instead, we recommend foot and winter mechanized access from the Chickaloon Trail corridor, and expect that road access will eventually be developed from the uplands to the east of the subdivision, if access becomes necessary.

We feel secure that the public's multiple use interests (minerals and forestry) within the Moose Range will be protected. Language added to the bill at the Administration's recommendation will allow coal and mineral entry, leasing, and development. This is particularly important because the Department believes that the area has the best near-term potential for new coal development in Alaska. We anticipate holding a major coal lease sale in the area within the next year. We also have a strong commitment to forest management within the proposed Moose Range, as it provides an important supply of personal use timber and some commercial timber for the upper Matanuska Valley area. In our discussions with the sponsor and the Department of Fish and Game, we have been assured that these important activities will continue if the legislation is passed. As the area will be managed by the Department of Natural Resources, we are satisfied with the bill as written.

Please contact me if you need any further information. I look forward to providing comments at your hearings on the bill.

Sincerely,



Esther C. Wunnicke
Commissioner

cc: Senator Kerttula
Members of the House Resources Committee



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MEMORANDUM

TO: House Committee on Resources
Representative John Ringstad
Representative Dick Shultz
Co-chairmen

FROM: Senator Jay Kerttula
Senate President *Jay*

SUBJECT: SB 225, creating the Matanuska Valley Moose Range

DATE: April 16, 1984

It has come to my attention that a technical error was made by legal staff in the preparation of the CS for SSSB 225 (Resources). This bill, which creates the Matanuska Valley Moose Range, is my priority bill now pending before the House.

The effect of the error would be to exclude the proposed Chickaloon Bench Subdivision Disposal, scheduled by the Department of Natural Resources, from the Moose Range.

This exclusion was neither my intention nor that of the Senate Resources Committee.

There has been considerable discussion on whether to include the proposed disposal in the Moose Range or to let DNR proceed with its disposition. The Resources Committee adopted the CS with the understanding that the Chickaloon Bench area would remain in the Moose Range and the disposal would not be conducted.

Given this error, I would suggest the following amendment:

Page 5, Line 5

Delete: "excluding ASLS 82-221"

Line 7

Delete: "excluding ASLS 02-221"

I apologize for this inconvenience and greatly appreciate your assistance on this matter.

STATE OF ALASKA 1984 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
FISCAL NOTE

Revision Date: 5/1 31/84

REQUEST

Bill/Resolution No.: HCS558225
Title: Matanuska Valley Moose Range
Sponsor: Kerttula
Requestor: Senate Resources
Date of Request: _____

FISCAL DETAIL

Agency Affected: Natural Resources
Program Category Affected: NRMEC
BRU, Program or Subprogram(s) Affected: Land and Water Management

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY 84	FY 85	FY 86	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89
OPERATING						
100 PERSONAL SERVICES		47.4				
200 TRAVEL		.5	.5			
300 CONTRACTUAL		2.0	4.0			
400 SUPPLIES						
500 EQUIPMENT						
600 LAND & STRUCTURES						
700 GRANTS, CLAIMS						
800 MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING		44.9	4.5	-0-	-0-	-0-
CAPITAL		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
REVENUE		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND		49.9	4.5			
FEDERAL FUNDS		-0-				
OTHER		-0-				
TOTAL		49.9	4.5			

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME		1	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
PART-TIME		-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
TEMPORARY		1	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

SOURCE OF FUNDS TO OFFSET FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL:

ANALYSIS: Attach a separate page for analysis

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Division: Commissioners' Office Date: 5/1 31/84

Approved by Commissioner: William D. Arnold, Deputy Date: 5/1 31/84
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