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January 3, 1992

The Honorable Harold Heinze
Alaska Department of Natural Resources
400 Willoughby Avenue
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Commissioner Heinze:

If recent radio news is accurate, we understand that the Wood River Tikchik Park Advisory Council has or will recommend to you that the regulation banning commercial helicopter access to the park, which was not approved by Lt. Governor Coghill, should be reinstated.

Should this be true, the Alaska Air Carriers Association (AACA) strongly urges you to continue to allow helicopter access to the park for sport fishing or other recreational pursuits. As previously indicated, our association feels that a regulation banning helicopter access is neither good public policy nor appropriate under the statute which created the park.

AACA is willing to work with the Division of Parks to avoid real conflicts which jeopardize park resources. We believe that this may be accomplished without a complete closure. If closures are deemed necessary, a statutory change should be sought by the Department.

We would be pleased to discuss this further with you if our concerns are well founded.

Sincerely,

Richard Stern

Richard Stern, President
Alaska Air Carriers Association

FISCAL NOTE

STATE OF ALASKA
1992 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB 415

Revision Date: 3/20/92 Department Affected: Fish and Game
Title: Ban Helicopters in State & Recreation Areas BRU: Habitat
Component: Habitat

Sponsor: Zharoff
Requestor: Senate Resources COMPONENT SERIAL NO.

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Expenditures/Revenues: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 93	FY 94	FY 95	FY 96	FY 97	FY 98
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0	0	0	0	0	0

CAPITAL	0	0	0	0	0	0
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REVENUE FUND SOURCE:	0	0	0	0	0	0
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER FUND SOURCE:						
TOTAL	0	0	0	0	0	0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year impact: No impact on current year.

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary.)

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Division: Habitat Date: March 20, 1992

Approved by Commissioner: [Signature]

Agency: Department of Fish and Game Date: 4/1/92

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