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Sponsor Statement **SB 65 Jonesville Public Use Area**

The community of Sutton is home to the incredible "coal hills" which provides Alaskans with a variety of outdoor recreational opportunities. Due to the lack of defined activities zones, the area has become dangerous for both users and residents. Unfortunately, the Sutton/Jonesville area is commonly referred to as the Wild West.

The recreational area has become a serious public safety issue due to a multitude of issues from litter, to drugs, to abandoned burned and shot-up vehicles, to the unsafe discharge of firearms across hiking trails and homes, and the fatal shooting of a photographer. Recognizing that it is difficult for the Mat-Su Borough's 36 officers to adequately patrol the equivalent of West Virginia, a public use area is needed to help improve public safety at this beautiful recreational site.

SB 65 would establish the Jonesville Public Use Area to protect, maintain, enhance, and perpetuate the current use of the area for:

- year-round general public recreation,
- protecting and maintaining habitats for fish and wildlife,
- use of off-road vehicles,
- access for miners and owners of private property, and
- other activities as designated by the commissioner of DNR.

The Jonesville Public Use Area would increase public safety while preserving the recreational site for use by all Alaskans.

I respectfully request your support for SB 65.

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Sectional Analysis SB 65 Jonesville Public Use Area

Section 1 -

- Sec. 41.23.280 – establishes the purpose of the public use area
- Sec. 41.23.282 –
 - Provides for management of the surface and subsurface estate to be managed by DNR and the fish and wildlife to be managed by Fish and Game.
 - Clarifies that the public use area is not part of the state park system
 - Directs DNR to identify and protect wetlands within the boundaries
- Sec. 41.23.284 – provides for the type of uses that may and may not be prohibited
- Sec. 41.23.286 – defines the boundaries of the public use area
- Sec. 41.23.288 – describes who has enforcement authority for violations committed
- Sec. 41.23.289 – states that the penalty is a violation as defined in AS 11.81.900 and requires the supreme court to create a bail schedule for those violations

Section 2 -

- Uncodified law - directs the supreme court to create a bail schedule within 90 days after the management plan is adopted

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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 65(RES)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATOR DUNLEAVY

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act establishing the Jonesville Public Use Area."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 *** Section 1.** AS 41.23 is amended by adding new sections to read:

4 **Sec. 41.23.280. Purpose of AS 41.23.280 - 41.23.289.** The purpose of
5 AS 41.23.280 - 41.23.289 is to protect, maintain, enhance, and perpetuate the present
6 use of the area described in AS 41.23.286 as the Jonesville Public Use Area. The
7 Jonesville Public Use Area is established to

8 (1) protect, maintain, perpetuate, and enhance year-round general
9 public recreation;

10 (2) protect and maintain fish and wildlife habitat so that the public may
11 continue to enjoy traditional uses of the Jonesville Public Use Area;

12 (3) provide opportunities for the public to enjoy the area through a full
13 spectrum of public uses, including the maintenance and enhancement of off-road
14 vehicle and nonmotorized recreational opportunities for the public; and

15 (4) allow

- 1 (A) continued mineral exploration and development activities;
2 (B) motorized access to private property, including property in
3 which a person has a subsurface right, in the Jonesville Public Use Area; and
4 (C) additional public uses of the area determined by the
5 commissioner to be compatible with this section.

6 **Sec. 41.23.282. Management.** (a) The commissioner is responsible for the
7 management of the surface and subsurface estate of the Jonesville Public Use Area
8 consistent with the purposes of AS 41.23.280. After adequate public hearings, the
9 commissioner may designate incompatible uses and shall adopt and may revise a
10 management plan for the Jonesville Public Use Area to the extent workload permits.
11 The management plan must include provisions for the enforcement of the plan and
12 compliance with the requirements of the plan. The commissioner shall consult with the
13 Department of Fish and Game in the adoption and revision of the management plan.

14 (b) The commissioner of fish and game, the Board of Fisheries, and the Board
15 of Game are responsible for the management of fish and game resources and the
16 public use of fish and wildlife in the Jonesville Public Use Area consistent with the
17 purposes of AS 41.23.280.

18 (c) The Jonesville Public Use Area may not be managed as a unit of the state
19 park system.

20 (d) The state may not acquire by eminent domain privately owned land within
21 the boundaries described in AS 41.23.286 for inclusion in the Jonesville Public Use
22 Area. However, the state may acquire privately owned land located within the
23 boundaries described in AS 41.23.286 by purchase, exchange, or otherwise for
24 inclusion in the Jonesville Public Use Area.

25 **Sec. 41.23.284. Incompatible uses.** (a) Except as provided in this section, the
26 commissioner may prohibit or restrict uses determined to be incompatible with the
27 purposes of the Jonesville Public Use Area under AS 41.23.280 within the state-
28 owned land and water described in AS 41.23.286.

29 (b) Nothing in AS 41.23.280 - 41.23.289 prohibits the Department of Fish and
30 Game from engaging in rehabilitation, enhancement, and development of fish and
31 wildlife habitat within an area described in AS 41.23.286 that is consistent with the

1 purposes stated in AS 41.21.280.

2 (c) The commissioner may not restrict

3 (1) lawful fishing, hunting, or trapping rights allowed under a
4 regulation of the Board of Fisheries or the Board of Game within the Jonesville Public
5 Use Area;

6 (2) the use of weapons, including firearms, in the Jonesville Public Use
7 Area, except in locations where the commissioner determines that the use of weapons
8 constitutes a threat to public safety; or

9 (3) lawful mineral exploration and development activities within the
10 Jonesville Public Use Area.

11 (d) The commissioner shall

12 (1) allow the Jonesville Public Use Area to be used for activities that

13 (A) are compatible with the reasons for establishing the public
14 use area in AS 41.23.280; and

15 (B) include all-terrain vehicles, aircraft, watercraft,
16 snowmachining, horseback riding, hiking, bicycling, dog sledding, cross-
17 country skiing, ski-joring, camping, hunting, fishing, trapping, wildlife viewing,
18 photography, and, where permitted, rifle and pistol ranges, parking of vehicles,
19 and mineral exploration and mining; and

20 (2) recognize the existing off-road motor vehicle trails and the access
21 those trails provide within the Jonesville Public Use Area, make accommodations that
22 will provide the shortest possible route to avoid critical habitat, conduct trail
23 rehabilitation in a way that minimizes damage, maintain and enhance off-road motor
24 vehicle options and opportunities in the Jonesville Public Use Area, and provide for
25 responsible use of the public use area.

26 (e) The commissioner of public safety and the commissioner of fish and game
27 shall have necessary access to the Jonesville Public Use Area for fish and game
28 management, research, and enforcement purposes.

29 (f) If the commissioner determines that a use is incompatible with one or more
30 other uses in a portion of the Jonesville Public Use Area, the commissioner shall state
31 in the management plan adopted or revised under AS 41.23.282

- 1 (1) each determination of incompatibility;
- 2 (2) the specific area where the incompatibility is determined to exist;
- 3 (3) the time within which the incompatibility is determined to exist;
- 4 and
- 5 (4) the reasons for the determination of incompatibility.

6 **Sec. 41.23.286. Jonesville Public Use Area.** Subject to valid existing rights,
 7 the vacant and unappropriated state-owned land and water and the state land and water
 8 acquired in the future that lie within the following boundaries described in this section
 9 are designated as the Jonesville Public Use Area, are reserved for all uses compatible
 10 with their primary function as public use land, and are assigned to the department for
 11 control and management:

- 12 (1) Township 19 North, Range 2 East, Seward Meridian
 - 13 Section 1: That portion easterly of Moose Creek
 - 14 Section 12: That portion of N1/2, N1/2SW1/4, and N1/2SE1/4
 - 15 easterly of Moose Creek
 - 16 Section 13: NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4, and S1/2
 - 17 Section 24: All;
- 18 (2) Township 19 North, Range 3 East, Seward Meridian
 - 19 Section 2: All
 - 20 Section 3: All
 - 21 Section 4: All
 - 22 Section 5: All
 - 23 Section 6: All
 - 24 Section 7: All
 - 25 Section 8: All
 - 26 Section 9: All
 - 27 Section 10: All
 - 28 Section 11: All
 - 29 Section 14: NE1/4
 - 30 Section 15: N1/2NE1/4 and the North 960 feet of the East 1,815
 - 31 feet of the NW1/4 for each Record of Survey filed as 86-85RS

1 P.R.D.

2 Section 16: All

3 Section 17: All

4 Section 18: All

5 Section 19: NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4, NE1/4SW1/4, NW1/4SE1/4,
6 and Government Lots 1, 2, and 4

7 Section 20: N1/2NE1/4, N1/2NW1/4, and SW1/4NW1/4;

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

9 Section 36: That portion easterly of Moose Creek;

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

11 Section 31: All

12 Section 32: All

13 Section 33: All

14 Section 34: All

15 Section 35: All.

16 **Sec. 41.23.288. Enforcement authority.** (a) In the Jonesville Public Use Area
17 described in AS 41.23.286, the following persons are peace officers of the state for the
18 purpose of enforcing the provisions of AS 41.23.280 - 41.23.289 and regulations
19 adopted under AS 41.23.280 - 41.23.289:

20 (1) an employee of the department or another person authorized by the
21 commissioner;

22 (2) a peace officer, as that term is defined in AS 01.10.060.

23 (b) A person designated in (a) of this section may, when enforcing the
24 provisions of AS 41.23.280 - 41.23.289 or a regulation adopted under AS 41.23.280 -
25 41.23.289,

26 (1) execute a warrant or other process issued by an officer or court of
27 competent jurisdiction;

28 (2) administer or take an oath, affirmation, or affidavit; and

29 (3) issue a citation or arrest a person who violates a provision of
30 AS 41.23.280 - 41.23.289 or a regulation adopted under AS 41.23.280 - 41.23.289.

31 (c) A citation issued under (b) of this section must comply with the provisions

1 of AS 12.25.175 - 12.25.230.

2 **Sec. 41.23.289. Penalty.** (a) A person who violates a provision of, or
3 regulation adopted under, AS 41.23.280 - 41.23.289 is guilty of a violation as defined
4 in AS 11.81.900.

5 (b) The supreme court shall establish by order or rule a schedule of bail
6 amounts for violations under (a) of this section that allow the disposition of a citation
7 without a court appearance.

8 * **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
9 read:

10 **TRANSITION: SCHEDULE OF BAIL AMOUNTS.** Notwithstanding
11 AS 41.23.289(b), enacted by sec. 1 of this Act, the supreme court is not obligated to establish
12 a schedule of bail amounts for violations of AS 41.23.289(a), enacted by sec. 1 of this Act,
13 that allow the disposition of a citation without a court appearance until 90 days after the date
14 that the

15 (1) regulations adopted by the Department of Natural Resources to implement
16 this Act take effect; and

17 (2) Department of Natural Resources submits to the supreme court a draft
18 schedule of bail amounts for violations.



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CS SENATE BILL 65 VERSION R

CORRECTED EXPLANATION OF CHANGES FROM VERGION J TO

VERSION R

1. Page 1, Lines 10-12: Simplifies and clarifies language stating protecting fish and wildlife habitat will ensure the continued recreational use of the area.
2. Page 2, Line 10: Adds the words "*to the extent workload permits*" to protect the state against any potential action regarding timely creation and implementation of a management plan.
3. Page 2: Removes language in previous version (Page 2, Lines 15-16) preventing the Department of Natural Resources from selling surface estate within the proposed use area.
4. Page 2: Removes language from previous version (Page 2, Lines 23-25) requiring the Department of Natural Resources to identify wetlands within the proposed use area.
5. Page 2, Line 20-24: Clarifies language stating that the state cannot exercise eminent domain to add private land for placement into the proposed use area. Specifically clarifies that any privately owned parcels within the proposed area are protected from eminent domain for inclusion.
6. Page 6, Lines 8-18: Restructures Section 2. to conform to the current process for adoption of a bail schedule. Removes language from the previous version that unintentionally would have placed the Alaska Supreme Court out of compliance with the adoption of a bail schedule.

Title 11 Natural Resources
Part 6 Lands
Chapter 96 Miscellaneous Land Use
Article 1 Provisions for General Land Use Activity

11 AAC 96.016. Designated public use areas

(a) This section addresses management of sites and areas of state land, or interests in land, that have been designated under AS 41.23 as public use areas. Unless otherwise provided in (b) of this section, special requirements applicable to designated public use areas are in addition to requirements applicable to state land under AS 38, AS 41.23, and this title.

(b) Within areas designated under AS 41.23 as public use areas,

(1) a permit or other written authorization is required for an activity listed in 11 AAC 96.010;

(2) commercial recreation uses and activities involving generally allowed uses under 11 AAC 96.020 are subject to registration under 11 AAC 96.018;

(3) unless otherwise prohibited in (c) of this section, the land uses and activities listed in 11 AAC 96.020, alone or in combination, are generally allowed uses without any permit or other written authorization from the department, except that a land use or activity for a commercial recreation purpose requires prior registration under 11 AAC 96.018; and

(4) a person may not engage in the commercial harvest of non-timber forest products without a permit under 11 AAC 96.035.

(c) Within the Knik River public use area as described in AS 41.23.230,

(1) a person may not leave a vehicle unattended for more than 72 hours;

(2) a person may not transport a non-functional vehicle into the area;

(3) a person may not operate a vehicle in excess of 10,000 pounds curb weight for private or commercial activity without prior written authorization from the department;

(4) a person may not operate a vehicle in a manner that results in disturbance of wetlands or the organic mat to a depth greater than six inches without prior written authorization from the department; in this paragraph,

(A) "organic mat" has the meaning given in 11 AAC 95.900;

(B) "wetlands" means those environments characterized by rooted vegetation that is partially submerged either continuously or periodically by surface freshwater with less than 0.5 parts per thousand salt content and not exceeding three meters in depth;

(5) an open fire is subject to the requirements of 11 AAC 95.410 and 11 AAC 95.450; a person may not have an open fire larger than four feet in diameter except on open and non-vegetated areas at least 100 feet from forested land without prior written authorization from the department;

(6) a person may not burn or cause to burn a wooden pallet, a vehicle, a structure, household or commercial refuse, construction debris, or non-naturally occurring materials;

(7) a person may not place, dump, or discard waste or refuse;

(8) a person may not place, dump, discard, or release hazardous substances, including those contained within appliances, batteries, automotive fluids, and electronic devices; in this paragraph, "hazardous substance" has the meaning given in AS 46.03.826 ;

(9) a person may not construct or maintain a structure other than a temporary structure authorized under this chapter, and may not abandon a structure;

(10) a person may not cut, collect, or harvest a dead standing or live tree without prior written authorization from the department; in this paragraph, "tree" means a woody perennial plant with a single, well-defined stem, a definite crown shape, and a diameter at breast height of five inches or greater;

(11) subject to 11 AAC 96.020(a) (5)(E), a person may not erect a camp, structure, or facility, whether occupied or unoccupied, for more than 14 consecutive days for private personal use without prior written authorization from the department, and must move the camp, structure, or facility and all equipment at least two miles away at the end of the 14-day period; a person may not relocate a camp, structure, or facility to a site within two miles of the initial site for at least 96 consecutive hours;

(12) a person may not, without prior written authorization from the department, discharge a firearm for purposes of target practice at a

(A) target other than one made from wood, paper, clay, or like material; or

(B) tree or other plant, whether live or dead, or at a target affixed to or placed on a tree or other plant;

(13) a person may not discharge a firework;

(14) except for the purposes of lawful hunting or trapping, a person may not discharge a firearm on or within the following without prior written authorization of the department:

(A) within one-quarter mile of the Maude Road extension, Old Glenn Highway, Knik River Road, or the Rippy Trail, as depicted on the department's map entitled *Recreational Shooting Restrictions within the KRPUA & Knik River SUA*, dated June 30, 2008 and adopted by reference;

(B) within one-quarter mile of the Knik Glacier Trail (RST 17) or the line of ordinary high water of the Knik River west of the north-south township line between Township 16 North, Range 3 East and Township 16 North, Range 4 East, Seward Meridian that corresponds to 148 degrees, 49 minutes, 8.59 seconds west longitude, as depicted on the map entitled *Recreational Shooting Restrictions within the KRPUA & Knik River SUA*, adopted by reference in (A) of this paragraph;

(C) on the bed of the Knik River west of the north-south township line between Township 16 North, Range 3 East and Township 16 North, Range 4 East, Seward Meridian that corresponds to 148 degrees, 49 minutes, 8.59 seconds west longitude, as depicted on the map entitled *Recreational Shooting Restrictions within the KRPUA & Knik River SUA*, adopted by reference in (A) of this paragraph; in this subparagraph, "bed" means the area within the lines of ordinary high water on each side of the water body;

(D) within one-quarter mile of a developed facility, unless the developed facility is specifically designated for the discharge of firearms;

(15) except for the purposes of lawful hunting, fishing, and trapping, a person may not repeatedly approach fish or wildlife in a manner that results in the animal altering its behavior;

(16) a person may not construct, develop, improve, widen, brush, or otherwise create a road or trail without prior written authorization from the department; and

(17) a person may not damage, deface, destroy, or remove public property, or property leased or rented by the department or local government.

(d) Within the Knik River public use area as described in AS 41.23.230, a person who fails to obtain or comply with the terms, conditions, or limitations of a permit required under (b)(1) or (4) of this section or registration required under (b)(2) of this section, or who engages in a use or activity prohibited under (c) of this section is subject to citation and penalty under AS 41.23.220.

History: Eff. 11/9/2008, Register 188; am 12/27/2012, Register 204

Authority: AS 38.04.200

AS 38.05.020

AS 38.05.035

AS 38.05.300

AS 38.05.850

AS 41.23.020

AS 41.23.030

AS 41.23.060

AS 41.23.070

AS 41.23.110

AS 41.23.120

AS 41.23.150

AS 41.23.160

AS 41.23.190

AS 41.23.200

AS 41.23.210

AS 41.23.220

11 AAC 96.018. Uses requiring registration

(a) Entry will be permitted under 11 AAC 96.020 as a generally allowed use for commercial recreation purposes on a day-use basis with no camp or facility, whether occupied or unoccupied, that remains overnight, and including landing commercial recreation clients on state land by aircraft or watercraft other than at an airport or harbor managed by a municipality or by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, if the operator complies with the following requirements:

(1) registering with the department before the use each calendar year;

(2) providing information required by the department, including the name of the business, type of activity, geographic area, number of clients served, number of visitor days, number of days in operation, and means of access to and from the area; and

(3) paying a registration fee as required by 11 AAC 05.010(a).

(b) Registering a use of state land

(1) is not a disposal of an interest in land; and

(2) does not grant a preference right to a lease or other disposal.

History: Eff. 12/7/2002, Register 164

Authority: AS 38.05.020

AS 38.05.035

AS 38.05.850

11 AAC 96.020. Generally allowed uses

(a) A permit or other written authorization is required for uses and activities not appearing on the list in this subsection. Unless otherwise provided in (b) of this section, in a special use land requirement in 11 AAC 96.014, or in a public use area land requirement under 11 AAC 96.016, the following land uses and activities, alone or in combination, are generally allowed uses on state-owned public domain land without any permit or other written authorization from the department, except that a land use or activity for a commercial recreation purpose requires prior registration under 11 AAC 96.018:

(1) travel or travel-related activities, as follows:

(A) hiking, backpacking, skiing, climbing, or other foot travel;

(B) bicycling;

(C) travel by horse or dogsled or with pack animals;

(D) using a highway vehicle with a curb weight of up to 10,000 pounds, including a pickup truck and four-wheel-drive vehicle, on or off an established road easement, if the use off the road easement does not cause or contribute to water quality degradation, alteration of drainage systems, significant rutting, ground disturbance, or thermal erosion;

(E) using a recreational-type off-road or all-terrain vehicle with a curb weight of up to 1,500 pounds, including a snowmobile and four-wheeler, on or off an established road easement if use off the road easement does not cause or contribute to water quality degradation, alteration of drainage systems, significant rutting, ground disturbance, or thermal erosion;

(F) landing an aircraft or using watercraft without damaging the land, including shoreland, tideland, and submerged land;

(G) driving livestock, including any number of reindeer or up to 100 horses, cattle, or other domesticated animals;

(2) access improvements, as follows:

(A) brushing or cutting a trail less than five feet wide using only hand-held tools such as a chainsaw; making a trail does not create a property right or interest in the trail;

(B) anchoring a mooring buoy in a lake, river, or marine waters, or placing a float, dock, boat haulout, floating breakwater, or boathouse in a lake, river, or marine waters, for the personal, noncommercial use of the upland owner, if the use does not interfere with public access or another public use, and if the improvement is placed within the projected sidelines of the contiguous upland owners parcel or otherwise has the consent of the affected upland owner; in this subparagraph,

(i) "float" or "dock" means an open structure without walls or roof that is designed and used for access to and from the water rather than for storage, residential use, or other purposes;

(ii) "boat haulout" means either a rail system, at ground level or elevated with pilings, or a line attached from the uplands to an anchor or mooring buoy;

(iii) "floating breakwater" means a structure, including a log bundle, designed to dissipate wave or swell action;

(iv) "boathouse" means a structure designed and used to protect a boat from the weather rather than for other storage, residential use, or other purposes;

(3) removing or using state resources, as follows:

(A) hunting, fishing, or trapping, or placement of a crab pot, shrimp pot, herring pound, or fish wheel; nothing in this subparagraph relieves a person from complying with applicable state and federal statutes and regulations on the taking of fish and game;

(B) harvesting wild plants, mushrooms, berries, and other plant material for personal, noncommercial use; however, the cutting of trees is not a generally allowed use under this subparagraph;

(C) using dead and down wood for a cooking or warming fire, unless the department has closed the area to fires during the fire season;

(D) grazing no more than five domesticated animals;

(E) recreational gold panning;

(F) hard-rock mineral prospecting or mining using light portable field equipment, including a hand-operated pick, shovel, pan, earth auger, or a backpack power drill or auger;

(G) suction dredging using a suction dredge with a nozzle intake of six inches or less, powered by an engine of 18 horsepower or less, and pumping no more than 30,000 gallons of water per day;

(4) other improvements and structures on state land, as follows:

(A) setting up and using a camp for personal, noncommercial recreational purposes, or for any non-recreational purpose, including as a support camp during mineral exploration, for no more than 14 days at one site, using a tent platform or other temporary structure that can readily be dismantled and removed, or a floathouse that can readily be moved; the entire camp must be moved at least two miles before the end of the 14-day period; a cabin or other permanent improvement is not allowed, even if on skids or another nonpermanent foundation; the camp must be removed immediately if the department determines that it interferes with public access or other public uses or interests;

(B) brushing or cutting a survey line less than five feet wide using only hand-held tools, including a chainsaw, or setting a survey marker; however, a survey monument may not be set without written survey instructions issued under 11 AAC 53;

(C) placing a residential sewer outfall into marine waters from a contiguous privately owned upland parcel, with the consent of the affected parcel owners, if the outfall is within the projected sidelines of the contiguous upland parcel and

is buried to the extent possible or, where it crosses bedrock, secured and covered with rocks to prevent damage; nothing in this subparagraph relieves a person from complying with state and federal statutes and regulations applicable to residential sewer outfalls;

(D) placing riprap or other suitable bank stabilization material to prevent erosion of a contiguous privately owned upland parcel if

(i) no more than one cubic yard of material per running foot is placed onto state shoreland; and

(ii) the project is otherwise within the scope of the United States Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit 13 (Bank Stabilization), as set out in 67 Fed. Reg. 2,020 - 2,095, dated January 15, 2002 and adopted by reference;

(5) uses not listed in (1) - (4) of this subsection that

(A) are not conducted for a commercial recreational purpose;

(B) are not listed in 11 AAC 96.010;

(C) do not cause or contribute to significant disturbance of vegetation, drainage, or soil stability;

(D) do not interfere with public access or other public uses or interests; and

(E) do not continue for more than 14 consecutive days at any site; moving the use to another site at least two miles away starts a new 14-day period.

(b) The list of generally allowed uses in (a) of this section does not

(1) apply to land withdrawn from the public domain and no longer managed under AS 38, including a state park and land owned by the University of Alaska;

(2) exempt a user from complying with other applicable federal, state, or municipal statutes, ordinances, and regulations; or

(3) authorize a use if another person has already acquired an exclusive property right to undertake that use.

(c) In order to operate under a generally allowed use listed in this section, the user must comply with the conditions set out in 11 AAC 96.025.

(d) If the department determines that, under the circumstances of a particular case, an otherwise generally allowed use interferes with public access or other public uses or interests, the use must cease.

History: Eff. 1/1/70, Register 31; am 12/7/2002, Register 164; am 11/9/2008, Register 188

Authority: AS 38.05.020

AS 38.05.035

AS 38.05.850

Editor's note: As of Register 208 (January 2014), the regulations attorney made a technical revision under AS 44.62.125 (b)(6), to the history note of 11 AAC 96.020, to reflect the actual register number 31.

11 AAC 96.025. Conditions for generally allowed uses

A generally allowed use listed in 11 AAC 96.020 is subject to the following conditions:

- (1) activities employing wheeled or tracked vehicles must be conducted in a manner that minimizes surface damage;
- (2) vehicles must use existing roads and trails whenever possible;
- (3) activities must be conducted in a manner that minimizes
 - (A) disturbance of vegetation, soil stability, or drainage systems;
 - (B) changing the character of, polluting, or introducing silt and sediment into streams, lakes, ponds, water holes, seeps, and marshes; and
 - (C) disturbance of fish and wildlife resources;
- (4) cuts, fills, and other activities causing a disturbance listed in (3)(A) - (C) of this section must be repaired immediately, and corrective action must be undertaken as may be required by the department;
- (5) trails and campsites must be kept clean; garbage and foreign debris must be removed; combustibles may be burned on site unless the department has closed the area to fires during the fire season;
- (6) survey monuments, witness corners, reference monuments, mining location posts, homestead entry corner posts, and bearing trees must be protected against destruction, obliteration, and damage; any damaged or obliterated markers must be reestablished as required by the department under [AS 34.65.020](#) and [AS 34.65.040](#) ;
- (7) every reasonable effort must be made to prevent, control, and suppress any fire in the operating area; uncontrolled fires must be immediately reported;
- (8) holes, pits, and excavations must be repaired as soon as possible; holes, pits, and excavations necessary to verify discovery on prospecting sites, mining claims, or mining leasehold locations may be left open but must be maintained in a manner that protects public safety;
- (9) on lands subject to a mineral or land estate property interest, entry by a person other than the holder of a property interest, or the holder's authorized representative, must be made in a manner that prevents unnecessary or unreasonable interference with the rights of the holder of the property interest.

History: Eff. 12/7/2002, Register 164

Authority: [AS 38.05.020](#)

[AS 38.05.035](#)

[AS 38.05.130](#)

[AS 38.05.131](#)

[AS 38.05.133](#)

[AS 38.05.850](#)

11 AAC 96.030. Application

(a) An application for a permit under 11 AAC [96.010](#) must be accompanied by the nonrefundable application fee required by 11 AAC [05.010\(a\)](#). The application must contain the following information in sufficient detail to allow evaluation of the planned activities' effect on the land:

(1) except if the application is for a limited non-timber forest product commercial harvest permit, a map at a sufficient scale showing the general location of all activities and routes of travel of all equipment for which a permit is required;

(2) a description of the proposed activity, any associated structures, and the type of equipment that will be used.

(b) Repealed 8/6/94.

(c) The department will give notice to an upland owner of an application involving shoreland, tideland, or submerged land adjacent to the upland owner's property. The department may give public notice of any application. As part of public notice, the department may include publication in a newspaper of local or statewide circulation or on the Alaska Online Public Notice System developed under AS 44.62.175. The applicant must pay any advertising costs for a published public notice.

History: Eff. 1/1/70, Register 31; am 8/6/94, Register 131; am 12/7/2002, Register 164; am 8/31/2008, Register 187

Authority: AS 38.05.020

AS 38.05.035

AS 38.05.850

Editor's note: As of Register 208 (January 2014), the regulations attorney made a technical revision under AS 44.62.125 (b)(6), to the history note of 11 AAC 96.030, to reflect the actual register number 31.

Alaska Statutes 41.23.180 – 41.23.230
Establishing the Knik River Public Use Area,
Authorizing a Management Plan,
Providing for Enforcement Authority, Regulations and Penalties

Sec. 41.23.180. Purpose of AS 41.23.180 - 41.23.230.

The purpose of AS 41.23.180 - 41.23.230 is to establish the area described in AS 41.23.230 as the Knik River Public Use Area. The Knik River Public Use Area is established to

(1) perpetuate and enhance

(A) general public recreation;

(B) public enjoyment of fish and wildlife;

(2) protect and maintain migratory waterfowl nesting areas; habitats for moose, Dall sheep, and brown bear; and other fish and wildlife habitat so that traditional public use of fish and wildlife populations may continue;

(3) provide an area for the public to enjoy the full spectrum of public uses, including maintenance and enhancement of off-road motorized vehicle and nonmotorized recreational opportunities;

(4) allow

(A) continued motorized access for miners and owners of private property in the Knik River Public Use Area; and

(B) additional public uses of the area determined by the commissioner to be compatible with this section.

Sec. 41.23.190. Management.

(a) The commissioner is responsible for the management of the land and mineral estate within the Knik River Public Use Area consistent with the purposes of AS 41.23.180. After adequate public hearings, the commissioner may designate incompatible uses and shall adopt and may revise a management plan for the Knik River Public Use Area. The management plan must include provisions for the enforcement of the plan and compliance with the requirements of the plan.

(b) The commissioner of fish and game, the Board of Fisheries, and the Board of Game are responsible for the management of fish and game resources and public use of fish and wildlife in the Knik River Public Use Area consistent with the purposes of AS 41.23.180.

(c) The Knik River Public Use Area may not be managed as a unit of the state park system.

(d) The commissioner shall identify wetland areas within the Knik River Public Use Area and provide for the protection and use of the wetland areas in the management plan.

Sec. 41.23.200. Incompatible uses.

(a) Except as provided in this section, the commissioner may prohibit or restrict uses determined to be incompatible with the purposes of the Knik River Public Use Area under AS 41.23.180, within the state-owned land and water described in AS 41.23.230.

(b) Nothing in AS 41.23.180 - 41.23.230 prohibits the Department of Fish and Game from engaging in rehabilitation, enhancement, and development of fish and wildlife habitat within an area described in AS 41.23.230 that is consistent with the purposes stated in AS 41.23.180.

(c) The commissioner may not restrict

(1) lawful fishing, hunting, or trapping rights allowed under a regulation of the Board of Fisheries or the Board of Game in the Knik River Public Use Area; or

(2) the use of weapons, including firearms, in the Knik River Public Use Area except in locations where the commissioner determines that the use of weapons constitutes a threat to public safety.

(d) The commissioner shall

(1) allow the Knik River Public Use Area to be used for activities that are compatible with the reasons for establishing the public use area in AS 41.23.180 and include all-terrain vehicles, aircraft, watercraft, airboats, snowmobiling, horseback riding, hiking, bicycling, dog sledding, cross-country skiing, skijoring, camping, hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, photography, and, where permitted, mineral exploration and mining; and

(2) recognize the existing off-road motor vehicle trails and the access those trails provide to areas in the Knik River Public Use Area, make accommodations that will provide the shortest possible route to avoid critical habitat, conduct trail rehabilitation in a way that minimizes damage, maintain and enhance off-road motor vehicle options and opportunities in the Knik River Public Use Area, and provide for increased use of the public use area.

(e) The commissioner of public safety and the commissioner of fish and game shall have necessary access for fish and game management, research, and enforcement purposes.

Sec. 41.23.210. Enforcement authority.

(a) In the Knik River Public Use Area described in AS 41.23.230, the following persons are peace officers of the state for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of AS 41.23.180 - 41.23.230 and regulations adopted under AS 41.23.180 - 41.23.230:

(1) an employee of the department or other person authorized by the commissioner;

(2) a peace officer, as that term is defined in AS 01.10.060.

(b) A person designated in (a) of this section may, when enforcing the provisions of AS 41.23.180- 41.23.230 or a regulation adopted under AS 41.23.180- 41.23.230,

(1) execute a warrant or other process issued by an officer or court of competent jurisdiction;

(2) administer or take an oath, affirmation, or affidavit; and

(3) arrest a person who violates a provision of AS 41.23.180- 41.23.230 or a regulation adopted under AS 41.23.180- 41.23.230.

Sec. 41.23.220. Penalty.

(a) A person who violates a provision of AS 41.23.180- 41.23.230 or a regulation adopted under AS 41.23.180- 41.23.230 is guilty of a violation as defined in AS 11.81.900.

(b) The supreme court shall establish by order or rule a schedule of bail amounts for violations under (a) of this section that allow the disposition of a citation without a court appearance.

Sec. 41.23.230. Knik River Public Use Area.

Subject to valid existing rights, state-owned land and water and the state land and water acquired in the future that lie within the boundaries described in this section are designated as the Knik River Public Use Area, are reserved for all uses compatible with their primary function as public use land, and are assigned to the department for control and management:

(1) Township 15 North, Range 4 East, Seward Meridian;

(2) Township 15 North, Range 5 East, Seward Meridian;

(3) Township 15 North, Range 6 East, Seward Meridian;

(4) Township 15 North, Range 7 East, Seward Meridian

Section 3: NW1/4NW1/4

Section 4: N1/2NE1/4, N1/2NW1/4

Section 5: N1/2NE1/4, NW1/4

Section 6: SW1/4SE1/4, N1/2SE1/4, SW1/4, N1/2

Section 7: SW1/4NW1/4, N1/2NW1/4;

(5) Township 16 North, Range 2 East, Seward Meridian

Section 1: Portions located below the ordinary high water of Knik River

Section 2: Portions located below the ordinary high water of Knik River

Section 3: Portions located below the ordinary high water of Knik River;

(6) Township 16 North, Range 3 East, Seward Meridian

Sections 1 - 3

Section 4: Portions located below the ordinary high water of Knik River

Section 5: Portions located below the ordinary high water of Knik River

Section 6: Portions located below the ordinary high water of Knik River

Section 9: Portions located below the ordinary high water of Knik River

Section 10: Portions located below the ordinary high water of Knik River

Sections 11 - 13

Section 14: Portions located below the ordinary high water of Knik River

Section 23: Portions located below the ordinary high water of Knik River

Section 24: Portions located below the ordinary high water of Knik River;

(7) Township 16 North, Range 4 East, Seward Meridian;

(8) Township 16 North, Range 5 East, Seward Meridian;

(9) Township 16 North, Range 6 East, Seward Meridian;

(10) Township 16 North, Range 7 East, Seward Meridian

Section 6: NW1/4SE1/4, S1/2SE1/4, W1/2

Section 7

Sections 17 - 20

Section 28: NW1/4SW1/4, S1/2SW1/4

Sections 29 - 32

Section 33: S1/2NE1/4, SE1/4, W1/2

Section 34: SE1/4SW1/4, W1/2SW1/4;

(11) Township 17 North, Range 2 East, Seward Meridian

Section 36: Portions located below the ordinary high water of Knik River;

(12) Township 17 North, Range 3 East, Seward Meridian

Sections 1 - 5

Sections 9 - 16

Section 17: S1/2

Sections 20 - 29

Section 31: NE1/4NE1/4, S1/2NE1/4, SE1/4, SW1/4 located below the ordinary high water of Knik River

Sections 32 - 36;

(13) Township 17 North, Range 4 East, Seward Meridian;

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

(15) Township 17 North, Range 6 East, Seward Meridian;

(16) Township 18 North, Range 6 East, Seward Meridian.

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2017 Legislative Session

Bill Version: SB 65
Fiscal Note Number: _____
() Publish Date: _____

Identifier: SB065-DPS-AWT-03-31-17
Title: JONESVILLE PUBLIC USE AREA
Sponsor: DUNLEAVY
Requester: S RES

Department: Department of Public Safety
Appropriation: Alaska State Troopers
Allocation: Alaska Wildlife Troopers
OMB Component Number: 2746

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2018	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2018 Request	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2018	FY 2018					
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2017) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2018) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable, initial version.

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Approved By: Walt Monegan	Date: 03/31/17
Agency: Public Safety	

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB 65

Analysis

This bill establishes the Jonesville Public Use Area.

This bill would have no fiscal impact on the Department of Public Safety's Division of Alaska Wildlife Troopers.

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2017 Legislative Session

Bill Version: SB 65
Fiscal Note Number: _____
() Publish Date: _____

Identifier: SB065-DPS-AST-03-31-17
Title: JONESVILLE PUBLIC USE AREA
Sponsor: DUNLEAVY
Requester: S RES

Department: Department of Public Safety
Appropriation: Alaska State Troopers
Allocation: Alaska State Trooper Detachments
OMB Component Number: 2325

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2018	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2018 Request	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2018	FY 2018					
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2017) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2018) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable; initial version.

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Agency: <u>Public Safety</u>	

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB 65

Analysis

This bill establishes the Jonesville Public Use Area.

This bill would have no fiscal impact on the Department of Public Safety's Division of Alaska State Troopers.

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2017 Legislative Session

Bill Version: SB 65
Fiscal Note Number: _____
() Publish Date: _____

Identifier: SB065-DNR-MLW-03-30-17
Title: JONESVILLE PUBLIC USE AREA
Sponsor: DUNLEAVY
Requester: Senate Resources

Department: Department of Natural Resources
Appropriation: Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources
Allocation: Mining, Land & Water
OMB Component Number: 3002

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2018	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2018 Request	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2018	FY 2018					
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Change in Revenues

None							
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2017) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2018) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? Yes
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? TBD

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable; initial version.

Prepared By: <u>Brent Goodrum, Director</u>	Phone: <u>(907)269-8625</u>
Division: <u>Mining, Land and Water</u>	Date: <u>03/30/2017 10:00 AM</u>
Approved By: <u>Andrew T. Mack, Commissioner</u>	Date: <u>03/30/17</u>
Agency: <u>Department of Natural Resources</u>	

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB 65

Analysis

This bill would have a zero fiscal impact on the department with the following assumptions:

The department would need to develop the management plan with existing staff resources. Given the high workload for our planning staff, and the current queue of projects, such as the ongoing North Slope Area Plan, the Copper River Basin Area Plan update, the Kachemak Bay State Park Management Plan, and others, the department cannot guarantee a timeline for work on the management plan called for by this bill. Without a plan, DNR would not be able to adopt enforcement regulations similar to the Knik River Public Use Area (KRPUA).

Without additional staff and resources, the department will be unable to provide adequate field presence for stewardship and enforcement. The department will look for opportunities to partner with local government, local citizens groups, and the troopers to manage this area. However, without additional revenues, the troopers are unlikely to provide much enforcement support for the proposed Jonesville Public Use Area as they do in the KRPUA. The enforcement of DNR's regulations in the KRPUA by the troopers is funded through a Reimbursable Services Agreement of dedicated funds provided to the department. These funds cannot be used outside of the KRPUA.

The department recognizes that in the current fiscal situation, it is unlikely that the necessary funding for the department to fully manage the public use will be available in the near term. However, the creation of the public use area would be the first step in creating a management framework to improve management of this heavily used area.

Therefore, the department submits a zero fiscal note.

Fiscal Note

State of Alaska
2017 Legislative Session

Bill Version: SB 65
Fiscal Note Number: _____
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Identifier: SB065-DFG-CO-03-31-17
Title: JONESVILLE PUBLIC USE AREA
Sponsor: DUNLEAVY
Requester: SENATE RESOURCES

Department: Department of Fish and Game
Appropriation: Statewide Support Services
Allocation: Commissioner's Office
OMB Component Number: 2175

Expenditures/Revenues

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2018	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2018 Request	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2018	FY 2018						
Personal Services								
Travel								
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
Total Operating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Fund Source (Operating Only)

None								
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Positions

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

Change in Revenues

None								
Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2017) cost: 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2018) cost: 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*
(discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)

ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? No
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed?

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:

Not applicable.. initial version.

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Approved By: <u>Carol Petraborg, Division Director</u>	Date: <u>03/31/17</u>
Agency: <u>Division of Administrative Services</u>	

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA
2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. SB 65

Analysis

The bill explicitly confirms that the current responsibilities, activities and authorities of the commissioner of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), the department, and the Alaska Board of Fisheries and the Alaska Board of Game are retained with the creation of the Public Use Area. Responsibilities include management and enhancement of all fish and wildlife and noted certain game species. Activities include fisheries and wildlife management and research and habitat enhancement as well as access to conduct those activities. Authorities include the regulation of fish and game resources resting with the commissioner and boards. The bill does not add additional duties or responsibilities to ADF&G, therefore the department does not anticipate a fiscal impact.

Gina,

Sorry for not getting back sooner. I'm actually in Montana with family until the 7th. They do not live in a service area for my phone, but I will write and tell you my statement.

My name is Dylan Buzby, I am 17 and I live in Sutton. Last year I was part of the Jonesville Slipper Lake Action Committee formed to create a public use area for our community, and I was able to come to Juneau with Alaska Close Up and present the project to my legislators.

This area is a favorite recreation place for our community and a lot of people who live outside it. On any weekend in the summer it is packed with people camping, hiking, four wheeling, swimming, fishing, and shooting. That sounds fun until you see what actually goes on. Four wheelers are driving through camping spots and on roads at all hours of the day and night. There are no public bathrooms. Shooting is in all directions, and even toward housing areas; at all hours of the day and night. The noise is unbearable for residents and last year a man was accidentally shot and killed. The area looks like a war zone at the end of it. Trash and shell casings are everywhere. Our community needs your help to approve the legislation that makes it possible for rules and designated areas for certain activities. Please support SB65.

I am very happy to see SB65 and HB6 in this years agenda.

Thanks,

Dylan Buzby

Good day Mr. Chairman and members of the committee.

RE: SB 65

With a few Bills this session dealing with trapping and trapping issues. Conversations had led to what kind of compromises can be achieved with pet owners and trappers. One compromise is to create no trap zones in the Valley. So pet owners would know their pet should not have a chance to be injured while recreating. This concept with a compromise has merit.

You have SB 65 before your committee.

This is an area just outside Palmer/Sutton. Growing communities. The Jonesville special use area has included trapping as a recognized activity and also pet actives.

May I suggest you look at taking a proactive and preventive solution to what will happen as these surrounding communities grow? Per Wasilla issue before them, dealing with user conflicts. (Trapping and pets)

Within the Jonesville special use area. Amendment:

1. Recognize all existing or historical trap lines. Via DNR
2. during the months of trapping (season) usually November - February. No other active is allowed except for trapping on those designed trials by the DNR.

A pet free zone if you will, for about 4 months.

I see this as a compromise from pet owners in new special use areas, and trapping will not be allow anywhere else in the new special use area. A trap free zone for pet owners.

That is my basic idea, and certainly open for tweaking.

Thank you for time and consideration.

Al Barrette

Fairbanks, AK. 99709

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE JONESVILLE PUBLIC USE AREA

- WHEREAS: the Sutton Community Council saw a need to establish a committee called, "The Jonesville/Slipper Lake Action Committee" in November 2015, to determine a course of action with regard to the publically used land area located in Sutton, Alaska known as Eska and Jonesville mining areas,
- WHEREAS: the Jonesville Mine area, Eska Mine area and parts of the Moose Range located in the Sutton area will be collectively titled "Jonesville Area" in the following items denoting those areas in this resolution,
- WHEREAS: the State of Alaska controls the active and abandoned mining leases and the moose range located in the Jonesville Area,
- WHEREAS: the Jonesville Area has a history of intended public use by the State of Alaska Department of Natural Resources,
- WHEREAS: it has been determined that The State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has spent approximately [nine] million dollars of Federal Reclamation Funds to alter the Jonesville Area's abandoned and active coal leases to a recreational state of condition prior to 2013,
- WHEREAS: the DNR chose not to establish a management plan for the safety of the public when designing and implementing their public use area,
- WHEREAS: realizing the State's obvious disregard for: public safety, air, land and water contamination, and the inhabitants of the Sutton community; the community of Sutton provided its own resources and funds to clean and monitor the Jonesville Area without jurisdiction,
- WHEREAS: multiple four wheeler accidents, an accidental shooting death and other multiple near miss shooting incidents has occurred in the area since 2013,
- WHEREAS: local homes have been damaged by stray bullets since 2013,
- WHEREAS: the general public has contaminated Slipper Lake by throwing community provided "porta-potties" into Slipper Lake,
- WHEREAS: hundreds of tent campers, motorhomes and camping trailers have congregated on weekends during the summer months to the area,
- WHEREAS: thousands of visitors to the area have no public restrooms to "relieve" themselves creating unsanitary conditions in the surrounding landscape,
- WHEREAS: upwards of 20 truck and trailer loads of garbage and contaminants are picked up from the grounds in the area and taken to the local transfer station by community volunteers each year,

WHEREAS: signage has not been placed to designate public use activities including shooting and off-road recreational vehicles; the State will not provide signs without a management plan in place,

WHEREAS: a management plan and agreement can only be put in place after the area has been declared a Public Use Area by State legislation,

WHEREAS: legislation would allow a management plan which would protect the homes and property of local citizens in Sutton, reduce all-terrain vehicle accidents, provide needed public safety for recreational shooting, mitigate illegal dumping and generally provide a healthier, cleaner and safer environment for public multiple use activities.

WHEREAS: The Jonesville/Slipper Lake Action Committee and other stakeholders has reviewed the history and determined a course of action needs to be taken for the benefit of the community of Sutton and the safety of the general public,

WHEREAS: THE SUTTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL COMES now forward and recommends and supports a Senate and House Bill to designate the Jonesville Area the Jonesville Public Use Area.

Signed: Mark Bertels 1-6-17
Chairman Sutton Community Council

STATE OF ALASKA
PALMER RECORDING DISTRICT
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me Carol J. McNamee this 16th Day of November in the year 2016 by Mark E. Bertels, Chairman on behalf of the Sutton Community Council of Sutton, Alaska. 17

SEAL: Carol J. McNamee
Notary Public

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 10/10/2017





January 6, 2017

TO: Representative George Rauscher/ Distinguished Members of the 30th Alaska Legislature

FROM: Eric Phillips, Community Development Director, Matanuska-Susitna Borough

RE: **Letter of Support for Legislation Establishing the Jonesville Public Use Area**

It is my understanding that legislation is to be introduced this session to establish the Jonesville Public Use Area. As manager for Borough lands within the 25,000 square miles that comprise the Mat-Su Borough, I want to go on-record as being very supportive of this effort. I believe that this is the right direction for the Citizens, the Borough, and the State.

The Jonesville area currently suffers from many of the problems/issues that once afflicted what is now the Knik River Public Use Area (KRPUA). Rampant and uncontrolled shooting, under-age partying, vehicle burning, and many other associated destructive activities have unfortunately become the norm in the Jonesville area. Further, the greater Sutton community has essentially been left on its own to grapple with the lawlessness, damage and related community impacts.

No too many years ago, we saw a very similar situation in the KRPUA and the Butte area. However, once the KRPUA was formally established by the legislature and the plan was completed for the area, considerable progress has been made by the State, the Borough, the community, as well as various user groups to dispel much of the area's "Wild West" reputation. In fact, the Borough has invested substantially in improving recreation infrastructure on its lands adjoining the KRPUA. As a result, the area is becoming increasingly 'family-friendly' while maintaining a vast majority of the recreation values that make it so popular. We hope to continue to work with the State until we have fully turned the corner.


This is all because the State made the conscience decision to establish the KRPUA. I believe that the Jonesville area can have a similar positive outcome, and the first step is to establish the Jonesville Public Use Area. I am ready to assist the State in this effort in any way I can, and sincerely hope the legislature will take this vital first step.

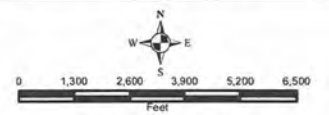
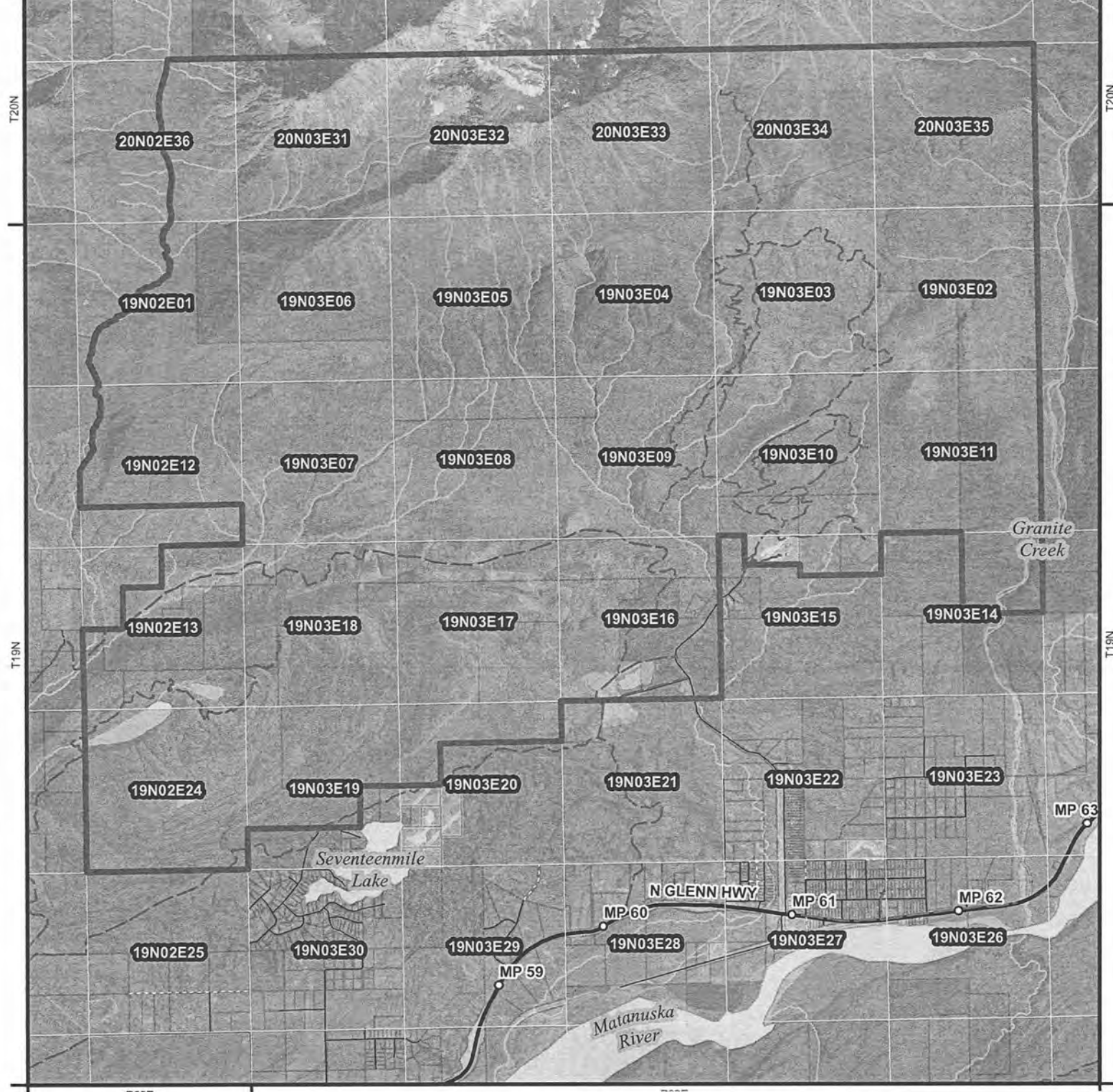
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Proposed Jonesville
Public Use Area

Legend

 Proposed Jonesville
Public Use Area



Date: November, 2016
Sources: MSB GIS, MSB LRMD, AK DOT
Projection: NAD 83 AK ST PLN Z4
Location: MSB
Author: MSB LRMD

New land management plan aims to improve public safety near Sutton



By Patrick Enslow / KTUU | Posted: Wed 9:13 PM, May 11, 2016 | Updated: Wed 10:19 PM, May 11, 2016

SUTTON, Alaska (KTUU) As many Alaskans plan to enjoy the outdoors this summer at places like Sutton, some residents are saying there is a major safety problem in the community.



Photo by Patrick Enslow / KTUU

Last June, Sutton resident George Rauscher says locals began working on a land management plan to improve safety in the town's recreational areas.

"It's happening on top of each other, people are shooting over trails, people in four wheelers coming through camps a little too fast," Rauscher said. "We've had a kid get run over. We have had so many instances where the police had to come from Palmer."

In April, 30-year-old Adam Malaby was fatally shot near Sutton while taking photos of people shooting.

Rauscher says the trouble began in the Coal Hills near Slipper Lake after the State gave that area a facelift. According to Rauscher, the lake can see as many as 1,000 visitors in just one weekend.

"In that process somewhere this area became a recreation site," Rauscher said. "Fire pits were put in around the lake, and gave people a reason to go and camp around the lake."

The updates to Slipper Lake came as a result of funding from the Jonesville Mine under the Federal Surface Mining Reclamation Act. Alaska's Department of Natural Resources then added things like fire pits and a widened road. DNR says the changes were made only after public meetings were held with residents.

Rauscher says the community wants people to continue to use the area for recreational purposes, but hopes the community can adopt a land management plan that will make the area safer.

"As far as their recreation goes we would like to see it continue to recreate in the area because that's what the state did. But we would also like to see it happen safely," said Rauscher.

Residents in the area now working on a management plan through the Jonesville/Slipper Lake Action Committee. The end goal for the committee is to pass legislation making the state land around Slipper Lake a public use area.

"A public use area is a legislatively designated area similar to what we have done in the Knik, and that provides us with certain enforcement authority," said Marty Parsons with Alaska's Department of Natural Resources.

The Action Committee is now using the Knik as a blueprint for its legislation. Rauscher says the committee hopes to have bill in Juneau by next session.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
ORDER NO. 1711

Enacting Administrative Rule 43.10,
Knik River Public Use Area Bail
Forfeiture Schedule.

IT IS ORDERED:

New Administrative Rule 43.10 is adopted to read as follows:

Rule 43.10. Knik River Public Use Area Bail Forfeiture Schedule.

Pursuant to AS 41.23.220(b), the following offenses committed within the Knik River Public Use Area (KRPUA) shall be disposed of without court appearance upon payment and forfeiture of the bail amounts listed. If a person charged with one of these offenses appears in court and is found guilty, the fine imposed for the offense may not exceed the bail amount for that offense listed below. An offense for which a bail forfeiture amount has been established shall be charged on a citation which meets the requirements of District Court Criminal Rule 8(c) and shall not be filed, numbered, or processed as a criminal case.

<u>Regulation</u>	<u>Description of Offense</u>	<u>Bail</u>
11 AAC 96.016(b)(1)	Failure to obtain permit for activity listed in 11 AAC 96.010	\$ 150
11 AAC 96.016(b)(2)	Failure to register commercial recreation use	50
11 AAC 96.016(b)(4)	Commercial harvest of non-timber forest products without a permit	100
11 AAC 96.016(c)(1)	Leaving vehicle unattended more than 72 hours	300

11 AAC 96.016(c)(2)	Transporting non-functional vehicle into the area	400
11 AAC 96.016(c)(3)	Operating a vehicle over 10,000 pounds without prior written authorization	150
11 AAC 96.016(c)(4)	Unauthorized operation of a vehicle resulting in disturbance of wetlands or organic mat to a depth greater than 6 inches	300
11 AAC 96.016(c)(5)	Unauthorized fire	50
11 AAC 96.016(c)(6)	Burning a wooden pallet, vehicle, structure, or other unauthorized object or material	50
11 AAC 96.016(c)(7)	Place, dump, or discard waste or refuse	100
11 AAC 96.016(c)(8)	Place, dump, discard, or release hazardous substances	300
11 AAC 96.016(c)(9)	Unauthorized construction, maintenance or abandonment of a structure	200
11 AAC 96.016(c)(10)	Unauthorized cutting, collecting, or harvesting of trees larger than 5-inch diameter	75
11 AAC 96.016(c)(11)	Erecting a camp, structure, or facility for more than 14 consecutive days without authorization	100
11 AAC 96.016(c)(12)	Discharging a firearm at unauthorized target	50

11 AAC 96.016(c)(13)	Discharging a firework	50
11 AAC 96.016(c)(14)	Discharging a firearm in prohibited area	75
11 AAC 96.016(c)(15)	Repeatedly approaching fish or wildlife, altering animal's behavior	300
11 AAC 96.016(c)(16)	Unauthorized construction, development, widening, brushing, or creating road or trail	100
11 AAC 96.016(c)(17)	Damage, deface, destroy, or remove public property	300

DATED: May 14, 2009

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 15, 2009

/s/
Chief Justice Fabe

/s/
Justice Eastaugh

/s/
Justice Carpeneti

/s/
Justice Winfree

/s/
Justice Christen

**Jonesville/Slipper Lake Public Use Action Plan
January 2016**



**Project Management Plan of the
Jonesville/Slipper Lake Citizens Action Committee**

DOCUMENT HISTORY & DISTRIBUTION

- 1. Project Manager**
George Rauscher, Chair

- 2. Revision History**
Track all project revisions including the initiation of the document.

Revision #	Revision Date	Description of Change	Author
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- 3. Internal Distribution**
List all recipients for internal review.

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Mark Bertels	Slipper Lake Community Council President	Digital & Hardcopy
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- 4. Plan Approvers**
List all project plan approvers and have them sign the plan once completed.

Approver Name	Signature	Date	Department & Position
Jonesville Slipper Lake Citizens Action Committee	George Rauscher	5/5/2016	Citizens Action Committee
Sutton Community Council	Mark Bertels	5/25/16	Community Council

- 5. File Location**
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Project Overview

A. Scope

The scope of work for the Jonesville/Slipper Lake Public Use Area Action Plan includes:

The Jonesville/Slipper Lake Citizens Action Committee is working toward the establishment of the Slipper Lake Public Use Area. An area that will be managed and organized for multi-users and ensures a Healthy and Safe experience through enforcement of the area management plan. The committee will draft legislation and gather background information to present to the state legislature after a comprehensive outreach, including users and community members.

The project manager will be responsible for assembling plan and resource materials, and facilitating the planning process. The Sutton Community Council Jonesville/Slipper Lake Citizens Action Committee will be responsible for creation of the plan. Each stage of the project will require approval from the Jonesville Slipper Lake Action Citizens Action Committee, and Sutton Community Council before moving on to the next stage. Important project specific details will be listed below in the following sections.

B. Background

Misspent federal funds help turn part of Alaska into bullet riddled garbage dump

George Rauscher | April 23, 2016



OPINION: Too many people who don't care are trashing the coal hills country near Sutton. Time to say enough is enough - and back it up. Pictured: These were the original bathrooms in the "coal hills" recreation area outside of Sutton. After they were shot to pieces, portable bathrooms were installed. Those were thrown in a lake.

Photo courtesy George Rauscher

Beginning in the 1920s and subsiding in the '70s, coal mines brought many jobs, money

and people to the area of Sutton. The Jonesville Mine area was one of the biggest mining areas in the state back then. The folks who live there today still enjoy the community those coal mines started long ago.

Before 2009, the quaint little town of Sutton enjoyed the rugged looking, unrefined and largely unknown "coal hills," as the community calls the old Jonesville mining area. The local kids rode dirt bikes, four-wheelers and horses on the old narrow coal trails. Teens and families held occasional swimming parties in Slipper/Eska Lake during the summer and a few campers forded the undercarriage abusing terrain to park near the lake or access our

"Dedicated Airstrip" which ran parallel to Slipper Lake. Adults and kids alike with four-wheelers and motorbikes found the challenge of hill climbing to be a draw. Wishbone Lake, Upper Coyote Lake and Eska Falls were areas where adventurous hikers spent the day enjoying fantastic views those secluded attractions provided.

Early on, mining companies in the United States were not required to provide money for the purpose of reclaiming land they removed minerals from. The Mining Reclamation Act of 1977 provided federal dollars with the intent of restoring the land to a more natural state. In this case, those federal funds are distributed through the Alaska Department of Natural Resources.

Those funds were used to put out the underground coal fires in 2006.

In 2009, those funds were used to redesign the airstrip next to Slipper Lake to allow parking for motor-homes, campers and trailers. A series of large fire rings were installed around the man-made lake of coal tailings known as Slipper Lake. Roadways were rebuilt to afford easier access to the lake.

Reclamation funds were again used in 2012 to stabilize and widen smaller trails for access to the upper backside of the Jonesville mining area, to put out more fires and create more sites for motor-homes and camping spots.

No monies were spent on developing a management agreement to allow safe recreation among the many varieties of outdoor enthusiasts that would obviously be drawn to the area.

Since then, everything the quaint little town of Sutton enjoyed about the coal hills has been progressively shattered. Understandably, the interest of safety called for sealing abandoned mine shafts and putting out some smoldering deep burning coal fires, not for creating an unregulated playground where the activities resemble the happenings in some overseas war zones.

Today, some 300 motor-homes and campers, 400 vehicles and trailers and 1,500 people

can be gathered in the coal hills on summer weekend. Without clear direction as to where state land ends and private property begins, hundreds of ATVs are trespassing and destroying those private grounds daily.

Bullets from nondirectional shooting are ending up in trees and porches of inhabited homes interspersed and adjacent former mining areas. Shooting across hiking trails and into hiking areas are commonplace since there is no shooting enforcement to speak of. Explosions from cannons that now rock the town at all hours of the night and day, keep homeowners who have invested their lives in this community constantly on edge, and some are now being forced to sell and relocate from friends and loved ones in the local area.

Exploding vehicles in an active state gravel pit provides revenue loss due to safety concerns. Years of pleading with DNR about these matters has gone unheeded. Trees are being cut down by gunfire. Littered shell casings lie in piles around bullet perforated, discarded and abandoned vehicles which eventually get set aflame. The vehicles adorn the grounds as monuments to complete disregard for our community, which has been forced into hosting this "Mad Max" theater for the state of Alaska.

Local campers now fear for the safety of their children, as ATV riders speed through family campsites in excess of speeds of 60 mph. Dust is unbearable at times.

Human fecal matter from thousands litters the area since no restroom facilities accommodate these visitors during their stay. Port-a-potties once provided by the Matanuska Susitna Borough in 2011 were dumped into Slipper Lake, polluting it, and were removed. Piles of syringes along with trailer loads of discarded trash now litter the area and local volunteers can't keep up during community cleanup week.

The community began calling our local legislators this past summer. State Sen. Mike Dunleavy took a deep interest in my pleadings and took a four-hour tour of the area with me. Upon his recommendations we began a process for community involvement.

The Sutton Community Council formed a citizen's action committee. I have chaired that committee from its beginning last year. The committee was established for the purpose of securing a management plan and agreement which DNR to abide by and enforce. The committee started a petition. We sent a representative to the capital during session. We have written letters to the governor and the DNR commissioner.

It has been a race against time as the much needed management plan may not happen before another person gets hurt by stray gunfire, or someone is in the wrong place at the wrong time. The death of Adam Malaby has been a cold reality that the problem we have repeatedly brought to the state's attention must be addressed by DNR soon. It is a sad reminder of where our state's priorities lie in all this.

The community of Sutton continues to request the state take responsibility and work with us and the Mat-Su Borough. Now is the time for management of the reclaimed mining leases for all to recreate safely in the Jonesville/Slipper Lake area of Sutton. A lack of money is no excuse for the lack of attention this area has received.

George Rauscher is chairman of the Jonesville/Slipper Lake Citizens Action Committee.

C. Project Objectives

The committee will draft Legislation and Background information to present to the state legislature after a comprehensive outreach, including users and community members. The objective is to have the Alaska Legislature pass legislation which creates a safe and appropriate area which allows many different user groups to enjoy simultaneous activities on public lands, while preserving the Quality of Life for neighboring private landholders. Alaskans.

- Creation of a Public Use Area
 - Managed
 - Organized
 - Enforced for Health & Safety
- Create Briefing
 - Public Outreach Plan
 - Outline Needs & History
 - Plan for the Future
- Legislation
 - Need for Plan
 - Enforcement
 - Reinforce Value
 - Importance to Community

D. Milestones & Deliverables

1. Milestones

There will be many touch points throughout project. During the next 12 months, items to be completed include the following:

Milestone	Description	Start	End
Project Plan Draft	Completed Plan	4/16/2016	5/5/2016
Fact Sheet Draft	Completed Document	4/16/2016	5/5/2016
Draft Survey	Completed Survey Questions, 10 Multiple choice	04/16/2016	5/5/2016
QR Code	Create Page and Code for survey	4/16/2016	5/5/2016
Website	Update info Monthly	4/16/2016	5/1/2017
Facebook	Update info weekly	4/16/2016	5/5/2016
SLCAC Meeting to Approve Drafts	Regular Meeting	5/5/2016	5/5/2016
Post Survey & Links	Add to Flyer, Web page & Social Media	5/6/2016	5/6/2016
Clean Up Day- Alpine Historical Park	Hand Out 1-page Flyer	5/7/2016	5/7/2016
Picnic at Slipper Lake	Hand Out 1-page Flyer	5/14/2016	5/14/2016
Present Plan to SCC	SLCAC approved plan to go before the SCC	05/25/2016	05/27/2016
Develop & Present a budget	Present to SCC	5/5/2016	5/25/2016
Develop Tools	Outreach Tools for distribution	05/05/2016	9/30/2016
Develop PSA	Public Outreach	06/01/2016	07/01/2016
Picnic at Alpine Park	Continue Public Outreach	6/26/2016	6/26/2016
Car Show at Alpine Park	Continue Public Outreach	07/23/2016	07/23/2016
Farmers Market 05/28/16-08/13/2016	Continue Public Outreach	05/30/2016	08/23/2016
Complete Draft Legislation	Draft of Bill to send to Sponsor	06/01/2016	09/01/2016
Complete Briefing Document	Supplement to Legislation	06/11/2016	09/01/2016
SLCAC Meeting to Approve Drafts	Regular Meeting	09/15/2016	09/17/2016
Public Open House/Open House	Community Outreach	09/25/2016	09/27/2016

SCC to Approve Draft Leg	SCC Regular Meeting	10/05/2016	10/07/2016
Submit Draft Legislation to Sponsor	Pre-file deadline	10/05/2016	11/01/2016
Follow Legislation	On-going attention to revisions and needed attention to hearings, testimony.	01/15/2017	05/01/2017
Project End Phase 1	Legislation	5/1/2017	

2. Deliverables

There will documents created for various audiences and functions, including the following: Education of the various user groups and stakeholders is critical. Documents and background about the area, the current problems and how they have developed.

Deliverables	Description
1 Page Fact Sheet	Outlining the Problems and Proposed Solution
Survey of Community and Users	Online Survey for Users and Community Members on Use and proposed solutions.
Briefing Documentation	Background and History of Area and problems to be addressed
Draft Legislation for the Creation of the Jonesville/Slipper Lake Public Use Area	Draft legislation to be presented in the 2017-2018 Alaska Legislative Session

E. Place of Performance

Meetings of the Jonesville Slipper Lake Action Citizens Action Committee, and Sutton Community Council take place at the Sutton Community Library.

Outreach and Community Education will take place at Community Events at the Alpine Historical Park, The Eska Lake/Slipper Lake Parking and Recreational Area. Pother possible venues include the Alaska State Fair, and the Sutton Farmers Market.

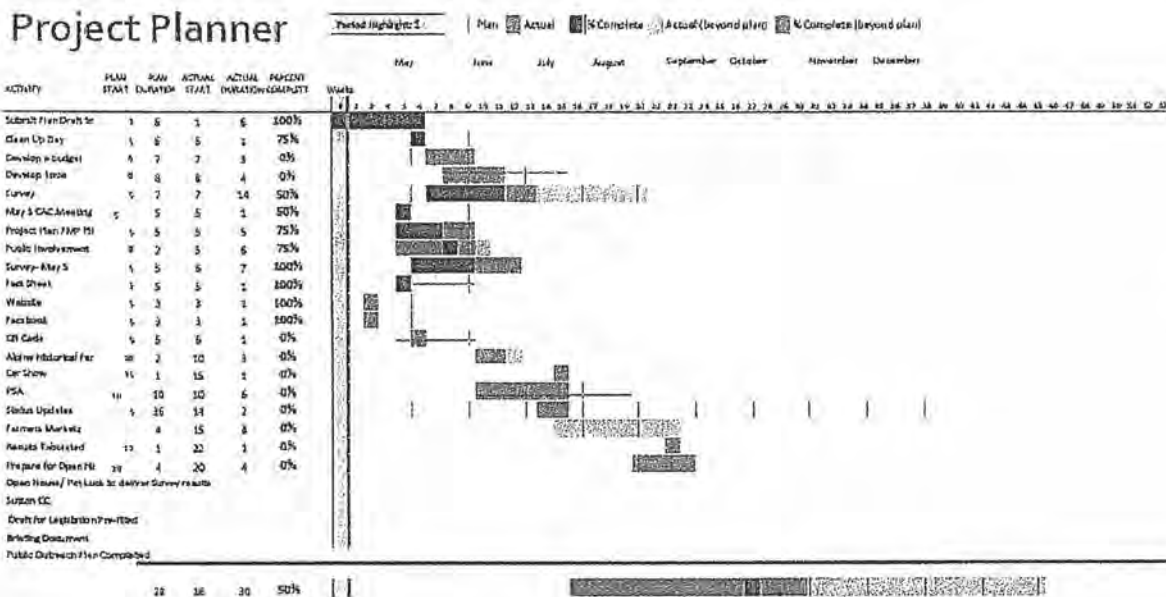
F. Schedule

As part of the Project, the Project Manager will be responsible for ensuring the provision and completion of tasks, milestones, and deliverables throughout various stages of this project. The following is a timeline of the tasks, milestones, and deliverables which will result in the successful completion of this project:

1. Period of Performance

The period of performance for the Project is from January 28, 2016 through May 1, 2017. This initial plan to pass legislation to define the area and have it designated as a Public Use Area so that resources and management may be authorized for the long term management of the area.

2. Gantt Chart



Assumptions and Constraints

1. Assumptions

The SLCAC assumes that there is a solution to the problems experienced by the community around the Slipper Lake area. The assumption is also made that a Public Use Management Plan is the best solution. Other assumptions:

Assumption	Description
Support for the Plan (More support than not)	Community/Stakeholder Support
	Legislative Support
	Borough Support
	Volunteer Resources
DNR will step up and support Leaders	Planning & Documentation Available and Willing
Resources will be found	
Enforcement will occur	

2. Constraints

Resources, both human and financial create constraints on the project and the outcomes.

Constraint	Description
Money	Funding for implementation
Backlash	Political & Administrative
Planning	Borough and DNR resources
Volunteers / People	Need people to do leg work & get the word out
Time	Public Process Takes time as the Health & Safety Risks continue.
Government Assistance May not happen	Funding is tight (Local)Borough, State, Federal)
Risks of Not Acting	More Injury/Deaths Fires Environmental Damage

3. Dependencies

- Many items will affect the outcome of the plan. In tight fiscal times, volunteers become critical to get the pieces and projects completed. We will be very dependent on our Volunteers and volunteer Leaders.

Dependency	Description
Leaders-Leadership Team	Leadership Support from members of the Committee & Community
Volunteers/Participation	Expertise Skilled volunteers Events Plan
Funding	For research, gathering data, support
Community Interest/Support	Broad Based support for legislation is a must
Thorough and Complete Plan	No Hidden Faults
Historical Data	Previous attempts to solve the problem



Roles and Responsibilities

A. Project Governance

Project Role	Name and Title / Department	Project Responsibilities
Project Director	Mark Bartels, Chair, Sutton Community Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairs Change Control Board • Executive Approver • Provides oversight and direction
Project Manager	George Rauscher, Committee Chair, Jonesville/Slipper Lake Citizens Action Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairs Meetings JSLCAC • Member of project team • Review and approve all project deliverables • Provide overall project oversight and keeps project on track. • Ensures decisions are made for project progress and completion • Deliver information and communications • Report on project status to key groups and individuals • Measure the performance of the project against milestones, time frames, deliverables, budget and resources • Sign off on deliverables
Steering Committee	Suellen Appellof, Secretary Jessica Winnestaffer Laurel Overby Dustin Day Dylan Buzby Chris Spitzer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advises throughout the project • Provides representation on behalf of representative groups • Gain buy-in from key stakeholders and keep their interest and level involvement right throughout the project • May provide decision making

B. Project Team or Technical Advisory

Project Role	Name and Title/ Department	Project Responsibilities
Project Manager	George Rauscher, Jonesville Slipper Lake Citizens Action Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member of project team • Review and approve all project deliverables • Provide overall project oversight and keeps project on track. • Ensures decisions are made for project progress and completion • Ensures Delivery information and communications • Escalate issues to sponsor when necessary • Report on project status to key groups and individuals • Gain buy-in from key stakeholders and keep their interest and level involvement right throughout the project • Measure the performance of the project against milestones, time frames, deliverables, budget and resources • Sign off on deliverables
Project Team	Name (s), Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with the Project Manager to accomplish various project tasks
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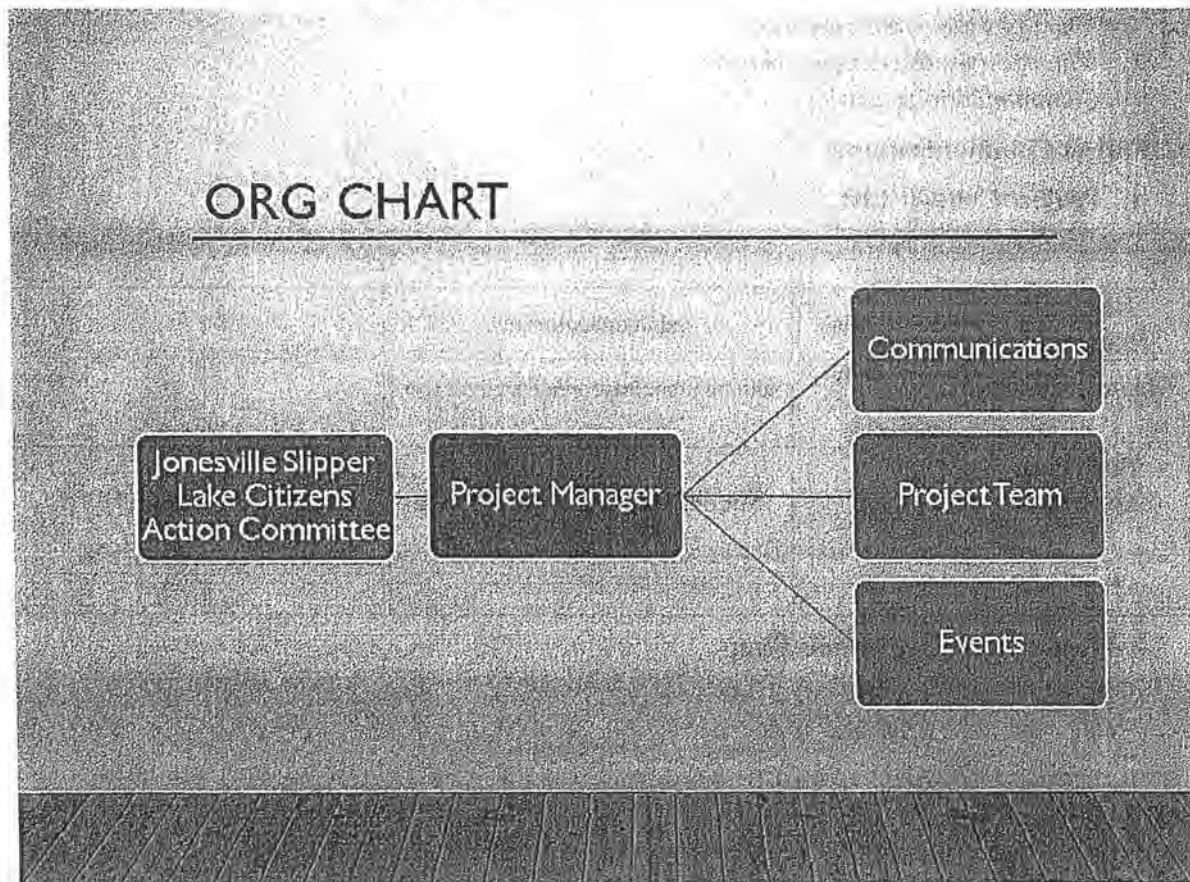
C. Consultant Project Team

The following provide expertise and guidance regarding specific functions and/ or responsibilities:

Lead Consultant: <COMPANY NAME>		
Project Role	Name and Title/ Company	Project Responsibilities
Project Manager	Name, title	•

D. Organizational Chart

In order to effectively enable the organizational structure of Project, roles and responsibilities are shown in the following diagram:



Communications

The purpose of the Communications Management Plan is to define the communication requirements for the project and how information will be distributed to ensure project success.

You should give considerable thought to how you want to manage communications on every project. By having a solid communications management approach you'll find that many project management problems can be avoided. In this section you should provide an overview of your communications management approach. Generally, the Communications Management Plan defines the following:

- *Communication requirements based on roles*
- *What information will be communicated*
- *How the information will be communicated*
- *When will information be distributed*
- *Who does the communication*
- *Who receives the communication*
- *Communications conduct*

A. Project Communications

1. Project Contact List

Name	Title	E-mail	Office Phone	Cell Phone
George Rauscher	JSLCAC Chair	gdr@mtaonline.net		
Mark Bertels	Community Council President	suttoncommunitycouncil@gmail.com		
Suellen Appellof	JSLCAC Secretary	Suellen.appellof@gmail.com		907-841-4713

2. Project Communications Plan

Deliverable/Description	Type	Target Audience	Delivery Method	Delivery Frequency	Responsible Party
<i>Status Report</i>	<i>Mandatory</i>	<i>CC Assembly DNR EPA</i>	<i>E-mail and Website</i>	<i>Monthly</i>	<i>Project Manager</i>
Plan					
	Updates	Stakeholder	Social	Monthly	Communications

<i>Additional as needed</i>		Public	Media		
	PSA	Public	Radio/TV	Monthly	Communications

3.3. Review and Comment

Review #1				
Request for review sent to:			Date sent:	
Date	Reviewer	Date Responded	Commented: Y/N	Action on Comment(s)
5/4/2016	George Rauscher			
5/5/2016	Jonesville/ Slipper Lake Citizens Action Committee			
5/10/2016	Sutton Community Council			

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4. Informal Communications:

While informal communication is a part of every project and is necessary for successful project completion, any issues, concerns, or updates that arise from informal discussion between team members must be communicated to the Project Manager so the appropriate action may be taken. This communication is best done in writing.

B. Stakeholder Communications

Stakeholders are individuals and organizations that are actively involved in the project, or whose interests may be positively or negatively affected as a result of project execution or project completion. Stakeholders can be internal to the organization or external and may also exert influence over the project and its results. For project success, it is critical to identify stakeholders early in the project.

In many projects the public at large will become a stakeholder to be considered during the project. The challenge for the project manager when the public is a stakeholder will be to act while considering public needs. Involving a broad spectrum of stakeholders will lead to a better process, greater community support and buy-in, more ideas on the table, a better understanding of the community context, and, ultimately, a more effective effort. In order to conduct a participatory process and gain all the advantages it brings, the Project Manager will have to figure out who the stakeholders are, which of them need to be involved at what level, and what issues they may bring with them.

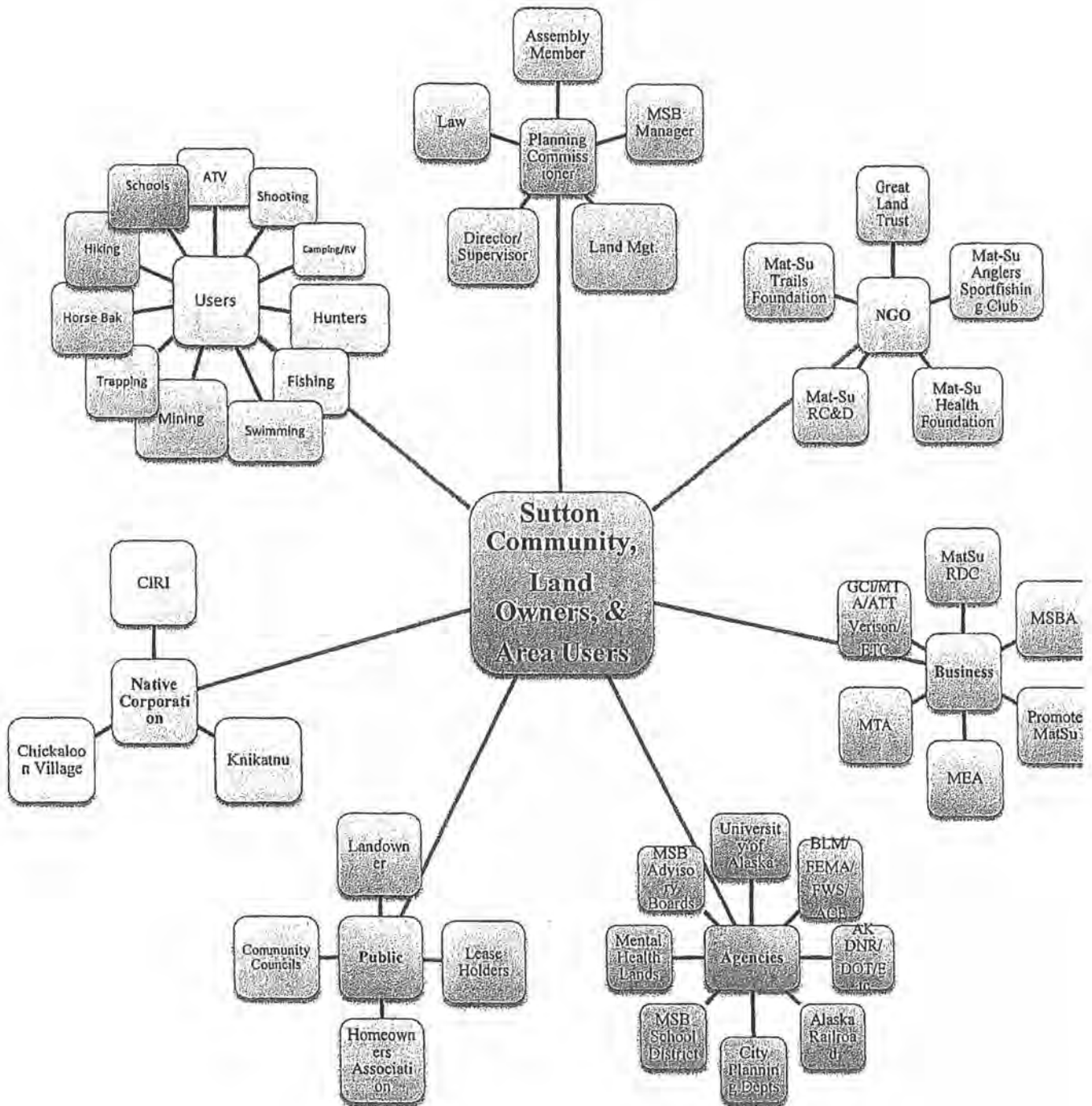
1. Stakeholder Identification

The Project Manager will identify potential stakeholders and a list of typical MSB stakeholders is attached as an appendix to the project plan. If applicable, stakeholders will be identified through the implementation of MSB Code (MSB 2.12.070, 15.08, 15.24.017, and 17.03.020) and MSB PC09-14(AM). To further departmental goals of increasing active public participation and garnering community support the Project Manager should be as inclusive as possible when considering stakeholders.



The following diagram visually identifies stakeholders by groupings:

Stakeholder Diagram



2. Stakeholder Analysis Matrix

Key Players are determined through an analysis which identifies which stakeholders have a high influence on the Project and a high interest in the Project's success or failure. These stakeholders are integral to the success of the project so it is essential for early identification, understand their motivations, and develop an engagement strategy to ensure that their requirements are captured and their needs met. Key Players may not be positive about the Project, but they will be influential and interested enough to have a significant impact on Project success.



3. Stakeholder Register

The Stakeholder Register is a means for the Project Manager to develop a strategy to assess each stakeholder's level and timing of involvement. The aim of this section is to list the stakeholders, identify what role they play in the Project, and assess how they are involved in the project.

The Stakeholder Register is a document that is shared with project stakeholders. Therefore, it should never contain information that is damaging or can be construed in a negative manner.

Note, this section may need to be revised as the project progresses as new stakeholders may be identified or existing stakeholders may change in terms of their involvement, influence, etc.



Name:	Organization:
Role: <i>Client, vendor, consultant, funder, committee member, etc...</i>	Type: <i>Internal, NGO, Agency, Public, Business, Native</i>
Best Way to Communicate: <i>eMail address, phone, mail address, etc</i>	
Expectations: <i>Figure this out by asking directly, sending a questionnaire, or through other means</i>	
Interests: <i>Figure this out by asking directly, sending a questionnaire, or through other means</i>	
Stakeholder Type: <i>Key Player, Important Player, Affected Player, or Other Player</i>	

Name: Scott Lapine	Organization: Mat Su Trails Projects
Role:	Type: NGO
Best Way to Communicate: email:	
Expectations:	
Interests:	
Stakeholder Type:	

Name: Senator Dunleavy	Organization: Alaska Legislature
Role:	Type:
Best Way to Communicate:	
Expectations:	
Interests:	
Stakeholder Type:	

Name: Jim Colver	Organization: Alaska House of Representatives
Role:	Type:
Best Way to Communicate:	
Expectations:	
Interests:	
Stakeholder Type:	

Name:	Organization:
Role:	Type:
Best Way to Communicate:	
Expectations:	
Interests:	
Stakeholder Type:	

Name:	Organization:
Role:	Type:
Best Way to Communicate:	
Expectations:	
Interests:	
Stakeholder Type:	

4. Stakeholder Communications Plan

Deliverable/Description	Type	Target Audience	Delivery Method	Delivery Frequency	Responsible Party
<i>Example: Status Report</i>	<i>Mandatory</i>	<i>CC Assembly DNR EPA</i>	<i>E-mail and Website</i>	<i>Monthly</i>	<i>Project Manager</i>
<i>Add more as needed</i>					

5. Review and Comment

Request for review sent to:		Review #1	Date sent:		
Date	Reviewer	Date Responded	Commented: Y/N	Action on Comment(s)	
<i>Add more columns as needed</i>					

Add another table like this for each additional review

4. Informal Communications

While informal communication is a part of every project and is necessary for successful project completion, any issues, concerns, or updates that arise from informal discussion between team members and stakeholders must be communicated to the Project Manager so the appropriate action may be taken. This communication is best done in writing.

Email List Community Members/Interested Parties

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Adam Nash	Nash.Adam.J@gmail.com	
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Charles Overby		
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Cody Buzby	todd5@hotmail.com	
Gary Hay	ghay@chickaloon.org	
George Hays		
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George Rauscher	gdr@mtaonline.net	
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Jim Novak		jimak@mtaonline.net	
Jim Psenak		JPC-Alpine@gci.net	
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Juli & frank Bertels			
Julie Stoneking		jastoneking@gmail.com	
Laurel Overby		lflyne@mtaonline.net	
Mark Bertels		suttoncommunitycouncil@gmail.com	
Marty Parsons		mpar@taonline.net	
Nanct Bertels		nancy.bertels@matsugov.us	
Pete Cleary		pmccket@hotmail.com	
Scott Lapene		mstc.inc@gmail.com	
Shelia DeJarlais		srdejarlais@yahoo.com	
Suellen Appellof		suellen.appellof@gmail.com	907-841-4713
Vince Volpe		volpe@mtaonline.net	
Gina		Gina.Ritacco@akleg.gov	
Angela		Angela.Steph1@akleg.gov	

Budget & Procurement

INCOME	Budget	Actual	Difference
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Internal Funding

<ACCT:DESCRIPTION>			-
<ACCT:DESCRIPTION>			-
<ACCT:DESCRIPTION>			-
<ACCT:DESCRIPTION>			-

Total Internal Income	-	-	-
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External Funding/Other

<ACCT:DESCRIPTION>			-
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<ACCT:DESCRIPTION>			-

Total External Income	-	-	-
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Total INCOME	-	-	-
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EXPENSES	Budget	Actual	Difference
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[Category Name]

[itemized expense]			-
[itemized expense]			-
Subtotal	-	-	-

[Category Name]

[itemized expense]			-
[itemized expense]			-
Subtotal	-	-	-

[Category Name]

[itemized expense]			-
[itemized expense]			-
Subtotal	-	-	-

Total EXPENSES	-	-	-
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NET (Income - Expenses)	-	-	-
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Change Management Plan

The Change Management Plan documents and tracks the necessary information required to effectively manage project change from project inception to delivery.

The Change Management Plan is created during the Planning Phase of the project. Its intended audience is the project manager, project team, project sponsor and any senior leaders whose support is needed to carry out the plan.

A. Change Requests

The Change Management process establishes an orderly and effective procedure for tracking the submission, coordination, review, evaluation, categorization, and approval for release of all changes to the project's baselines. All changes to the Project will be formally requested by letter or email and must contain the following elements:

Element	Description
Date	The date the CR was created
Subject	A brief description of the change request
Priority	A code that provides a recommended categorization of the urgency of the requested change (Critical High, Medium, Low)
Product	The product that the suggested change is for
Description	Description of the desired change, the impact, or benefits of a change should also be described
Submitter	Name of the person requesting the change and who can answer questions regarding the suggested adjustment.
Contact Info	Phone number and/or email of the submitter

B. Evaluating and Authorizing Change Requests

Change requests are evaluated using the following priority criteria:

Priority
Critical
High
Medium
Low

Change requests are evaluated and assigned one or more of the following change types:

Type
Scope
Time
Duration
Cost
Resources
Deliverables
Product
Processes
Quality
<change type>

C. Change Control Board

The Change Control Board (CCB) for this project is the same as the Project Steering Committee.

D. Change Request Approval Process

The CCB reviews the new change requests and determines one of the following dispositions:

- Reject and return to the change request submitter.
- Return to the change request submitter for additional analysis or rework.
- Defer change request for later consideration.
- Accept and request additional analysis.
- Approve change request for implementation.

The CCB reviews/assigns the final CR priority (Critical, High, Medium, and Low) to the Change Request. The CR priority reflects the importance of the Change Request and how quickly it needs to be addressed. Priorities are defined in about in Section B. When the CCB approves a change request, it assigns a priority to the request (Critical, High, Medium, or Low).

Change requests are referred back to the submitter for analysis when the request does not contain sufficient information to determine its disposition or impact. In some cases, an Impact Analysis Report may be performed. The CCB reviews the change request and accompanying impact analysis and determines one of the following dispositions:

- Accept for additional analysis and decision by the CCB and request an analysis or further detailing of an existing analysis report.
- Approve the request for implementation.
- Reject the request and return to the request submitter.
- Defer the request for later consideration.
- Refer or escalate the request to the Project Team.

If the request requires referral or escalation to the Project Team, the change request and analysis report is sent to the Project Team for review and a determination of what action to take. When a decision is made, the Project Team informs the CCB and the CCB continues processing the request accordingly.

For those requests which were accepted by the CCB but required additional analysis, the CCB:

- Requests the Project Manager conduct an analysis.
- Assigns a date by which the report is to be completed and brought back to the CCB.

When the analysis is completed, the CCB reviews the analysis and recommendations and determines one of the dispositions listed above. When the CCB approves a request for implementation, it is sent to the Project Manager for a recording of the disposition and for referral to the Project Team.

E. Change Request Tracking

Change requests are tracked using the following matrix:

Change Request #1: <TITLE>	Date:
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Description:		
Submitter: <NAME, ROLE>	Product:	Type:
Contact Info: <PHONE OR EMAIL>	Priority: <CRITICAL HIGH, MEDIUM, LOW> (Color Code Red/Yellow/Green/Lt. Blue)	
CCB Decision:		Date:
Project Team Decision:		Date:

Acceptance and Completion Criteria

Successful implementation of the project will result in tasks and deliverables that facilitate project objectives. The acceptance process for the Project provides a roadmap for incremental acceptance and associated project deliverables at milestones. Any discrepancies involving completion of project tasks or difficulties will be sent to the supervisor for review and discussion.

A. Overview of Project Expectations

1. Business Objectives

The Project will meet specific, measureable, achievable, realistic, and timely business objectives. Established plans, organizational goals, technical requirements, or legal/political/regulatory objectives provide the basis for this section. The following business objectives will be completed as a result of the project:

- <REFERENCE EARLIER SECTION>

2. Project Objectives

The Project will meet specific, measureable, achievable, realistic, and timely objectives. The following project objectives will be completed as a result of the project:

- <REFERENCE EARLIER SECTION>

3. Milestones and Deliverables

Milestones	
Milestone	Description
May 5 th Meeting	Approval of Fact Sheet
	Approval of Plan
	Approval of Survey
	Clean Up Day Plan
June	Promote Fact Sheet & Survey
June 1	Develop PSA
July	Promote Fact Sheet & Survey
August 31	Close Survey
September	Announce Survey Results
October	Present Legislation to Sutton Community Council

Deliverable
Fact Sheet
Survey
Project Management Plan
Legislation
Briefing (Documentation & Background Data)

F. Acceptance

The following matrix confirms acceptance through each stage of the project:

Task	Approved by	Date
Task 1:	Project Manager	
	Sponsor	
	Immediate Supervisor	
Task 2:	Project Manager	
	Sponsor	
	Immediate Supervisor	
Task 3:	Project Manager	
	Sponsor	
	Immediate Supervisor	

Project Close Out

One (1) to three (3) months after the project has been completed, the project team and key stakeholders will gather to discuss lessons learned. After this meeting the project will officially be deemed complete and closed out. The following matrix serves as the project close-out record:

http://www.frontiersman.com/opinions/spectrum/management-desperately-needed-in-sutton-s-coal-hills/article_d1ae04e2-0821-11e6-9985-a30a7fe7b366.html

Management desperately needed in Sutton's 'coal hills'

By George Rauscher Apr 21, 2016

Beginning in the 1920s and subsiding in the 70s, the coalmines brought many jobs, money and people to the area of Sutton. The Jonesville Mine area was one of the biggest mining areas in the state back then. The folks that live there today still enjoy the community those coal mines started long ago.

Before 2009, the quaint little town of Sutton enjoyed the rugged-looking, unrefined and largely unknown 'coal hills,' as the community calls the old Jonesville mining area. The local kids rode dirt bikes, 4-wheelers and horses on the old narrow coal trails. Teens and families held occasional swimming parties in Slipper/Eska Lake during the summer and a few campers forded the undercarriage-abusing terrain to park near the lake or access our "Dedicated Airstrip" which ran parallel to Slipper Lake. Adults and kids alike with 4-wheelers and motorbikes found the challenge of hill climbing to be a draw. Wishbone Lake, Upper Coyote Lake and Eska Falls were areas where adventurous hikers spent the day enjoying fantastic views that those secluded attractions provided.

Early on, mining companies in the United States were not required to provide money for reclaiming the land they removed minerals from. The Mining Reclamation Act of 1977 provided federal dollars with the intent of restoring the land to a more natural state. In this case, those federal funds are distributed through the State of Alaska's Department of Natural Resources.

Those funds were used to put out the underground coal fires in 2006.

In 2009, those funds were used to redesign the airstrip next to Slipper Lake to allow parking for motor homes, campers and trailers. A series of large fire rings were installed around the manmade lake of coal tailings known as Slipper Lake. Roadways were rebuilt to afford easier access to the lake. Reclamation funds were again used in 2012 to stabilize and widen smaller trails for access to the upper, backside of the Jonesville mining area, to put out more fires and to create more sites for motor homes and camping.

No monies were spent on developing a management agreement to allow safe recreation amongst the many varieties of outdoor enthusiasts who would obviously be drawn to the area.

Since then, everything the quaint little town of Sutton enjoyed about the 'coal hills' has been progressively shattered. Understandably, safety aspects called for sealing abandoned mineshafts and putting out some smoldering deep burning coal fires, not for creating an unregulated playground where the activities resemble the happenings in some overseas war zones.

Today, some 300 motor homes and campers, 400 vehicles and trailers and up to 1,500 people can be gathered there on summer weekend in the 'coal hills'. Hundreds of ATVs without clear direction as to where the state land ends and private properties begin are trespassing and destroying those private properties daily.

Bullets from non-directional shooting are ending up in trees and porches of inhabited homes interspersed and adjacent former mining areas. Shooting across hiking trails and into the hiking areas is commonplace, as there is no shooting management to speak of. Explosions from cannons that now rock the town at all hours of the night and day keep homeowners who have invested their lives in this community constantly on edge, and some are now being forced to sell and relocate from friends and loved ones in the local area.

Exploding vehicles in your active state gravel pit provides revenue loss due to safety concerns years of pleading with DNR about these matters has gone unheeded. Trees are being cut down by gunfire. Littered shell casings lie in piles around bullet-perforated,

discarded and abandoned vehicles, which eventually get set ablaze. The vehicles adorn the grounds as monuments to a complete disregard for our community, which has been forced into hosting this Mad Max Theater for the State of Alaska.

Local campers now fear for the safety of their children, as ATV riders speed through family campsites in excess speeds of 60 MPH. Dust is unbearable at times.

Human fecal matter from thousands of people litters the area, as no toilet facilities accommodate these visitors during their stay. Porta-potties once provided by the Mat Su Borough in 2011 were dumped into Slipper Lake, polluting it, and were removed. Piles of syringes along with trailer loads of discarded trash now litter the area and local volunteers can't keep up during community cleanup week.

The community began calling our local legislators this past summer. State Senator Mike Dunleavy took a deep interest at my pleadings and took a 4-hour tour of the area with me. Upon his recommendations we began a process for community involvement.

The Sutton Community Council formed a Citizen's Action Committee. I have chaired that committee from its beginning last year. The committee was established for the purpose of securing a management plan and agreement which the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources to abide by and enforce. The committee started a petition. We sent a representative to the capital during session. We have written letters to the governor and the DNR commissioner.

It has been a race against time as the much needed management plan may not happen before another person gets hurt by stray gunfire or someone is in the wrong place at the wrong time. The recent tragic shooting death of Anchorage resident Adam Malaby in the coal hills has been a cold reality that the problem we have repeatedly brought to the states' attention must be addressed by the DNR soon. It is a sad reminder of where our state priorities lie in all this.

The community of Sutton continues to request that the State of Alaska take responsibility and work with the community and the Mat-Su Borough. Now is the time for management of the reclaimed mining leases in the Jonesville/Slipper Lake area of Sutton. A lack of money is no excuse for the lack of attention this area has received.

George Rauscher is chair of the Jonesville/Slipper Lake Citizens Action Committee. This column is the opinion of the author and does not necessarily reflect the views of the Mat-Su Valley Frontiersman or its parent company, Wick Communications.



Man shot and killed while photographing shooter

A Petition Regarding Jonesville/Slipper Lake Area: *W. 1*

We the undersigned petition the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources to manage the Jonesville/Slipper Lake reclamation area in Sutton consistent with the public interest including health and safety:

	Date:	Name:	Address:	Phone:	Signature
1	1/12/16	D DEAN LUST	PO Box 1190 ⁹⁹⁶⁷⁴ CHICKALOOK	746-2291	<i>D Dean Lust</i>
2	1/13/16	Barbara Kelly	PO Box 162 Sutton AK 99674		<i>Barbara Kelly</i>
3	1/14/16	Nancy Duplan	10175 N. Glenn Hwy ^{Palmer, AK 99645}	745-6745	<i>nancyduplan</i>
4	01/14/16	LEO L FISTER	15816 N. Glenn Hwy #112 ^{SUTTON, AK}	745-3804	<i>L Leo Fister</i>
5	01/15/16	William Schmidt	POB 26 Sutton, AK. 99674	746-1852	<i>William Schmidt</i>
6	1/19/16	Cora Gallagher	P.O. Box 128 / 11478. Jonesville AK Sutton AK	746 0665	<i>Cora Gallagher</i>
7	1-19-16	TERRIE FASSLER	P.O. BOX 388 Sutton AK 99674	907-775-4820	<i>Terri Fessler</i>
8	1-19-16	Chris Ruddell	P.O. BOX 388 Sutton AK 99674	775-4820	<i>Chris Ruddell</i>
9	1-19-16	TYANN PAYNE	PO BOX 254 Sutton AK 99674	707-3013	<i>Tyann Payne</i>
10	1-19-16	Joy Matthias	P.O. Box 72 Sutton AK 99674	414-0711	<i>Joy Matthias</i>
11	1/19/16	Dor Kamakbek	17991 E All Falls rd E-1 ⁹⁹⁶⁷⁴	707 3482	<i>Dor Kamakbek</i>
12	1-22-16	MARK Tirapelli	22356 E GRAND AVE 99674	355-3145	<i>Mark Tirapelli</i>
13	1-22-16	MARCI HAWKINS	PO BOX 460 Sutton AK 99674	631-2280	<i>Marci Hawkins</i>
14	1-23-16	Allie Barker	POB 1225 Chickaloon	746-4566	<i>Allie Barker</i>

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	Date:	Name:	Address:	Phone:	Signature
1	1/5/2016	Nancy Beutels	PO Box 263 - Sutton, AK 99674	745-7686	Nancy Beutels
2	5/30/2016	Philip Williams	PO Box 375 Sutton AK 99674	907-570-6586	
3	1.6.16	Jack Niggemeyer	Box 175 Sutton, AK 99674	982.4347	Jack Niggemeyer
4	1-6-16	CAROL McNAMARA	BOX 247 Sutton, ALASKA 99674	746-1400	Carol McNamara
5	1-7-16	Jennifer Bior	PO Box 245 Sutton, AK 99674	745-7878	Jennifer Bior
6	1-7-16	JANICE MULDER	PO BOX 315 SUTTON AK 99674	746-4059	Janice Mulder
7	1-8-16	Maniah Mc Namara	PO Box 247 Sutton, Alaska 99674	982-8798	Maniah Mc Namara
8	1-8-16	Emily I Bernhardt	PO Box 1128 Chickaloon AK 99674		Emily Bernhardt
9	1/8/16	Timmy Shalfer	PO BOX 98 Sutton AK 99674	746-5752	Timmy Shalfer
10	1/8/15	Dan Kenney	11559 N. SEVENTEEN Mile Blvd SUTTON	707-6650	Dan Kenney
11	1/8/15	Carly Gilder	11559 N. SEVENTEEN Mile Road SUTTON	707-6650	Carly Gilder
12	01-9-2016	Eileen M. Haines	P.O. Box 1102 Chickaloon AK 99674-1102	746-7659	Eileen M. Haines
13	1/9/2016	Ilianna Hauptman	Box 467, Sutton AK 99674	223.6048	Ilianna Hauptman
14	1/12/2016	Will Barickman	18260 E. Wishbone place 99674	745-3375	Will Barickman

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Free for locals!!

Charge outsiders though!!
AS long AS SUTTON people
DONT have to pay.

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	Date:	Name:	Address:	Phone:	Signature Email:
1	1/3/2016	George Rauscher	P.O. Box 164 Sutton AK. 99674	907 745 4058	george@georgerauscher.com
2	1/3/16	Felt N. DAVIS	P.O. Box 85 Sutton AK 99674		
3	1-3-16	Vernon Plowman	P.O. Box 115 Sutton AK 99674		
4	1-5-16	Nancy E Johnson	P.O. Box 256 Sutton, AK 99674	907-745-2841	
5	1-5/16	Roswitha Stewart	PO Box 2945 Palmer AK 99648	907-746-9761	
6	1/5/16	Debra Carver	PO Box 92 Sutton, AK 99674	907-745-5989	
7	1/5/16	Clay Bell	CHRISTIAN RIDGE RD. SUTTON AK 99674		
8	1/5/16	Lana R REED	13633 Sunrise Rd / PO Box 361 Sutton, AK	(907) 775-3221	None
9	1/6/16	James Meyers	12620 N Jonesville Sutton, AK 99674	907-231-9893	James.meyers@alaska.net
10	1/6/16	Jason Johnson	2167. N. Regent Dr	907-441-1653	None
11	1/6/16	Vince Volpe	18593 Twin Hills Ln.	907 746-0484	VINVO160@GMAIL.COM
12	01/07/16	TRICIA Carver	PO Box 361 Sutton, AK 99674	(907) 631-8764	Tricia Carver
13	01/07/16	John Reed	PO Box 361 Sutton, AK 99674	(907) 521-7797	John Reed
14	01/10/16	Deanna Baker	P.O. BOX 105 Sutton, AK. 99674	746-4959	Deanna Baker

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	Date:	Name:	Address:	Phone:	Signature Email:
1	1-5-16	Roxanne Dolfi ROXANNE Dolfi	Box 189 Sutton, AK 99674	907-746-3264	rock@mtaonline.net
2	1-5-16	Bea Campbell	Box 189 Lot 2 Sutton AK 99674	907-746-4712	NONE
3	1-5-16	Jaime Seifer	855 W. Fern Ave. Bldg A apt 1 Palmer, AK	#210-630-8359	Jaimelee0224@hotmail.com
4	1-5-16	Tom Jann	P.O. Box 84 Sutton, ALASKA	907-745-6826	-
5	1-5-16	Joe Rothwell	18150 E.	907-521-7916	JRthwell99@gmail.com
6	1-5-16	John Kearney	Po Box 192 Sutton AK 99674	907-745-2960	-
7	1-5-16	Jenness Ellett-Burns	Po Box 21 Sutton AK 99674	907-745-8969	snowdogsak@yahoo.com
8	1-5-16	Cindy Dunlap	Sutton AK 99674		Cindy D. Dunlap
9	1-5-16	Michael G. Ekela	P.O. Box 312 Sutton AK 99674	(907) - 745-8350	
10	1-5-16	Kegan Elmore	11581 Jonesville Rd. Sutton, AK 99674		
11	1-6-16	Betty Hohn	Po Box 233 Sutton AK 99674	745-6978	Betty Hohn
12	1-6-16	ALAN Hohn	Po Box 233 Sutton AK 99674	745-6978	alan.hohn
13	1-7-16	Betty Magee	PO Box 296 Sutton AK 99674	745-5077	Betty Magee
14	1-7-16	John Lemmison	Po Box 129 Palmer AK 99654		John Lemmison

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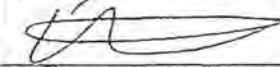
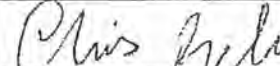
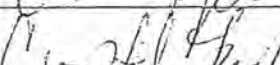
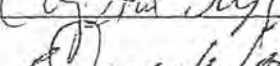
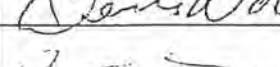
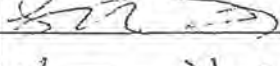
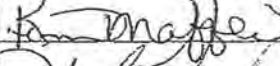


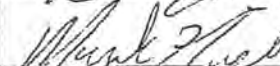

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1	1-10-16	Edward C Tucker	11462 North Riverview Sutton AK 99674	907 631-2398	
2	1-11-16	Robert Herndon	PO Box 384 Sutton AK 99674	(907) 746-3501	
3	1-11-16	CAMI MEYER	17993 E. ALEXANDER RD. SUTTON, AK 99674	(907) 746-6178	
4	1-12-16	Chris Demerly	P.O. Box 440 Sutton AK 99674	907 795-2601	
5	1-17-16	JESUS HERNANDEZ	3511 NEBULA CIRCLE Sutton AK 99517	408 728-5038	
6	1-17-16	GEORGE LAUGHLIN	11617 17 MILE BLVD SUTTON AK	907 746-8834	
7	1-18-16	Shay Kroisdale	mile 20 N Glenn Hwy / P.O. Box 29, Sutton AK	907-521-7993 (907-355-5154)	
8	1-18-16	Tristan Kroisdale	mile 20 N. Glenn Hwy. P.O. Box 29, 99674	907-982-7905 (355-5154)	
9	1-18-16	Scott Kroisdale	mile 20 N. Glenn Hwy. P.O. Box 29, 99674	907-315-7805 (355-5154)	
10	1-20-16	Paula Blevins	P.O. Box 48 Sutton AK 99674	746-7776	
11	1-20-16	Barry Anderson	P.O. Box 422 Sutton, AK 99674		
12	1-20-16	DEWAYNE BENNETT	PO BOX 207 SUTTON, AK 99674		
13	1-20-16	Wendy Meyer	PO Box 207 Sutton AK 99674	35-24163	
14	1-21-16	Bob Simpson	P.O. Box 412 Sutton AK 99674		

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1	1-13-16	JIMPSEMAK.	P.O. Box 419 PALMER AK	355-8330	
2	1-13-16	DOUG GOW	BOX 181 SUTTON AK		
3	1-14-16	Kendall Bellistri	21125 Crag MNT Circle SUTTON AK 99674	907 707 6852	
4	1-14-16	CHRIS ZOBEL	P.O. BOX 127	N/A	
5	1-14-16	Crystal Leigh	PO BOX 521011 Big Lake	707-6764	
6	1-14-16	Dennis Worcester	22356 E GRAND AVE Sutton	702-542-7189	
7	1-14-16	Seth Leone	22700 Anderson	604-372-0527	
8	1-19-16	Kim Maffei	PO Box 308 Sutton	745-1077	
9	1-19-16	Ralph Langham	PO BOX 127 Sutton AK 99674	745-8188	
10	1-19-16	Dick Machl	PO Box 61 Sutton AK 99674	745-1546	
11	1-19-16	Mark Phyllis	22356 - E GRAND AVE 99674	355 3143	
12	1-19-16	J.E. TAUFEST	P.O. Box 131 Sutton 99674	746-5745	
13	1-25-16	SHIELA DEJARLAIS	PO BOX 549 sutton 99674	561-9855	
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1	1-7-16	JEANNE L. GRASGER	Box 232 SUTTON, AK	745-7787	Jeanne L. Grasper
2	1-9-16	Corey Kos	POB 487 Sutton AK	355-0212	Corey Kos
3	1-9-16	Taylor Dolf	P.O. Box 189 Sutton AK	982-3350	Taylor Dolf
4	1-9-16	Sue Young	PO Box 272 Sutton AK	745-3797	Sue Young
5	1-9-16	ALBERT HARRISON	PO Box 63 Sutton AK	745-8066	Albert Harrison
6	1/10/16	Timothy Corey	Po Box 36 Sutton AK	354-6215	Timothy Corey
7	1/10/16	Kenneth Frank	POB 650 N. Larry Wadkins PI	414-2376	Kenneth Frank
8	1-10-16	ELIZABETH C. FANN	P.O. BOX 84 SUTTON, AK		Elizabeth C. Fann
9	1-12-16	Wallace Tingvork	PO Box 148 Sutton, AK	746-6915	Wallace Tingvork
10	1-13-16	SCOTT LANGRAN	PO Box 202 SUTTON AK	N-A	Scott Langran
11	1-13-16	Don David	P.O. Box 1147 CHICKALOOK, AK.	745-2967	Don David
12	1-13-16	Georgia Conner	PO Box 2183 Palmer AK	746-4533	Georgia Conner
13	1-13-16	JOE POLOWY	PO Box 2183 PALMER AK	746-4533	Joe Polowy
14	1-15-16	Rick Dolf	P.O. 150X 52 SUTTON AK	744-4799	Rick Dolf

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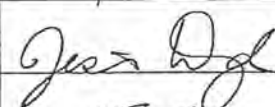
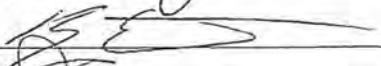
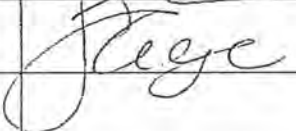
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1	1-11-16	Pauline Richard	12759 N. Jonesville Rd P.O. Box 132 Sutton	746-7521	Pauline Richard
2	1-11-16	Chris Spitzer	11464 N. Wright Way P.O. Box 246 Sutton.	804-380-7200	Chris Spitzer
3	1-11-16	Valerie Pickle	PO Box 462 Sutton AK 99674	907-745-6553	Valerie Pickle
4	1-11-16	Ingrid Shuginoff	21260 E Craig Mnd Circle P.O. Box 3 Sutton AK	745-4067	Ingrid Shuginoff
5	1-11-16	Sandra T. Johnson	P.O. Box 90 Sutton AK. 99674	745-4508	Sandra T. Johnson
6	1-11-16	Dennis Johnson	P.O. Box 90 Sutton AK 99674	745-4508	Dennis Johnson
7	1-11-16	Ed Appallo f	Box 218 Sutton, AK 99674	745-5691	Edmund D. Appallo
8	1/11/16	Suellen Appallo	2521 E Mountain Village ^{St B} _{9MB 255} ^{Slipper Lake} Sutton AK	841-4713	Suellen Appallo
9	1/11/16	Larry Dumm	P.O. Box 132 Sutton AK 99674 12159 Jonesville Rd	746-7521	Larry J. Dumm
10	1/11/16	Frank Buzby	PO Box 452 Sutton AK 99674 P.O. Box 50 Sutton AK 99674	707-3445	Frank Buzby
11	1/11/16	Julie Morgan		745-4993	Julie Morgan
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2	1/11/16	Lynne Woods	PO Box 37 Sutton, AK 99674	907-745-4524	
3	1/11/16	Jessica Winnestaffer	10175 N. Glenn Hwy, Palmer, AK 99645	745-7452	
4	1/12/16	Brian Winnestaffer	10175 N. Glenn Hwy, Palmer AK 99645	745-7452	
5	1/12/16	Samantha Ange	PO Box 3138 Palmer, AK 99645	746-1691	
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2	1/15/16	Lorraine Jaeger Kirsch	3325 W Riverdell Dr	907 357 6144	LorraineJaegerKirsch@aol.com
3	1/21/16	Lisa Rhoades	Po Box 154 Sutton AK 99674	907-355-8791	Lisa Rhoades
4	1-22-16	George Costley	P.O. Box 163 Sutton	907-746-5373	George Costley
5	1-24-16	Alma Blum	Po Box 737 Palmer AK 99645	907-745-4445	Alma Blum
6	1-25-16	Sara Blydenburg	Po Box 104 Sutton AK 99674	907-745-5450	Sara Blydenburg
7	1-26-16	Juli Buzby	PO Box 452 Sutton 99674	907-373-1134	buzbyjula@hotmail.com
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Retake the 'coal hills': Sutton wants its playground back from shooters and garbage piles

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Targets and an old car are riddled with bullet holes at an impromptu shooting range off of the Jonesville Mine Road on Tuesday, June 28, 2016, in Sutton. (Bob Hallinen / Alaska Dispatch News)

SUTTON — Residents here say uncontrolled target shooting and trash piles have chased them from their favorite recreation areas behind town, and now they want the rowdies gone — but they're not getting help from Alaska State Troopers.

They are looking to reclaim the rough camping areas on the "coal hills" off Jonesville Mine Road and the shores of Slipper Lake.

"There is no safe place around that lake, anywhere," said Martin Johnson, who has lived in the area since 1957. "It's just a constant war all weekend."

Johnson was one of dozens of area residents who attended a town hall meeting Wednesday at Sutton Elementary School. They complained of scary shooting, wild four-wheeling and garbage but said troopers rarely patrol the area and often don't respond to calls for help.

Rep. Jim Colver, a Republican from Palmer facing a primary election challenge in August from a Sutton conservative George Rauscher, convened the meeting and brought two of Alaska's top cops: Public Safety Commissioner Walt Monegan and Col. James Cockrell, head of the Alaska State Troopers. About 50 people attended.

Budget-bound troopers say they don't have the manpower to send regular patrols up Jonesville Road. Capt. Hans Brinke, the supervisor of Mat-Su trooper posts, said 36 troopers working three shifts cover an area the size of West Virginia.

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"If I can get my guys up there, I'm going to try my best," he said.

Most campers are decent, locals say. But a few trash the place and shoot through the night. It's gotten so bad many community members say they are afraid to visit on summer weekends.

Allie Barker and a friend were hiking last summer when, they said, bullets started flying by their heads as they ducked and yelled, hemmed in by heavy brush.

Barker, a Chickaloon-based avalanche forecaster, said at the community meeting she believed someone on an adjacent four-wheeler trail was firing blindly.

"I'm not sure I feel comfortable going back up there again, which is unfortunate because it's one of the most incredible places around and everyone here knows that," she said. "We feel really lucky we weren't injured or killed that day. I hope no one else has to experience that."

A recent death added urgency to the conversation. An Anchorage resident, 30-year-old Adam C. Malaby, was shot and killed last month while taking video of people he knew who were firing guns near the road, according to Col. Cockrell.

Along with talk of increasing enforcement, there's also a local effort supported by the Sutton Community Council to establish a new public-use area for Jonesville similar to that adopted by the state for the Knik River.

The public-use area campaign is led by Rauscher, Colver's opponent in August's Republican primary. Rauscher, a remodeler, is chair of the Jonesville/Slipper Lake Action Committee. The group hopes to have a bill ready in November as a vehicle for the Legislature to create the public-use area.

The state improved campsites along the lake in 2009 and 2012 but didn't have a plan to manage growing pressure from Anchorage and Matanuska-Susitna Borough residents, according to the public-use-area campaign.

Along with working with local and state officials on the planning process, Rauscher urged locals themselves to tell people not to shoot in undesignated areas.

"We can all be a part of policing the area ourselves," he said.

Monegan urged residents to call every time they see illegal activity, such as shooting near people or at homes. Troopers say they aren't getting many calls from the area.

"Even if you get no response, we log your call," Monegan said. "The more we hear, the more it builds up. When you actually go apathetic — 'well, they're not going to come so I'm not going to call' — we won't know. Don't give up on us. Call."

Community demands for a formal shooting range got nearly universal support. But developing a shooting range is a complicated process, said Clark Cox, the Alaska Department of Natural Resources' regional manager. Residents need to agree on its location and hours, Cox said.

Colver said any public-use-area legislation is "no sure thing" and noted the bill comes with a \$200,000 price tag. It will be a challenge to pass given the state's grim financial situation, he said.

"If that's the direction we're going, it's just going to take push, hard work and tenacity," Colver said.

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