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Ans'd.....

The Honorable Mike Miller
Alaska State Senate
State Capitol; Mail Stop 3100
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RE: Resolution Designating Week Of May 10, 1993 As Public Lands Week In Alaska

Dear Senator Miller:

Members of The Alliance request that you sponsor a resolution in the Alaska Senate that will designate the week of May 10, 1993 as Public Lands Week in Alaska. We have enclosed proposed language for this resolution.

Our request is part of a coordinated effort to honor the week of May 10th as Public Lands Week in 15 Western States and is being led by our associates in the *Western States Public Lands Coalition*, also know as the grassroots organization - *People For The West*. The Alliance has worked with this organization for quite some time on ANWR, as have the Alaska Miners Association on mining issues and other Alaska nonprofit groups on other pro development issues. The Alliance absolutely supports their stated goals and hope that passage of this resolution in Alaska will help to educate President Clinton and his Administration's key decision makers about the need to use public lands in the West for private sector job creation. *People For The West*'s goals are as follows:

1. To Support the continued management of public lands for multiple use including agriculture, livestock grazing, mining, oil and gas production, recreation, timber and water development activities.
2. To provide a balance of environmental responsibility and economic benefit for all Americans.
3. To build community grassroots chapters to communicate the need and importance of continued multiple use of public lands to elected and appointed decision makers.
4. To foster an awareness of federal, state and local issues specific to public lands that confront communities, individuals, natural resource and related industries and local governments.

People for the West is coordinating rallies and meetings in many Western States during the week of May 10th. The Alliance and other Alaskan nonprofit organizations will work with *People for the West* to appropriately recognize Public Lands Week in Alaska. We will keep you and other government officials informed of our activities so that you can be a part of the effort. We believe it will be a great opportunity to position ANWR's importance to United States' job creation with other public lands issues, i.e. the devastating affect 12 1/2% mining royalties will have on Alaska jobs, without making ANWR the focal point of the debate.

We will greatly appreciate your support and timely sponsorship of this effort. Please let us know what other information or assistance you may need.

Sincerely yours,

William F. Webb
General Manager

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In Support Of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 5 by Senator Mike Miller and House Concurrent Resolution No. 18 by Representative Joe Green

Whereas the citizens of Alaska recognize the many contributions that federally-owned public land, whose magnificence and vastness comprise more than two-thirds of the state, have made to the heritage and well-being of all citizens; and

Federal public lands in Alaska total over 214 millions of acres and include some of the world's most spectacular scenic wonders. Millions of acres are devoted to national parks, preserves, refuges, forests and monuments. Enjoyment and use of these magnificent lands form the history and current economic base of Alaska's people.

Whereas this public land, which is open to all United States citizens, is an immensely valuable asset not only to the nation but to Alaska as well, contributing a vast spectrum of wealth to our society that benefits all citizens; and

Federally-owned public lands in Alaska produce substantial quantities of natural resources for the well being of our nation's economy. In 1990 public lands produced in Alaska about 944,600 thousands of board feet of timber as well as substantial quantities of industrial minerals (sand, gravel and building stone) and other minerals (gold, silver, zinc, lead, mercury, antimony, platinum, tin, tungsten, jade, soapstone, coal and peat).

Whereas the citizens of Alaska recognize the abundance of economic, recreational, and social advantages they enjoy because of the very presence of this land; and

Most Alaska residents have adapted their business, family and recreational activities to take advantage, directly or indirectly, of federally-owned public lands. Multiple use of public lands for the betterment of all is not a new trend in Alaska; it is our heritage and our hope for the future.

Whereas the citizens of Alaska also recognize the many contributions the use of public land has made not only to the state's rural communities, whose livelihoods often depend upon that use, but to all of Alaska's citizens as well, and

No segment of Alaska's population disproportionately uses public lands; urban as well as rural communities benefit from and depend on daily use of our federally-owned public lands.

Whereas the Alaska State Legislature recognizes particularly the contribution that public land has made to Alaska's fishing, mining, timber, oil and gas, and recreation industries, contributing substantially to state's economy by creating jobs for the working people of the state; and

Alaska's private sector economy is dominated by these industries; all of whom depend on access and use of federally-owned public lands for much of their activities.

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— BACKGROUND & SUPPORTING INFORMATION —

Whereas the citizens of Alaska acknowledge the need of the United States to sustain the many uses of federally-owned land while requiring a balance between those activities and the conservation of this Invaluable resource;

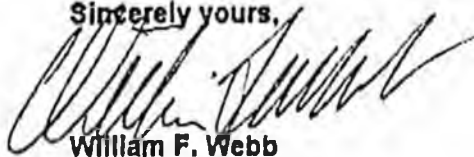
It is most important that the federal bureaucrats who have jurisdiction over these most important federally-owned public lands in Alaska recognize that our past, our present and our future depend on multiple use of these lands. Denial of access or use of Alaska's public lands by our citizens will result in major and negative changes in the lifestyle of most Alaska citizens.

***BE IT RESOLVED** by the Alaska State Legislature that to commemorate the many benefits the state's citizens derive from the use and enjoyment of the federally-owned public land of the state, it here by declares the week of May 9 - 15, 1993, to be Federal Public Land Week in Alaska.*

This week will be used by several state and national nonprofit organizations to focus attention of federal officials and the public on the important role that use of public lands in the Western states plays in the lives of the citizens of Western states; especially Alaska, by providing economic and recreational opportunities.

The members of the Alaska Support Industry Alliance request your support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6 and House Concurrent Resolution No. 18 naming May 9 - 15 Federal Public Land Week in Alaska.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'William F. Webb', written over a light background.

**William F. Webb
General Manager**

Alaska State Legislature

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SPONSOR STATEMENT

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 5 FEDERAL PUBLIC LAND WEEK

SCR 5 would declare the week of May 9-15, 1993 as Federal Public Land Week in Alaska.

Passage of the resolution would become part of a grass roots effort by *People For The West* in 15 western states to help encourage the use of public lands for private sector job creation.

SCR 5 focuses on the importance of the multiple use management concept and highlights the benefits that public land use have provided to a number of economic industries in Alaska.

It is anticipated that strong support and recognition of public land opportunities by a number of the western states will demonstrate to the Clinton Administration the need for continued responsible land management and use for the development of private sector employment.

I would appreciate your support for Senate Concurrent Resolution 5.