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Dear Mr. Homan, APR 3 1986

I'm glad I got to talk to you in Juneau about the Susitna State Forest Bill, SB223. What I believe is at issue here in our concerns is some basic policies of D.N.R. regarding the needs of local communities. Many of these communities have been enlarged due to D.N.R. disposal decisions. The State is reaping the results of these decisions. We are just asking D.N.R. to deal responsibly with the problems resulting from their decisions. D.N.R.'s Susitna Area Plan supports personal use forestry. We just want this to be addressed in SB223.

Due to our inability to use the teleconference equipment at the Susitna Valley High School, we did not get to

hear the whole teleconference
& public hearing of SB223
before the Senate Resources
on March 19. We did get to
testify via telephone & hope
that it was heard
alright down in Juneau.

Could you please send
me a transcript of the
committee hearing on SB223?

Thanks.

Becky Long
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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

TO: SENATOR ARLISS STURGULEWSKI

FROM: JOYCE BAKER
P O BOX 1538
PALMER
745-2226

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BILL NO: SB 223

SUBJECT: ESTABLISHING THE SUSITNA STATE FOREST

MESSAGE:

PLEASE DEFEAT THIS BILL. IF THE LAND IS IN PRIVATE OWNERSHIP, A TAX BASE WILL BE CREATED. WE NEED MORE TAXES BUT WE DON'T NEED OUR TAXES RAISED ON WHAT WE HAVE NOW. THANK YOU.

DATE: 04/21/86 TIME: 14:45:39 SENT BY: MATSU LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

TO: SENATOR ARLISS STURGULEWSKI
FROM: ROSE PALMQUIST, MATSU BOROUGH ASSEMBLY
PO BOX 870296 99687
WASILLA AK
376-0110

BILL NO: SB 223

SUBJECT: ESTABLISHING THE SUSITNA STATE FOREST
MESSAGE:

THE MATSU BOROUGH ASSEMBLY REAFFIRMED ITS POSITION OF DISAGREEMENT OF SB223 AT THIS TIME, AND TOOK DIRECT ACTION TO SUPPORT THE TIMBER INDUSTRY UNDER THE PRESENT STATUATE.

DATE: 04/23/86 TIME: 11:39:58 SENT BY: MATSU LIO

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PUBLIC OPINION MESSAGE

TO: SENATOR ARLIS STURGULEWSKI
FROM: OLGA WARD
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WASILLA 99687
376-3494

BILL NO: SB 223
SUBJECT: ESTABLISHING THE SUSITNA STATE FOREST
MESSAGE:

I WISH YOU TO DEFEAT THIS BILL. LAND SHOULD BE IN PRIVATE OWNERSHIP
AS OPPOSED TO MORE (LAND) IN GOVERNMENT CONTROL.

DATE: 04/22/86 TIME: 13.26:27 SENT BY: MATSU LIO

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REPRESENTATIVE: KATIE HURLEY
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STATE OF ALASKA
THE LEGISLATURE

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JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811
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LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

April 22, 1986

SUBJECT: Susitna State Forest
[CSSB 223(Resources)]

TO: Senator Arliss Sturgulewski
Chair, Senate Resources Committee

FROM: Richard A. Bradley
Legislative Counsel

I have prepared the Committee Substitute for SB 223 as requested.

Please note that the land descriptions have been reordered in a more logical sequence.

I note that SB 223 as introduced had some apparent confusion in its description of land. The bill provides descriptions of Township 24 North, Range 9 West, Seward Meridian, in two different places: see SB 223 at page 8, lines 12 - 14 and page 13, lines 14 - 19. Since the descriptions are not in conflict, I have combined them.

I also note some inconsistent or illogical descriptions of land in the original bill (SB 223) that you may wish to review:

In Township 19 North, Range 6 West, Seward Meridian, Section 34, the description given is "W1/2, W1/2E1/2, SE1/4, SE1/4NE1/4". The second and third aspects of the description overlap.

In Township 21 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian, Section 26, the description given is "E1/2, SW1/4, E1/2NW1/4, SW1/4SW1/4". The second aspect swallows the fourth aspect.

In Township 24 North, Range 1 West, Seward Meridian, Section 31, the description given is "NW1/4, SW1/4, S1/2NE1/4, E1/2SW1/4". The second aspect swallows the fourth aspect.

Senator Arliss Sturgulewski
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In the land description received subsequently from the department, there are some more problems. With reference to Township 21 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian, the descriptions offered were "Sections 24 - 26, Section 26: W1/2, NE1/4". I have assumed that what was intended was Sections 24 - 25 and Section 26 as qualified.

And I note that the original bill contained references to the "Yeotna River." We find no such river in the dictionary of Alaska place names and do find a "Yentna River" that is in the area. I have deleted the "Yeotna" references and substituted "Yentna" for them.

I also note that the later suggestions from the department contained suggestions for additions. The format suggested was that of "additions" and the format required a reconsideration of the descriptions for the bill. An example of what was done may be seen by reviewing the descriptions for Township 20 North, Range 8 West, Seward Meridian. A portion of its description had read:

Sections 2 - 11
Section 12: W1/2, SE1/4
Section 13 - 20

The department suggested adding "Section 12: NE1/4".

The result is that all of Section 12 is included (W1/2, SE1/4, NE1/4) and that means that the description would read:

Sections 2 - 20

The descriptions regarding Sections 25 -36 in Township 20 North, Range 7 West are handled the same way.

While I believe that I understand what was intended, you should review all the descriptions carefully.

If I may be of further assistance, please advise.

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Enclosure

10 April 1986

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Honorable Arliss Sturgulewski, Chairperson
Senate Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V (MS 3100)
Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Senator Sturgulewski,

I have been reading, with no little trepidation, of the proposals for the establishment of state forests in the Susitna basin and Yakataga.

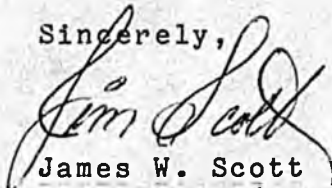
Firstly, the forests of the Gulf area contain little economically recoverable timber. The long and dismal history of the forest products industry in the Gulf area is well known. While the State Division of Forestry and its legitimizers have no doubt painted a rosy picture of the possibilities of the Gulf area, believe me, only the State Division of Forestry stands to benefit. There is an excellent opportunity for the state to send more good money after bad by establishing a Gulf forest.

Secondly, the nature of the timber cover in the Susitna Basin is sub-marginal on the whole and the establishment of a State forest here would be the greatest of folly. Here too, the prospect for economic income and jobs has been waved before us. The prospect of "the Japanese coming" at some future time excites the cupidity of most people beyond all precedent. Here too, the magic figure of 60 jobs and plus \$1,000,000 as income is cited. Believe me, the jobs would no doubt be in the Division of Forestry and the proposed income a myth.

The State Division of Forestry and the Institute of Northern Forestry, UAF are growth institutions and represent great public investment and no return. These people are not unlike the people that gave Alaska the Delta barley and McKenzie Point milk projects.

The spatial areas owned by the state can best be used for recreation, timber sales, and other pursuits, in an unclassified condition. It would seem that elected representatives of the people of this state would make an effort to distinguish between the necessary vs desirable and be exceedingly cautious of the various 'pie in the sky' proposals coming from every direction.

Sincerely,



James W. Scott
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April 1, 1986

Representative Bette Cato
Alaska State Legislature
P.O. Box V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

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Dear Representative Cato:

John Sturgeon, the Director of the Division of Forestry, wrote me on March 11, 1986, and requested that I send you a "brief" letter on my thoughts regarding State Forests. I hope that a "brief" letter will suffice.

Those who support a state forest system generally do so to assure a long-term supply of raw material for the wood products industry and to provide continued public access to all of the resources found on public forested lands.

The wood products industry in interior Alaska has been unwilling to make additional investments, either in new plants or in expanding existing facilities, because there has been no guarantee of a continued long-term supply of timber. Even though there are commercial forest lands owned by the state that could provide a substantial increase in the long-term supply of timber for local forest industries, these lands are not in a classification that would prevent them from being reclassified for other uses by the Department of Natural Resources. The industry wants a secure forest land base, one that is protected by legislation, i.e. state forest designation.

There have been suggestions that the state dispose of its forest lands and have the private sector provide the needed timber resources. Those who suggest this envision many small and medium sized woodlot owners happily supplying the industry. Any forest economist would tell you that such operations are not economically efficient and could never pay for their management costs, not to mention the difficulties the industry would have in obtaining a supply from many small independent land ownerships. Even if it were acceptable to Alaskans to have the state sell very large acreages to the private sector, what is to prevent a large private corporation from selling its products to the


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highest bidder, even if that bidder is overseas? Witness what several Native corporations in southeast Alaska are doing. They are liquidating their old growth timber for foreign buyers. Not only is raw material not being processed in Alaska, but the timber is not being harvested at sustained-yield rates. In the not-too-distant future there will be no forest to harvest. What may make good economic sense to these corporations would not make economic sense to an industry depending on a long-term sustained supply. Luckily for southeast Alaska, the U.S. Forest Service is managing their lands on a sustained-yield basis. What would happen to the industry if there were no agency practicing sustained-yield forestry in interior Alaska?

Forests are reservoirs containing many other resources that the public should have continued access to. Single-use land classifications deprive the public of the array of resources that would be possible under the multiple-use management of state forests. Forested lands put into the private hands would most likely put an end to public access to the land for any purpose. State forests would be managed for a variety of purposes, utilizing without impairment, the capabilities of the land to meet different demands simultaneously.

For your information, I have enclosed the Society of American Foresters' position on the multiple use of forest lands, a "Rationale for a State Forest System" prepared by the Alaska Department of Natural Resources and two transcripts of SAF testimony prepared supporting the proposed Susitna State Forest.

Sincerely,


Tony Gasbarro
Extension Forester

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Enclosures.

cc: Irv Skelton
James Matthews
John Sturgeon
Jan Faiks
Denny Rauw



SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS

Representing the Forestry Profession in America

MULTIPLE USE OF FOREST LANDS A POSITION OF THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS*

Forests occupy some 3/4 billion acres, or one-third of the land area of the United States. Demands on forest lands for goods and services are increasing rapidly and are expected to increase still faster in the future. Conflicts in use have become accentuated in recent years by requests to administrative, legislative, and judicial bodies to influence and regulate public and private forest management. Such conflicts are especially sharp where interest groups believe that the use demands of other interest groups compete with their own.

Diversity of Use Demands on Forest Lands.

Forests receive, store, and make available most of the nation's useable water. They satisfy the nation's requirements for wood, a major, renewable, and highly versatile raw material. Forest vegetation stabilizes soil, has a moderating effect on local climate, reduces sound and air pollutants, and helps maintain atmospheric oxygen-carbon dioxide balances. Recreation, encompassing a wide variety of individual and group activities, has become a major use of forest lands. Forests, and the streams and lakes they help to sustain, provide the habitat for wildlife and fish, which are also major, renewable resources. Forest lands provide forage to help feed browsing wildlife and domestic livestock. Some forest lands are an important source of minerals and others provide space for utility lines, transportation corridors, reservoirs, and other land-consuming uses.

What Multiple Use Is.

Increasing demands upon limited forest lands can be met with coordination of uses on specific areas. Foresters have developed and applied the concept of multiple use whereby land is managed for a variety of purposes which utilizes, without impairment, the capabilities of the land to meet different demands simultaneously. Properly implemented, multiple use sustains production and avoids environmental deterioration. The multiple-use strategy takes effective advantage of capabilities of diverse portions of a forest to meet both current and projected demands.

Many benefits accrue on a forest regardless of the management strategy employed. For example, a forest managed exclusively for recreation can provide water, climatic, and wildlife benefits. Similarly, one managed exclusively for timber can provide water, climatic, wildlife, and recreation benefits. It is extremely difficult to visualize any exclusive forest use which does not also provide other benefits. The supply of forest lands is inadequate to meet all demands, but the multiple-use strategy normally provides the largest sum of social, economic, and spiritual benefits.

*Approved by the Council of the Society of American Foresters, November 20, 1980. A position of the Society of American Foresters expires three years after the date of its adoption unless, after thorough review, its continuance is approved.

Accomplishing the Objectives of Forest Land Ownership.

In application of the multiple-use concept, primary and secondary uses emerge on specific portions of forest areas. The expertise of forestry professionals is required to determine, within the objectives of ownership which is the primary use; how it can best be implemented; and, where desirable, how it can be modified to accommodate secondary and incidental uses. To best accomplish the objectives of the landowner, multiple-use forest lands--whether managed for exclusive, primary and secondary uses, or left in a general-use category--should be managed for the greatest sum of net benefits over time.



February
Alaska Department of
**NATURAL
RESOURCES**

RATIONALE FOR A STATE FOREST SYSTEM

Historically, the forests of Alaska have provided its inhabitants with building materials, fuel, recreational opportunities, diversity of wildlife and untold other benefits. Recent rapid shifts in ownership patterns and single-use allocations of that land have severely hampered public availability of these resources and stifled the development of a viable forest products industry, especially in the interior of Alaska.

The full impact of these encroachments on the public use of the land, if allowed to continue, will not be fully realized for years and possibly decades. Continued pressures to further reduce the publicly owned forest land available for multiple-use management is eroding this base.

It is in the best interest of the State to legislatively designate large tracts of primarily forested lands for long-term public retention and management for a multiplicity of resources, as envisioned by the framers of the Constitution of the State of Alaska.

Simple classification of the land as "forested" does not assure that this diversity of benefits, so needed by Alaska, will remain available for future generations.

Forest land in private ownership might well produce the forest products necessary for the development of the State, but not allow the use of the land for its other resource values by the general public.

A state forest system is a use-oriented concept. It would not only provide the incentive to develop a stable forest products industry capable of reducing the amount of lumber being imported to meet our needs (some 75% of the sawn lumber used in the Interior), but also provide access for hunting, fishing, camping, berry picking, etc. State forests are not a lockup, but a dependable year-after-year source of all the renewable resources of the State, for all the residents of the State.

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ALASKA STATE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTERS



Testimony Presented to the Senate Resources Committee Concerning
the Proposed Susitna State Forest

February 24, 1986

My name is Allen Richmond, speaking on behalf of the Alaska State Society of American Foresters, representing approximately 280 foresters throughout our state. Our Society strongly endorses adding the proposed Susitna State Forest to the State Forest System.

In 1983 the Alaska Legislature established a State Forest System. State Forests are managed according to the principles of multiple use whereby land is managed for a variety of purposes which utilizes, without impairment, the capabilities of the land to meet different demands simultaneously. Properly implemented, multiple use sustains production and avoids environmental deterioration.

The proposed Susitna State Forest contains approximately 530,000 acres. Commercial forests cover 150,000 acres which could yield an annual allowable cut of 1 to 1.5 million board feet of softwood and 10 to 15 thousand cords of hardwoods for commercial and personal use. Much of the proposed state forest is also valuable for recreation and tourism, and wildlife and fisheries habitat. These and other uses will be permitted under a management plan to be prepared by the Alaska Division of

Forestry. Some of the other uses include mineral exploration and development, grazing, trapping, greenbelts, subsistence uses, watershed management and research.

The changing and uncertain land status in Alaska has been one of the factors that has discouraged the development of a wood products industry by keeping the supply of raw materials uncertain. If a wood products industry can take full advantage of the estimated allowable cut in the proposed forest, an estimated 60 direct and indirect jobs could result, providing \$240,000 in annual revenue and an annual payroll of \$1.1 million.

Committing lands to long-term forest management in the Railbelt is critical if Alaska is to achieve any level of self sufficiency, particularly, with respect to lumber. The Railbelt could also eventually supply Alaskan, "Lower Forty Eight", and foreign manufacturers with substantial quantities of fine birch hardwood material for furniture manufacture, panelling and flooring. Limited amounts of these products are being produced today in the Matanuska and Susitna Valleys.

I would like to briefly discuss, our Society's view of how multiple use management is implemented. In application, the multiple use concept involves managing a specific forest area for various benefits and may result in 1) exclusive use on some portions, 2) the emergence of primary and secondary uses on other portions, and 3) a general-use category where no one use justifies specific designation. An "exclusive use" is one for

which an area is reserved and managed for one purpose, with other managed uses excluded. A "primary use" is one for which an area is predominantly managed but which permits secondary managed uses. A "secondary use" is a managed use other than that for which the land area is predominantly managed. In the ~~general-use~~ ^{"general-use"} category, forest lands are deliberately managed for specified objectives, but no assignment of priorities is made.

The Alaska State Society of American Foresters recommends that the 150,000 acres of commercial forest land within the 530,000 acres be designated as "primary use" because of the importance of the commercial forest land base to the development of a viable forest industry in the Railbelt area.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. If there is anyway we can be of assistance to the Senate Resource Committee in the clarification of issues and policy regarding the management of forest land please do not hesitate to call upon us.

For further information contact:

Tony Gasbarro
Chairman
Alaska State Society of American Foresters
2687 Horsetail Trail
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709

ALASKA SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FORESTER'S POSITION ON THE SUSITNA STATE FOREST *

Presented by: V. J. LaBau
Research Forester
For: The Alaska Society of
American Foresters

The Alaska Society of American Foresters strongly endorses the concept of the Susitna State Forest. This is consistent with the Alaska State Forest Practices Act which mandates managing Alaska's forest lands according to the principles of multiple use. It is also consistent with the State's Land Management plan for multiple use of the Mat-Su valley's natural resources. That plan calls for allocating uses to agriculture, forestry, parks and refuges, mineral development, wildlife habitat, recreation, settlement, and water resources. The plan, which has undergone 3 years of public review, public input, and finally completion by the State Planners and approval by the Mat-Su Borough in 1985, deals with a 9.65 million acre area.

The development of a State Forest on 500,000 acres utilizes a mere 5% of the total 9.65 million acres. Five percent is a very small portion to be dedicating to something as important to all of us as forestry--the source of most of our homes, buildings, and our paper products.

From vegetation inventory studies of the Mat-Su area, over 4 million acres is in forest land, and about 2 million acres is classes as commercial timberland (Hutchison's ALASKA FOREST RESOURCES, 1967). It has been estimated that there is about 138,000 acres of commercial grade timber in the 500,000 acre area designated for a State Forest. 138,000 acres is only about 7% of all commercial timberland in the valley. This is the only area of the 2 million acres of commercial timberland in the valley that is designated for public multiple use forest management. Good multiple use forest management requires relatively large parcels of contiguous land for the most effective sustained yield timber management. This is best provided for in public ownership.

There has been concern raised that this State Forest area will be removed from agriculture considerations. That is true. However based on information provided by the State Planners office, of the 13 areas designated in the Borough plan as "prime" agriculture areas, only a small corner of one of the 13 is located within that portion of the proposed State Forest near Peters Creek. That area was originally designated as class 2-3, and was later reclassified to 4-5, which is unsuitable for agriculture.

The point is often made that State Forests are land "lockups." Multiple use management of public lands is a "lock-up" only for private ownership and settlement. The Society of American Foresters supports private ownership. It is an important basis of our society. However, private ownership is in itself the ultimate lockup to public and multiple use. When land goes into private ownership, the "no trespassing" signs usually go up, and the possibilities for public access for hunting, fishing, mineral exploration, firewood and timber extraction are excluded. We currently have a good deal of public land in Alaska, but so did Colorado and Wyoming at one time. When one wants to get to some of the best deer, elk and antelope hunting in Wyoming, there are the "no trespass" signs to deal with. One will not see "no trespass" signs preventing hunting, fishing, mineral exploration, hiking, firewood harvest, and other recreation activities on a State Forest. Public access is mandated by law!!!

We owe our children those land access freedoms, as well as the promise of good public forest management programs on at least some, if only 5%, of the Mat-Su valley forest lands. The Society of American Foresters strongly endorses the establishment of the Sustina State Forest through the passage of State Senate Bill # 223.

* Presented by Jim LaBau on March 18, 1986 to the Mat-Su Borough Assembly, Palmer, AK.

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PUBLIC FORUM: "DO ALASKANS WANT STATE FORESTS?"

The Case of the Proposed Susitna State Forest



AN EVENING OF DEBATE

APRIL 17th, 7:00 pm

Mat-Su Borough Office Building, Assembly Rm., Palmer

- Is a state forest another land lock-up?
- Is the proposed Susitna State Forest a threat to agriculture?
- What is meant by multiple use? What restrictions to land use are there on a state forest?
- Will Alaskans benefit from a state forest system?

Guest Speakers (Partial List)

Ron Vroman, former Mat-Su Borough Chairman; Dick Tindall, Resource Development Council; Greg Bell, Mat-Su Logger's Association; John Sturgeon, Director of State Division of Forestry; Zane Cornett, Society of American Foresters; State Division of Agriculture representative and others.

For more information call:

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Honorable Arliss Sturgulewski
Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V. (MS 3100)
Juneau, Ak 99811

Dear Ms. Sturgulewski:

Senate Bill #223, as proposed, will permanently deny any possible private ownership and thereby, any possible tax base of the over 500,000 acres included in the planned Susitna State Forest. Only 748,000 acres carry the tax support burden on 13,972,000 remaining acres in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough at present.

Given the uncertain economic future of the State is it wise to permanently lock this land away from possible private ownership? The constitution of the State of Alaska, Article VIII, states in Section 1: "It is the policy of the State to encourage the settlement of its land and development of its resources by making them available for maximum use consistent with the public interest".

Research shows that the land in the area is suitable for a multitude of uses in private ownership. True, the State plans multiple use for the land, but government land does not pay taxes... In recent years special interest groups have been successful in limiting the use of public lands much beyond what the original intent was when these areas were established.

An example is the embattled miners of the State.

The State should be extremely careful of permanently classifying potential tax base land into a restricted use. Please defeat this bill.

Sincerely,

Jeff Ray

Honorable Arliss Sturgulewski
Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V. (MS 3100)
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Lloyd C. Wood

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TO: SENATORS KERTTULA, DEVRIES, STURGULEWSKI, FAHRENKAMP,
COGHILL, ELIASON, V. FISCHER, HALFORD, ZHAROFF
REF LARSON, HURLEY

FR: ANN DICKSON
P O BOX 1161
WILLOW 99688

RE: SB223 - SUSITNA FOREST

I AM IN FAVOR OF THIS BILL.

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MAR 24 1986

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WASILLA AK
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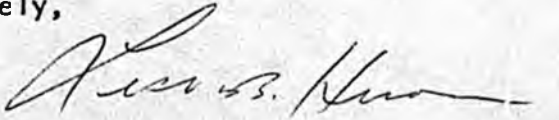
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748-2317

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REPRESENTATIVES HURLÉY AND LARSON

FR: MIKE MCCRARY

P.O. BOX 13175

TRAPPER CREEK AK 99683 733-2465

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RE: SB223 SUSITNA FORESTS

I WOULD LIKE TO URGE YOU TO HELP SEND SB223 BACK TO THE SUSITNA
AREA PLANNING TEAM. FARMERS, LOGGERS, FOREST SERVICE COULD HELP
MOR THE NEXT TIME AROUND IN PLANNING. THERE ARE NO PROVISIONS
FOR PRIVATE LAND IN FOREST AND NOT ENOUGH COMMERCIAL TIMBER
DESIGNATED TO MUCH PARK TYPE STUFF.

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DATE

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SITKA CHAPTER
102 Austin St.
Sitka, Alaska 99835

Senators on the Senate Resources Committee
State Senate
120 - 4th St. Capitol Bldg
Juneau, Alaska 99801

March 2, 1986

Dear Senators,

The Sitka Chapter of the Society of American Foresters supports passage of Senate Bill #223. This Bill proposes establishment of a new State Forest at Susitna.

The long-term multiple use benefits, this new forest will provide all Alaskans, make passage of Senate Bill #223 essential, and a wise investment in the future of the State.

Sincerely,

Craig Courtright
Craig Courtright
Chapter Chairman

copy to: Senators on Senate Finance Committee

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TO: SENATORS STURGOLEWSKI, FAHRENKAMP, COGHILL, ELIASON, V. FISCHER, HALFORD, ZHAROFF

FR: ROBERTA SHELDON
TALKEETNA 99676

RE: SB 223 - SUSITNA FOREST

URGE YOU TO DEFER ACTION ON THE DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCES SUSITNA FOREST BILL UNTIL MORE BALANCED FOREST PROPOSAL CAN BE FORMULATED.

FRANK

TO: SENATORS KERTTULA, DEVRIES, STURGULEWSKI, FAHRENKAMP,
COGHILL, ELIASON, V. FISCHER, HALFORD, ZHAROFF
REPS. LARSON, HURLEY

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FR: DANIEL L. HILL
P O BOX 870097
WASILLA 99687
376-4532

RE: SB223 - SUSITNA STATE FOREST

INFORMATION ON PLANNING FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE PROPOSED
SUSITNA STATE FOREST CAN BE FOUND IN THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA
BOROUGH'S OVERALL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM; INC., FORESTRY
PROJECTS, WOOD HARVESTING AND PROCESSING*, DEVELOPMENT PROCESS*,
ASSESSMENT OF TIMBER RESOURCES AND PROSPECTIVE AND PROSPECTIVE
FOREST PRODUCTS INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT IN THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA
BOROUGH.*SHORT TITLES (*'S AS PRESENTED ON WRITTEN POM FORM.)

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TO: SENATORS ~~STURGEWICK~~ FARENKAMP, COGHILL, ELIASON,
V.FISCHER, HALFORD, AND ZHAROFF
FR: WAYNE BURKHART
P.O. BOX 660
PALMER AK 99645

R E: HB223 SUSITNA FORESTS

THIS BILL LOOKS SUSPICIOUSLY LIKE ANOTHER LOCK -UP ATTEMPT. WITH
OUR ECONOMY THAT'S ALL EGGS IN ONE BASKET AS WE HAVE NOW. I
DOUBT WE CAN AFFORD TO REMOVE FROM THE REACH OF THE PRIVATE SECT
OR SUCH VASTE ACREAGES THAT ARE ACCESSABLE AND POTENTIALLY
PRODUCTIVE WE NEED TO INCREASE OUR TAX BASE. PLEASE DEFEAT.

TO: SENATOR KERTTULA AND ~~STURGEWICKI~~ FAHRENKAMP, COGHILL,
ELIASON, FISCHER, HALFORD, ZHAROFF.
FR: JOE SPAIN
P.O. BOX 46
WILLOW AK 99688 495-6391

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RE: SB223 SUSITNA FOREST

I AM IN SUPPORT OF MORE COMMERCIAL LAND ADDED TO THIS BILL IF
POSSIBLE. THERE ARE A COUPLE OF DOZEN PEOPLE HERE WHO MAKE THEIR
LIVING OFF OF TIMBER.

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TO: ALL LEGISLATORS
FR: PHILLIP J. FURBUSH
SRA BOX 6001
PALMER AK 99645 745-3357
RE: SB223 SUSITNA FOREST

PH

PLEASE DEFEAT THIS BILL. THIS BILL LOCKS UP 525,000 ACRES OF SOME OF THE BEST LAND IN THE HEART OF THE SUSITNA BASIN. THIS LAND IS NEEDED IN THE PRIVATE ECONOMY AS FEE SIMPLE LAND AND PROVIDE A TAX BASE. WE DO NOT NEED MORE LAND CONTROLLED BY STATE GOVERNMENT.

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TO: SENATE RESOURCES

SENS: ~~STURBU BUSKI~~ FAHRENKAMP, ELIASON, ZHAROFF, HALFORD,
COGHILL, V. FISCHER

FROM: CLAYTON MORTIBOY (H)338-2550
5017 CHESS DRIVE (W)279-1532
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99508

SUBJECT: SB 223 - ESTABLISHING THE SUSITNA STATE FOREST

MY OPINION THEY SHOULD KEEP LAND FOR FIREWOOD AND LOGS AND OPPOSE
ANY SUBDIVISION IN THE SUSITNA AREA UP TO THE DENALI PARK AREA.

TO: ALL LEGISLATORS

FR: BEVERLY FROST
P O BOX 60
SUTTON 99674
745-4171

RE: SB223 - SUSITNA FOREST

A PATTERN IS DEVELOPING WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION TO KEEP AS MUCH REAL ESTATE IN STATE POSSESSION AS POSSIBLE BY CREATING DOZENS OF PRISON SITES, STATE FORESTS, PARKS AND REFUGES. THIS ECONOMY NEEDS DIVERSIFICATION. THE PUBLIC NEEDS LAND THEY CAN OWN, DEVELOP AND PAY TAXES ON.

SB223 - SUSITNA FOREST

I AS WELL AS MANY OTHER PEOPLE FROM THIS AREA CUT WOOD IN THE AREA AND ARE ALL FOR THIS BILL. THE LAND YOU HAVE SET ASIDE IS NOT LARGE ENOUGH HOWEVER AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE ADDED ESPECIALLY IN THE BUTTE AREA.

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TO: SENATORS DEVRIES, KERTTULA, STURGULEWSKI, HALFORD
REPRESENTATIVES HURLEY & LARSON

FROM: JIM COLLA 563-2096
2700 EAST 42ND
ANCHORAGE 99508

RE: SB223 - SUSITNA FOREST

SB 223 WILL PRODUCE REVENUE FOR THE STATE, PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT & HELP
STABILIZE THE ECONOMY. UNDER MULTIPLE USE STATE FOREST WILL OPEN
HUNTING, FISHING, TRAPPING, MINING, SKIING, HIKING, CAMPING.
CREATING STATE FOREST IS IN BEST INTEREST OF ALASKANS.

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TO: SENATORS ~~STURGEON~~ ~~WENSKI~~, ELIASON AND ZIEGLER
REPRESENTATIVES SUND, SHULTZ AND HERRMANN

FROM: DARK K. ENGER
735 MILLER RIDGE
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA 99901
PHONE: 225-3101(WORK) 225-2794 (HOME)

RE: STATE FORESTS

MESSAGE: I SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE FORESTS AND
MULTIPLE USE OF THOSE LANDS FOR PUBLIC GOOD. THE YAKATAGA
PROPOSAL DESERVES UNQUALIFIED SUPPORT. THE SUSITNA PROPOSAL MAY
NEED REFINEMENT. PROVIDE FOR USE, OR SEPARATE OUT APPROPRIATE
AGRICULTURE LANDS. IF AREA EXCLUDES TIMBER AND OTHER MULTIPLE
USE, CONSIDER A PARK DESIGNATION.
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TO: ALL LEGISLATORS

FROM: FRANKLIN FENNER
POB 871833
WASILLA 99687

376-3712

RE: SB 223 - SUSITNA FOREST

AT THIS TIME, UNTIL NATURAL GAS GETS PUT THROUGHOUT THE VALLEY, I'M IN FAVOR OF WOODCUTTING AND OF SB 223.

TO: ALL LEGISLATORS
FR: RALPH YOUNGS
P.O. BOX 870670
WASILLA AK 99687

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RE: SB223 SUSITNA FORESTS

I AM IN FAVOR OF THIS BILL AND HOPE YOU WILL SUPPORT ITS PASSAGE.

TO: ALL LEGISLATORS

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FROM: LEO & FRANCES KAYE
SR BOX 12934
WASILLA 99687

376-8810

RE: SB 223 - SUSITNA FOREST

WE OPPOSE PASSAGE OF SB 223 ESTABLISHING THE SUSITNA STATE FOREST.
THIS STATE LAND SHOULD BE PLACED IN PRIVATE OWNERSHIP TO YIELD TAXES.
PRIVATE OWNERSHIP WILL PUT THIS LAND INTO PRODUCTION.

TO: ALL SENATORS
ALL REPRESENTATIVES

FROM: MARTIN MARICLE
P.O. BOX 412
GLENNALLEN, ALASKA 99588
822-3414 (H) 822-5534 (W)

RE: ~~SB 30 STATE FORESTS: YAKATAGA~~
SB 223 ESTABLISHING SUSITNA FOREST

I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT SB 30 AND SB 223 CURRENTLY CONSIDERED. IN THESE DAYS OF DIMINISHING BUDGETS THE ECONOMY MUST BE DIVERSIFIED. PASSAGE OF SB 30 COULD LEAD TO JOBS IN VALDEZ .

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TO: ALL LEGISLATORS

FROM: LINDA LUND
POB 1028
WILLOW 99686

495-6493

RE: SB 223 - SUSITNA FOREST

I WOULD BE IN FAVOR OF THIS BILL.

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TO: ALL LEGISLATORS

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376-0398

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FR: MURRAY NASH
P.O. BOX 1460
TALKEETNA AK 99676 733-2577

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AND DEDICATED PUBLIC FORESTS. FORESTS THAT WOULD MEET THE
REQUIREMENTS OF WILDLIFE AND WOOD USE OF RESIDENTS.

TO: SENATOR STURGULEWSKI, FAHRENKAMP, COGHILL, ELIASON, V.
FISCHER, HALFORD, AND ZHAROFF
FR: NOEL AND JEAN WOODS
P.O. BOX 827
PALMER AK 99645

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AREA. RECENT HISTORY OF SPECIAL USE AREAS IN THE MATSU AREA
HAVE RESULTED IN MANAGEMENT PLANS UNDER DNR THAT WOULD TURN THESE
AREAS INTO PARKS OR RESTRICT USES ALLOWED.

Phillip Furbush
SRA Box 6001
Palmer, AK 99645

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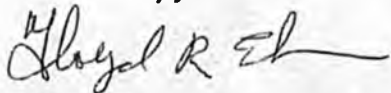
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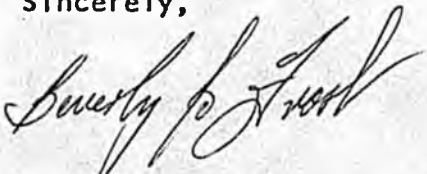
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307 BAWDEN STREET
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March 20, 1986

MAR 21 1986

Mr. Daryl Enger
735 Miller Ridge
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901

Dear Daryl:

Thank you for your recent POM pertaining to state forests.

If I'm not mistaken the legislation pertaining to the Susitna Forest proposal will soon be under consideration in Senator Sturgulewski's Natural Resources Committee.

Since you say the legislation may need refining, I'd suggest you write directly to Senator Sturgulewski (P.O. Box V, Juneau, 99811) and explain to her in detail how you feel the bill could be improved.

Are you still trumping your partner's aces?

Best regards,

Robert H. Ziegler, Sr.

cc: / Senator Sturgulewski

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Pouch V. (MS 3100)
Jureau, Ak 99811

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Po Box 87 1350
Wasilla Ak 99687

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Ray J. Egan

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Wm. A. Folsom
P.O. Box 1126
Palmer AK.
99645

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TO: SENATORS KERTTULA, DEVRIES, ~~SURCULEWSKI~~ FAHRENKAMP,
ELIASON, ZHAROFF, COGHILL, V FISCHER

FROM: BILL HAMILTON 745-1534
SRA BOX 6224
PALMER 99645

RE: SB 223 - SUSITNA FOREST

I AM VERY MUCH AGAINST THIS BILL.

File

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Kathleen Carr

TO: ALL LEGISLATORS

FROM: PEGGY MAGNUSON
1330 MULCHATNA DR
WASILLA 99687

376-6543

RE: SB 223 - SUSITNA FOREST

I AM IN FAVOR OF SB 223.

PM

Frank

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* FROM: ROGER MCKOWAN *
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TO: SENATE RESOURCES

SENS. STURGULEWSKI, FAHRENKAMP, ELIASON, ZHAROFF, HALFORD,
COGHILL, V. FISCHER

FROM: DENNIS MURPHY
3030 GLACIER WOOD DR.
JUNEAU 99801
PHONE 789-1539

RE: SB 30 & SB 223

I SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THESE TWO STATE FORESTS. HAVING
20 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT IN ALASKA, THESE
BILLS PROMOTE WISE USE OF THE STATES LAND RESOURCES

FRANK

TO SENATORS STURGULEWSKI, FAHRENKAMP, COGHILL, ELIASON, V.
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FR LAWSON STARNES
2813-D HALIBUT POINT RD.
SITKA, AK. 99835 747-6671 (DAYS)

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TO: SENATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEMBERS
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FROM: TOM WALKER, P.O. BOX 2284, SITKA, AK 99835 747-8076

RE: SB 223; ESTABLISHING A SUSITNA STATE FOREST

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FR: ZANE J. CORNETT, MAT -SU BOROUGH FORESTER

P.O. BOX B

PALMER AK 99645

HOME 745-1732 WK745-9658

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RE: SUSITNA FORESTS T/C 2-24-86

I TESTIFIED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING TODAY AND THERE WE HEARD SEVERAL QUESTIONS ASKED BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS THAT WERE NOT ANSWERED. I WILL BE VERY HAPPY TO ANSWER WHY NON-FORESTED ACRES ARE INCLUDED WITHIN THE PROPOSED BOUNDARIES AND HOW THE LAND WILL BE USED BETWEEN TIMBER HARVEST PERIODS. PLEASE CONTACT ME.

FRANK

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NOT BEEN FILMED BUT IS
AVAILABLE IN THE ORIGINAL
FILE

PROPOSED SUSITNA STATE FOREST



FROM: TED DELAND
POB 179
PALMER 99645

745-4774

FH

RE: SB 223 - SUSITNA FOREST

I WOULD LIKE THIS BILL DEFEATED. WE NEED MORE PROPERTY IN PRIVATE HANDS AND ON THE TAX ROLLS.

TO: ALL LEGISLATORS

FROM: HENRY ADESZKO
ST RT B BOX 7564
PALMER 99645

745-4768

RE: SB 223 - SUSITNA FOREST

PLEASE DEFEAT THIS BILL. THERE'S ENOUGH GOVERNMENT CONTROLS ON ALASKA'S LANDS ALREADY. PUT THE HALF MILLION ACRES IN PRIVATE HANDS & ON THE TAX ROLLS.

TO: ALL LEGISLATORS

FROM: MARK BERTELS
PO# 263
SUTTON 99674

NO PH # GIVEN

RE: SB 223 - SUSITNA FOREST

I SUPPORT SB 223 BECAUSE OF THE ADVANTAGE OF MULTIPLE USE IN CONTRAST TO A PRIVATE LAND LOCK-UP BY "SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS". ALSO A POTENTIALLY VIABLE TIMBER INDUSTRY WILLING TO INVEST & MAKE FOREST PRODUCTS WITHOUT ECONOMIC AID FROM THE STATE, ONLY A COMMITMENT AS TO THE AVIALABILITY OF TIMBER.

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%%POMK140 - 3/18/86

TO: SENATOR KERTTULA, DEVRIES, STURGOLEWSKI, FAHRENKAMP,
LOGHILL, ELIASON, V. FISCHER, HALFORD, ZHAROFF

FR: FIA CONTINI
SR A BOX 6755
PALMER 99645
745-3884

RE: SB224 - SUSITNA FOREST

PLEASE DEFEND THIS BILL. I WANT TO SEE THIS 500,000 ACRES OF
LAND IN PRIVATE OWNERSHIP AND ON BOROUGH TAX ROLLS.

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STATE OF ALASKA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

BILL SHEFFIELD, GOVERNOR

MAR 19 1986

POUCH M
JUNEAU, ALASKA 99811
PHONE: 937-485-2400

March 18, 1986

The Honorable Arliss Sturgulewski
Chair, Senator Resources Committee
Alaska State Legislature
P.O. Box V
Juneau, AK 99811

Dear Senator Sturgulewski:

Thank you for providing me with the information supplied by the Mat-Su Loggers Association concerning additions to the proposed Susitna State Forest. I asked both planning and forestry staff to consider the suggested forest additions in light of the department's existing and proposed land classifications and other relevant planning and forestry information. As you may know, state forests are multiple use areas, to be permanently retained in public ownership and actively managed to provide commercial commodities such as timber and minerals, as well as opportunities for tourism, hunting, fishing and recreation.

From our review of the suggested additions, we have concluded that one area, the Trail Ridge area, should be included in the proposed Susitna State Forest. The legal description for this area is as follows:

T18N R7W S.M.

Section 18 SW1/4, W1/2 SE1/4
Section 19 W1/2, SE1/4, W1/2 NE1/4
Section 28 W1/2 SW1/4
Section 29 W1/2, SE1/4, S1/2 NE1/4
Sections 30-33

T18N R8W S.M.

Section 1 W1/2 W1/2
Sections 2-3
Section 4 E1/2
Section 10 N1/2, SE1/4
Section 11
Section 12 W1/2, W1/2 SE1/4
Section 13
Section 14 N1/2, SE1/4, NE1/4 SW1/4
Section 15 N1/2 NE1/4
Section 23 NE1/4, E1/2 SE1/4

March 18, 1986

Sections 24-25
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Section 36 E1/2

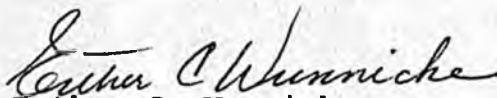
A second area, near Gate Creek, is not appropriate for inclusion in the state forest at this time. This area contains one of the few large contiguous blocks of good agricultural soils in the Susitna region and also has high value for forestry and wildlife habitat. It was designated as a resource management area in the Susitna Plan, and intended for retention in public ownership for 5-10 years until the best long-term use for the land is determined. Including this area in a state forest now would preclude its future use for agricultural purposes.

The remaining two areas recommended by the Mat-Su Loggers Association for inclusion in the state forest, the Delta Islands area and the region north of Skwentna, are also not appropriate for inclusion in the forest at this time. Although some commercial forest lands are located within these two areas, portions of these areas have agricultural potential and the land adjacent to Skwentna could be needed for community public facilities. The public interest would best be served if long-term commitments for these areas are postponed.

In previous discussions with the committee, some members suggested that land which did not have commercial timber potential should not be included in the Susitna State Forest. I believe that the purpose of a state forest is to retain public land for long-term multiple use, including but not limited to timber harvest. But if the committee wishes to delete certain non-commercially forested areas from the forest, and management of the deleted portions would not create land management problems, I would not object.

Please let me know if I may provide additional information or assistance.

Sincerely,


Esther C. Wunnicke
Commissioner

CLARENCE E. FURBUSH
SRA Bx 6001
PALMER, AK 99645

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Belger Larson

Laurel Craig

Wayne Burkhardt

Wayne Burkhardt PO Box 660 PALMER, AK. 99645

PS: IF YOU ARE NOT INCLINED TO WANT TO DEFEAT THIS BILL, PLEASE ADVISE. I WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING YOUR OPINION. THANKS!

Wayne B.

MAR 18 1986

845 E. Sesame St.
Ketchikan, AK
March 13, 1986

Ms. Arliss Sturgulewski
Senate Resource Committee
Alaska State Legislature
Pouch V (MS 3100)
Juneau, Alaska

Dear Ms. Sturgulewski;

I support Senate Bill 223 which establishes the Susitna State Forest. This bill insures the development of state lands with long term multiple use benefits as the top priority. If this state forest is established, sound resource management on this land base could provide the public with the broadest range of benefits including timber, recreation, wildlife, minerals, watershed protection, firewood and many other uses. As an independent business-woman, I am sure you understand the importance of a long term continuation of goods and services to Alaska, and I appreciate your efforts to move forward under extreme pressure to insure Alaska's resources are wisely protected and used to the good of everyone in the State.

Sincerely,



Stephen R. Ambrose
Ketchikan Resident

TO: ALL LEGISLATORS

FROM: TOM COYLE, BOX 181, MCGRATH, AK 99627, 524-3015

SUBJECT: SB 223, ESTABLISHING THE SUSITNA STATE FOREST
SB 30, STATE FORESTS; YAKATAGA

I AM IN SUPPORT OF SB 30 AND SB 223.

FRANK-

FH 61

TO: ALL LEGISLATORS

FROM: STEVE STRUBE

892-7760

POB 521166

BIG LAKE 99652

RE: SB 223 - SUSITNA FOREST

I'M IN FAVOR OF THE SUSITNA FOREST. BUT WHEN YOU PASS IT, ATTACH
A FISCAL NOTE TO PROVIDE FOR ACCESS AS MOST OF THE AREA IS
UNACCESSABLE.

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TO: SENATORS KERTTULA, DEVRIES, STURGOLEWSKI
REPRESENTATIVES LARSON, HURLEY

FROM: BILL BEEBE 892-7810
POB 520577
BIG LAKE 99652

RE: SB 223 - SUSITNA FOREST

I SUPPORT THE CREATION OF SUSITNA FOREST. THIS ACTION WILL HELP PRODUCE THE NECESSARY LAND BASE TO ESTABLISH A VIABLE FOREST INDUSTRY IN THIS AREA. THE "SUSITNA AREA PLAN" HAS IDENTIFIED THE MOST SUITABLE SITES FOR AGRICULTURE & SETTLEMENT. THIS BILL WILL NOT IMPACT THESE LANDS.

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* FROM: MAXINE WALTON *
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TO: SENATE RESOURCES
SENS: STURGULEWSKI, FAHRENKAMP, ELIASON, ZHAROFF, HALFORD,
COGHILL, V. FISCHER
ALSO: SENATOR BENNETT
REPS FRANK, M.W. MILLER, RINGSTAD, KOPONEN, DAVIS
FROM: JOHN MAISCH
1710 WOLVERINE DR.
FAIRBANKS 99709
PH: 479-8394
RE: SB 223 SUSITNA FOREST

MSG: I WOULD LIKE TO URGE YOU TO ACT ON SB 223. THE SUSITNA
FOREST WILL PROVIDE AN IMPORTANT LAND BASE FOR FOREST AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTH CENTRAL AREA. NOW IS THE TIME TO
SET ASIDE THIS LAND SO FUTURE GENERATIONS MAY BENEFIT BY IT.

FK

Alaska Farmers & Stockgrowers
Association, Inc.

FEB 28 1986
RANK

February 25, 1986

To: Chairman and Members of the Senate Resources Committee

Re: SB-223, The Susitna Forest

On behalf of the Matanuska-Susitna Valley members of the Alaska Farmers and Stockgrowers Association, I am writing to inform you of our opposition to SB-223, "An Act establishing the Susitna State Forest; and providing for an effective date."

If passed, SB-223 would remove the heart of the Susitna Valley from future possible private ownership and development, as well as from the Borough tax rolls. The uses provided for under the bill could be handled by private enterprise rather than the State government.

Further, we believe that the bill is in opposition to Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Alaska, Section 1, which reads as follows:

"It is the policy of the State to encourage the settlement of its land and the development of its resources by making them available for maximum use consistent with the public interest."

Please, consider our opposition to this bill.

We would appreciate your letting us know where you stand on this legislation.

Sincerely,

ALASKA FARMERS AND STOCKGROWERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Teresa A. Weiland
Teresa A. Weiland
Secretary

ALASKA STATE SOCIETY
OF
AMERICAN FORESTERS

FEB 27 1986



COOK INLET CHAPTER
JUNEAU CHAPTER
KETCHIKAN CHAPTER
YUKON RIVER CHAPTER
SITKA CHAPTER
STIKINE RIVER CHAPTER

February 18, 1986

Senator Arliss Sturgulewski
Pouch V
Juneau, AK 99811

Arliss -
Here's your cc of
what I sent to
SAF members.
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Attention: Arliss

Two proposed State Forests need roots in our state. Senate Bill 30 proposes to establish the Yakataga State Forest, located between Cape Suckling and Icy Bay on the Gulf of Alaska. Senate Bill 223 proposes to establish the Susitna State Forest, located in the middle Susitna River drainage. The Yakataga bill passed the Senate Resources Committee last March and the Senate Finance Committee, and it currently rests with the House Resources Committee. The Susitna bill is presently with the Senate Resource Committee.

Passage of either or both of these bills this year will require our support. Please urge your chapter members to support the creation of these two new state forests NOW!

Testify: Susitna is with Arliss Sturgulewski's Senate Resources committee. Arliss will be holding a public hearing on February 24th at 1:30pm in Juneau, with teleconferences in Anchorage, Wasilla, and Fairbanks. Requests for additional teleconferences in other locations may be made through Legislative Affairs (278-9624). Testimony in support of these bills will help greatly.

Write: Write a note to Senators on the Senate Resource Committee for the Susitna Forest bill, with courtesy copies to all of the Senators on the Senate Finance Committee. For Yakataga, write Representatives on the House Resources Committee. We need broad-based grass roots (or tree roots) support for this legislation, so ask your friends to write too!

Send a Public Message: Contact your local Legislative Affairs Office. You may send a message for free if it is 50 words or less. Just call and say that you would like to send a public opinion message. (Anchorage 278-3668) (Fairbanks 452-4448) (Juneau 465-4648).

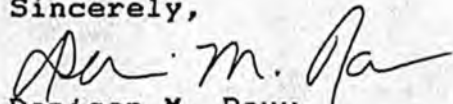


In Anchorage we are airing this issue on various television talk shows. For example, State Forester John Sturgeon will be appearing on the Theta Comstock Show on March 24th, Channel 2 at 9:00 am to talk about the two proposed state forests and to show a video on Alaska State Forestry. Please be alert to similar opportunities in your community.

It takes legislative action now to designate lands for the creation of a State Forest System. The land base from which selections can be made is steadily dwindling. The Alaska Society of American Foresters supports the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, in proposing the creation of these two new state forests and the long-term multiple use benefits which could be derived. Managed under multiple use concept, these forest lands could provide the public with the broadest range of benefits including timber, recreation, wildlife, minerals, watershed protection, firewood and many other uses.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,



Denison M. Rauw
State Forest Committee Chair

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