



**SECTION 4. LETTERS OF SUPPORT TO
REPRESENTATIVE BILL STOLTZ FOR SB 301
AND HB 197.**

Buffy Meyer
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7/20/2005

Bill Stoltz

On the issue of Knik River Public Use Area I fully support HB307 + SB197 as they are written

The Knik River drainage & the Jim Creek should be managed for all forms of recreation as long as motorized access is not restricted

The Knik River area is a great designated destination for motorized off highway vehicles and boats in South Central Alaska.

Thank you for your support & efforts in preserving our access.

Buffy Meyer

July 20, 2005

Bruce W. Edwards
Box 493
Palmer, Alaska 99645

Bill Staltz
State Capitol

Dear Representative Staltz:

Please allow HB 307 to go forward
in the house and support SB
197 in the Senate.

We need the Jim Creek and
Knib River area unrestricted for
recreational users both motorized
and non-motorized, winter and
summer.

Sincerely yours,
Bruce W. Edwards

Bill STOLTZE
STATE CAPITOL, ROOM 501
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John L. Otcheck
PO Box 582
PALMER AK. 99645
July 20, 2005

I fully support bills HB 307 & SB 197
I think South Central need a recreational
area & I think Jim Creek the Knik Public
use area is grate & no! it should
not restrict any form of ~~motor~~
Motorized Vehicle Access

John L. Otcheck
John L. Otcheck

Representative Bill Stoltz
600 E. Railroad Ave.
Wasilla, AK 99654

Jim C. Hitchcock
PO Box 876973
Wasilla AK 99687
20 JULY '05

Dear Representative Stoltz:

I fully support HB 307 as it is written, (also SB 197). The
Kuk River Drainage and Lem Creek should be managed for
all forms of recreation as long as motorized access is not
restricted. South Central Alaska needs a place such as the Kuk
River to be designated destination for motorized off-highway
vehicles and boats.

Thank you for your efforts in preserving our access.

Sincerely

Jim Hitchcock
J.C. HITCHCOCK

Bill Stoltz
State Capital, Room 501
Juneau Ak 99801

July 20, 05

Dear Rep Stoltz,

I support both HB301 and SB197. I hope they will not be modified. I think the Knik River drainage and Jim Creek areas should be managed for all forms of recreation, INCLUDING motorized ~~access~~. By this I mean motorized access should be allowed and not restricted.

I have lived in Knik River Valley since 1962, long before Knik River Road was built. As a child and as an adult, I have used this area (I live on Knik River Rd) to ski, skijour, dogsled, walk, hike, bicycle, berry picking, 4-wheeling, 6-wheeling, flying, boating, canoeing, air boat, formerly 3-wheeling and going four-wheeling with belting jeeps. Now we occasionally trek to Knik River ^{with} our 4-wheelers & six-wheelers. We responsibly use helmets, do not stray on posted or known private property, and do not speed. We bring our trash back with us.

I think we need these bills to protect our rights to continue to use the Knik River Valley.

Thank you,
Theresa Hicks
Theresa Hicks ACOD Box 76918 Palmer AK 99645

CAROLYN KUCH
PO BOX 1732
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7.20.05

Bill STOLTZE
STATE CAPITOL -- ROOM 501
JUNEAU AK 99801-1182

RE: KNIK RIVER PUBLIC USE AREA

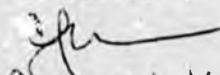
DEAR BILL,

THIS LETTER IS TO LET YOU KNOW THAT I SUPPORT CONTINUED PUBLIC USE OF THE KNIK RIVER AREA. MY FAMILY AND I MOVED TO THE KNIK RIVER AREA IN 1989. WE ENJOY CAMPING, CANOEING, HIKING, HORSEBACK RIDING, 4-WHEELING (ATV & 4X4 VEHICLES), AIRBOATING, FLIGHTSEEING, WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY IN THIS AREA REGULARLY. OUR FAMILY PHOTO ALBUM CHRONICLES MANY HAPPY MEMORIES OF KNIK RIVER ADVENTURES.

I FULLY SUPPORT HB307 AND SB 197 AS THEY ARE WRITTEN. I FEEL STRONGLY THAT THIS AREA SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE FOR ALL FORMS OF RECREATION... MOTORIZED AND NON-MOTORIZED.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION. I KNEW YOU REALLY DO CARE -- BECAUSE I HAVE MET YOU PERSONALLY AT THE TOWN MEETINGS AND OUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING. THANK YOU! FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK IN JUNEAU. WE APPRECIATE YOU!

SINCERELY,


CAROLYN KUCH
ALASKA RESIDENT

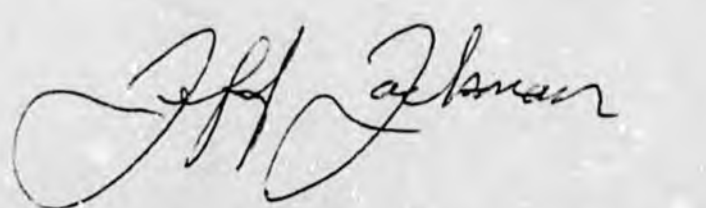
P.O. Box 1585
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20 July 05

Rep. Bill Stoltze
State Capitol, Room 501
Juneau, AK 99801-1182
600 E Railroad Ave
Wasilla, AK 99654

Dear Rep Stoltz,

As a 36-year Alaskan resident and a frequent user of the Kvik River drainage area for hunting, fishing, camping, skiing, canoeing, 4-wheeling and snow machineing, I believe that SC Alaska needs a place such as the Kvik River to be a designated destination for all users, including motorized off-highway vehicles and boats.

Further, I fully support HB 307 and SB 197 as written.

Sincerely
Jeff Jackman


**SECTION 5. LETTERS OF SUPPORT TO BOTH
SENATOR CHARLIE HUGGINS AND
REPRESENTATIVE BILL STOLTZ FOR SB 301
AND HB 197.**

Doug T Lammers
1823 Buccaneer Pl
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July 20, 2005

Charlie Huggins
State Capitol, Room 417
600 E Railroad Ave
Wasilla AK 99654

Bill Stolze
State Capitol, Room 501
Juneau AK 99801-1182
600 E Railroad Ave
Wasilla AK 99654

Subject: Knik River Public Use Area

Dear Senator Huggins and Representative Stoltze

The Knik River drainage and Jim Creek should be managed for forms of recreation including motorized as long as it is not restricted. Southcentral Alaska needs a place like the Knik River for motorized off-highway vehicles and boats.

I fully support HB 307 and SB 197 as they are written.

Thank you for supporting and preserving our access.

Sincerely

Doug J Lammers

Norman W. Crosby
HC 2 Box 78134
Palmer, AK 99645

July 20, 2005

Charlie Huggins
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Bill Stoltze
State Capitol, Room 501
Juneau, AK 99801-1182
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Subject: Knik River Public Use Area

Dear Senator Huggins and Representative Stoltze:

After reviewing HB307 and SB197 as they are written, Management of the Knik River Drainage and Smoek Creek should be for all forms of recreation. Motorized access MUST NOT be singled out, restricted ~~and~~ or denied to these users. We citizens of Alaska, primary South Central Alaska, needs a place such as the Knik River area to be a designated destination for motorized off-highway vehicles, boats and planes.

If there is abuse by these users, then we must fund Management of the area to control abuses. This can come from recreational taxes, general funds or whatever.

Thank you for your efforts in preserving our access.

Sincerely,
Norman W. Crosby
Norman W. Crosby

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JULY 20, 2005

CHARLIE HIGGINS
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BILL STOLTZE
STATE CAPITAL, ROOM 501
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600 E. RAILROAD AVE.

SUBJECT: KINK RIVER PUBLIC USE AREA

Dear Senator Higgins and Representative Stoltze

I fully support HB 307 and SB 197 as they are written. The Kink River drainage and Fini Creek should be managed for all forms of recreation as long as motorized access is not restricted. South Central Alaska needs a place such as the Kink River to be a designated destination for motorized off-highway vehicles and boats.

Thank you for your efforts in preserving our access.

Sincerely

Lyle J. Nielsen

July 19, 2005

17023 Kantishna Dr
Easilic River AK 99577

Bill Steltze
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Charlie Higgins
State Dep. Rm 417
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Wasilla, AK 99654

Subject Knik River - Public Use Area

Sen. Higgins & Rep Steltze

I strongly support HB307 and SB197 as they
are written. The Knik River drainage and Tim
Greek should be managed for all forms of recreation
as long as motorized access is not Restricted.
As well as my own personal family enjoyment
I guide visitors from around the world on
ATV trips in this area. Many have physical
limitations and appreciate motorized access.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

Tim L Cook
Alaska ATV Adventures
17023 Kantishna Dr
Easilic River AK 99577

J. Campbell

January

South Central Alaska parts on area 501
Kille River as a temporary location for
off-shoring activities. This site is in the
vicinity of the Kille River and is within
the area of the Kille River and is within
the area of the Kille River and is within

The Kille River should be restricted
all forms of navigation, but such a restriction
should not be restricted.

I suggest HB 307 and SB 197 as they are
correct.

Continuing to work on Kille River and Tule Creek

Charles Higgins
State Capitol Room 417
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501 State
State Capitol, Room 501
Juneau, AK 99801-1152

Tule Camp
722 W. 1st St. Hwy
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Juneau, AK 99801

Jeffery M. Nolen
527 N. Bailey
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July 20 2005

To Charlie Huggins
State Capital Room 417
Juneau AK 99801-1182

To Bill Stolte
State Capital Room 501
Juneau AK 99801-1182

Dear Mr. Huggins,
Dear Mr. Stolte

To keep this letter brief I believe in
motorized access for all state lands.

I fully support HB307 and SB197 as they are
written.

I believe the Knik River drainage and Jim
Creek should be managed for all forms
of recreation as long as motorized access
is NOT restricted.

South Central Alaska needs a place such
as the Knik River to be designated
for motorized, off highway vehicles and boats
and aircraft.

Sincerely

Jeffery M. Nolen

Jeffery M. Nolen

July 20 2005

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Charlie Huggins
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Dill Stoltze
STATE Capitol, Room 501
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Subject: Kvik River Public Use Area

Dear Senator Huggins and Representative Stoltze:
I support HB307 and SB 197 as they are written: The Kvik River
and Jim Creek should be managed for all forms of recreation
as long as motorized access is not restricted. If we were to
lose this public area where would the people go to do this
type of off highway use with vehicles and boats.

Sincerely Rick, L. Richardson SR

Ricky L Richardson SR

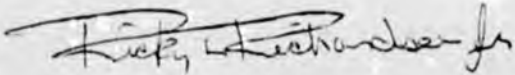
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Bill Stoltze
State Capital Room 501
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Subject: Knik River Public Use Area

Dear Senator Huggins and Representative Stoltze
I support HB 307 and SB 197 as they are written.
The Knik River and Jim Creek should be managed
for all forms of recreation as long as motorized
access is not restricted. If we were to lose
this public area where would the people go to deal this
type of off highway use with vehicles + boats

Sincerely 

Ricky L. Richardson JR,

Box 38
Fairway, AK 99645
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Charles Huggins
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Juneau, AK 99654

Ed & Trudy
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Juneau AK 99654

etc.

July Support HB307 and 8197 agency
is written.

All of Kik River drainage and area which
should be available and managed for all forms
of recreation. Motorized access should not be
permitted.

We in South Central need a place designated
for off-highway vehicles & boats which are
motorized.

LAUREN STEFFES
Lauren Steffes

From: Kevin Robinson

07-20-05

Po Bx 529
Sutton AK 99674

TO: Charlie Huggins
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Bill Stoltze
State Capitol, Room 501
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Wasilla, AK 99654

I have been using the same mail
address for 30 years. When I came to Alaska when
I was young I lived at the Butte. Even
then I used motorized vehicles from
the start, don't discriminate against me
Please.

I support HB307 and SB177 as they
are written. The Kupuk River should be
managed for all forms of recreation as
long as motorized access is not restricted.
This populated area as south central
has to have access for off road vehicles
and boats so that myself and my family
I raised off this land hunting, trapping
fishing and just having fun can continue
our life style and our traditions.

Kevin Robinson

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L. ...
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9-1-83

Bill Stone
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99101-1182
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99101

Subject: ... Public Use Area

Dear Senator Huggens & Rep Stone:

I am writing to you regarding the public use area at ...
...
...
vehicles and boats

Thank you for your ...

Yours truly,
Steve ...
Dane ...

3900 S. Tustin
Palmer, AK 99645

July 19, 2005

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State Capitol, Room 417
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Bill Stolze
State Capitol, Room 501
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Subject: Knik River Public Use Area

Dear Senator Huggins and Representative Stolze:

I fully support HB307 and SB197 as they are written. The Knik River drainage should be managed for all forms of recreation (as well as Jim Creek) as long as motorized access is not restricted. Southcentral Alaska needs a designated place (Knik River) for motorized off-highway vehicles and boats.

Thank you for your efforts in preserving our access.

Sincerely,


Greg A. Cianque

Lori Cianque
Lori Cianque

FM Carol E. Christensen
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Palmer, AK 99645

July 20, 07

To Charlie Huggins
State Capitol, RM 419
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600 E. Railroad Ave
Wasilla, AK 99654

P. H. Stoltz
State Capitol, RM 501
Juneau, AK 99801-1197
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Wasilla, AK 99654

DEAR SIRS;

First; I support HB307 and SB197 as they are written.

These bills would benefit the most state residence and visitors.

Second; The Knik River drainage and Jim Creek needs to be managed for all/ everybody's use regardless of what forms of recreation as long as motorized access is not restricted.

Another point is south central Alaska needs a place such as Knik River to be a designated destination for motorized off-highway vehicles & boats.

a fourth point is that a river flat restores it self as time passes and the water moves back & forth in the valley.

Ms. Carol E. Christensen

~~Ms. Carol E. Christensen~~
Ms. Carol E. Christensen

July 20th 2005

Senator Charlie Huggins
State 600 East Railroad
Wasilla, AK 99654

Ave.

Rep. Bill Stoltze
600 E Railroad Ave.
Wasilla, AK 99654

Subject: Knik River ~~Access~~^{Public} Use Area

Dear Senator Huggins & Representative Stoltze:

I fully support SB 1907 & HB 307
as they are written.

Motorized recreation should not
be displaced from the Knik River/
Tem Creek area, which is ideal.

Sincerely,
Wayne Kubat
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Wasilla, AK 99687

Linnæ Crosby
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Palmer, AK 99645

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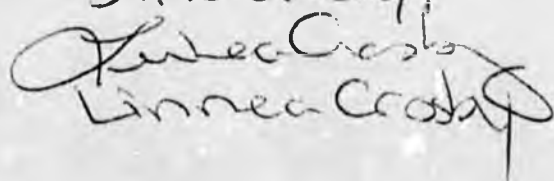
Subject: Knik River Public Use Area

Dear Senator Huggins and Representative Stoltze

I fully support HB307 and SB197 as they are written. The Knik River drainage and Jim Creek should be managed for all forms of recreation as long as motorized access is not restricted.

South Central Alaska needs places like the Knik River drainage to be designated for motorized off-highway vehicles and boats. I have been accessing the area for years by ATV and have taught my neeces how to ride there. It is a wonderful area for families to recreate.

Thank-you for your efforts in preserving our access to this area.

Sincerely,

Linnæ Crosby

To Charlie Huggins
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600 E. Railroad Ave
Wasilla, Ak. 99654

To Bill Stoltze
State Capitol, Room 501
Juneau, Ak. 99801-1182
600 E. Railroad Ave
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from Jerry L. Davis
PO Box 582
Denet, Ak. 99645

Dear sirs.
I believe alternative "A" is the
best alternative. I have been in the
Valley since 1972. The Trails in S.C.
Alaska are important to the people of
Alaska. They ~~should~~ should not be closed. Alaska
has more land than all other states.
Please keep them open.

Thanks

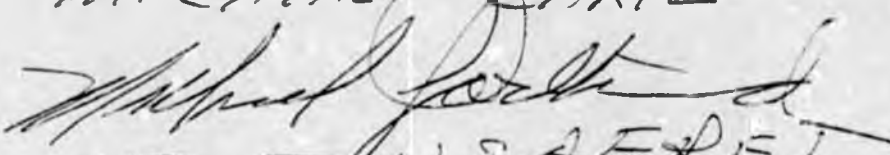
See Davis

MICHAEL GARTLAND
13616 E OCEANVIEW RD
PALMER AK 99645

JULY 20 2008

DEAR MR HUGGINS AND MR STOLIZI:

I WOULD HOPE THAT YOU WOULD SUPPORT
HB 507 - AND SB 97 AS THEY ARE WRITTEN
AND THE KNIK RIVER DRAINAGE AND THE LUMI
CREEK SHOULD BE MANAGED FOR ALL FORMS OF REC
REATION AS LONG AS MOTORIZED ACCESS IS NOT
RESTRICTED

MICHAEL GARTLAND

MSGT USAF RET.

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ERIC Blomskog
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July 20, 2005

Bill Stolze
State Capital Room 501
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SUBJECT: KNIK RIVER Public Use ARBA

Dear Senator Huggins and Representative Stolze:

As a Alaska super voter I fully support HB 307 and SB197 as they are written. The Knik River drainage and Jim Creek should be managed for all forms of recreation as long as motorized access is not restricted. South Central Alaska needs a place such as the Knik River to be a designated destination for motorized off-highway vehicles and Boats

Thank's you for your efforts in preserving our access.

Sincerely

Eric A Blomskog

PO 1 Box 6203
Palmer AK 99645

July 20 05

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600 E Railroad Ave
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Bell Stolty
State Capital Room 501
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Yukon River Public Use Area

Hear Senator Huggins and Representative Stolty

I fully support HB 307 + SB 197 as they are
written. Jim Creek and the Yukon River drainage
should be for all people and all forms of
recreation and not be restricted for any
motorized access or boats on the creek or
rivers. South Central needs a place for motorized
off highway vehicles and boats.

Thanks for your efforts in preserving our access

Sincerely,
Your ally,

William F Barber

Wendy Tattlow
PO Box 3523
Palmer, AK
99645

July 20, 2005

Charlie Huggins
State Capitol, Room 417
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Bill Stoltze
600 E. Railroad Ave
Wasilla, AK
Room 501, State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Sir,

I am writing to voice my support for HB 307 and SB 197 as they are written.

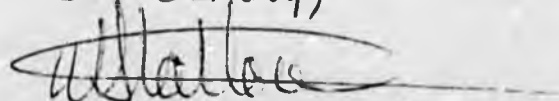
I have recreated in the Knik River Drainage for the last 12 years. The Knik River drainage and Tim Creek must be managed for all forms of recreation as long as motorized access is guaranteed.

The Knik River is the only easily accessed area in South Central Alaska. It must be designated as a destination for motorized off-highway vehicles and boats.

I live in this area and use the area in all ways; I hike, bike, air boat, 4-wheel, and snow machine. ~~in this area.~~ My husband grew up in the area and has trapped, fished, and hunted the area since the 1970's. It is imperative that our traditional uses are protected.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Charlie Huggins
State Capitol RM 417
Tuneau AT 94801 1132
600 E Railroad ave
Wardle AT 94654

Bill Stoltz
State Capitol RM 501
Tuneau AT 94801-1132
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Wardle AT 94654

SUB Knick river public use area

Dear senator Huggins and rep Bill Stoltz

I fully support HB 307 and SP 197 as they
are written

The Knick river drainage and gun Creek
should be managed for all forms of recreation as
long as motorized access is not restricted
but motorized access needs a place because
the Knick river to be a designated reservoir
for motorized off highway vehicles and boats.

keep our access free

Thank you

B. R. Mayson

Wayne C. Littleton
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Wallace, NK 99615

7-18-05

Charlie Kerpins
State Capitol, Room 517
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Bill Stoltz
State Capitol, Room 501
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As a resident and property owner in the Kwik River Valley, I am concerned with the efforts of non residents and intermittent users of the water, should to impose their will. HB 307 and SB 197 are written to clarify reasonable and sustained use of the Kwik River Valley consistent with population needs, environmental preservation, and local property owners best interests.

As a thirty year resident, storm drainage and an excellent drainages in the immediate area should be managed without restriction for most forms of recreation including motorized off-highway vehicles.

The only concern I have concerns the increased noise pollution in recent years. This comes exclusively from air boats. Some form of restriction should be imposed to abate some of this noise pollution.

Sincerely,

Wayne C. Littleton

Knik River Public Use Area

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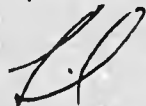
William R Leider
PO BOX 11645
Palmer AK 99645

- Whoever it may concern I frequent the Knik River area many times a year I hunt and four wheel out at the Knik I also camp with family & friends at the Knik area. I have never seen more friendly people than at the Knik I cant believe people want to restrict motorized use. I cant believe I have ever seen people out there hiking. I believe this plan of restricting motorized access is just another ploy of keeping out or kicking out all motorized access in the state. I completely support HB 307 and SB 197 as they are written.

Everyone should be allowed use of the Knik river area. It has been that way since I can remember. Jim creek and the Knik river area should be managed so that 99% of the users (motorized) can still access it they (motorized) are the only people we see out there why should people that never use the land restrict it for others. We dont regulate land in North Dakota from Alaska. Keep motorized use open.

South central Alaska needs a place such as the Knik River to be a designated destination for motorized off-highway vehicles and boats.

William Leider

With 

Satisfied Knik river user

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7-20-05

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BILL STOLTZE
STATE CAPITOL, ROOM 501
JUNEAU, AK 99801-1182
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GENTLEMEN AS A LONG TIME USER OF KNIK RIVER
PUBLIC USE AREA, BOTH MOTORIZED AND HORSEBACK
47 YEARS, I FULLY SUPPORT HB307 AND SB197 AS THEY
ARE WRITTEN.

THE KNIK RIVER DRAINAGE AND JIM CREEK SHOULD
BE MANAGED FOR ALL FORMS OF RECREATION AS LONG
AS MOTORIZED ACCESS IS NOT RESTRICTED.

THIS AREA IN SOUTH CENTRAL ALASKA IS
HIGHLY USED AND NEED TO REMAIN A DESIGNATED
DESTINATION FOR MOTORIZED OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES
AND BOATS.

DAVE CRUZ
Dave Cruz

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Bill Stoltze
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Subject: Knik River Public Use Area

Dear Senator Huggins and Representative Stoltze

I support HB307 and SB197 as they are written. The Tin Creek and Knik River drainage should be managed for all forms of recreation as long there are no restrictions. I have used Knik river and Tin Creek for 21 years (ATV - Duck hunting fish, Boats)

Help preserve our access

Sincerely
Timothy R Evenson
Tim R E

CHARLIE HUGGIN
STATE CAPITOL ROOM 417
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BILL STOLTZE
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I FULLY SUPPORT HB 307 AND SB 197 AS THEY
ARE WRITTEN

THE KNIK RIVER DRAINAGE AND FIN CREEK
SHOULD BE MANAGED FOR ALL FORMS OF
RECREATION AS LONG AS MOTORIZED ACCESS IS
NOT RESTRICTED.

SOUTH CENTRAL ALASKA NEEDS A PLAN SUCH
AS THE KNIK RIVER TO BE A DESIGNATED
DESTINATION FOR MOTORIZED OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES
AND ROUTES

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David Hodgson
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(Subject North wind-prone areas)

Dear Senator Huggins & Representative Stutz:

I fully support HB 107 and SB 197 as they are a strong
and fair way to address the wind-prone areas. The
bill will be managed in a way that will not
interfere with the current use of the land.
The bill will also provide for the
designated areas for the highway, which is best.

Thank you for your efforts.

David E. Hodgson

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Wauville, AK 99654

Dear Sirs

July 20, 2005

I support HB 307 and SB 197 as currently drafted. I believe the Knik River drainage and Juneau Creek should be managed for all forms of recreation which must include motorized access that is not restricted.

The Kachemak + Mat-Su area needs an area designated as a destination for off road motorized recreation. The Knik River area is perfectly situated for this form of recreation.

Dale W. Schendel
Dale Schendel

Dale Fidler
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To Charlie Huggins
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Juneau, AK. 99801-1182

Bill Stoltze
State Capitol Room 501
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Dear Senator Huggins & Rep. Stoltze

I full support HB307 & SB197 as they are written.
The Knik River & Jim Creek drainage should be open for all
forms of recreation as long as motorized access is not restricted.
Knik River drainage is needed in south central for
designated motorized off-highway vehicles and boats.

Dale Fidler
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I am supporting HB 307 and SB 197, as long
as grounds are protected and motorized
vehicles are allowed access.

David Ossison



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Sub: Knit River Public Use Area

Dear Senator Huggin & Rep Stolze

I Fully Support HB307 & SB57 as they are
written. The Knit River drainage & Jim Creek
should be managed for all forms of recreation
as long as motorized access is not restricted.

South Central Alaska needs a place such
as the Knit River to be a designated destination
for motorized off-highway, vehicle & boats.

Thanks J
Joe Melin

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Sirs:

I fully support HB307 and SB197
as they are written. The Knik River-
drainage & Jim Creek should be
managed for all forms of recreation as
long as motorized access is not restricted.
South Central Alaska needs a place such
as the Knik River to be a designated
destination for motorized off-highway
vehicles & boats

thank you

Robert J. Janski

Robert J. Janski

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July 20, 2005

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SUBJECT: Kirk River public use area

Dear Sirs:

As a 60 year Resident of Alaska
and a frequent user of Kirk River
down-river area

I support HB 307 and SB 191 as
written

Sincerely

Murray La Cour
M.L.C.

07/28/05

RAY HODGES
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WASILLA AK 99654

TO

CHARLIE HUGGINS
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BILL STOLTZ
STATE CAPITAL BLDG 417
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LUCIE, RAILROAD AVE
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SUBJECT: KNIK RIVER PUBLIC USE AREA.

I fully support HB 387 and SB 97 as they are written. THE KNIK RIVER Drainage and Jim Creek should be managed for all forms of recreation without restriction and specifically with no restriction to motorized access and use.

The location of Jim Creek and Knik river within the Central Populated area of South Central Alaska makes it ideal for an all purpose recreation area.

Ray Hodges.
Paul Nelson.

Wesley Spence
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July ²⁰ 2005

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Wasilla, AK 99645

I SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 307 AND SENATE BILL
197 AS THEY ARE WRITTEN.

I BELIEVE THAT THE KNIK RIVER/JIM CREEK
AREA SHOULD BE KEPT OPEN FOR OFF ROAD
VEHICLE USE.

THE KNIK RIVER VALLEY IS A TRADITIONAL
OFF ROAD VEHICLE AREA THAT HAS BEEN
USED FOR MANY YEARS WITH NO
SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE TO WILD LIFE OR
HABITAT. THE 2 GAME REPORTS (ALASKA)
CONFIRM THAT NO SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE
HAS BEEN DONE BY ORV'S.

SINCERELY, Wesley

July 20, 2005

David K. Sutton
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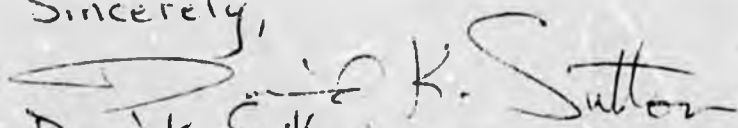
Dear Sirs:

I am a life long Alaskan and a Valley Resident. I have been an active user and enjoyer of the Knik River Drainage since 1967. This Area, the "KNIK RIVER Public Use Area" needs to remain an area for all recreation users.

I fully support HB 307 and SB 197 as they are written.

South Central Alaska needs a place such as the Knik River Area designated for motorized off-road vehicles and boats. Jim Creek and the Knik River drainage should be managed for all forms of recreation as long as motorized access is not restricted.

Sincerely,


David K. Sutton

Craig L. Saunders
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July 20, 2005

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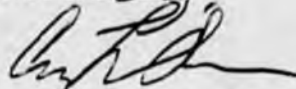
Bill Stoltze
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I would appreciate it if you could do all in your power to support passing HB 307 and SB 197 as they are written. I am a long term user of the Kent River area and Jim Creek area and believe these areas should be managed for all forms of recreation. Motorized access should be protected by these bills and not restricted.

Residents of South Central Alaska needs access to a place such as the Kent River area that is designated for motorized off-highway vehicles - including boats.

Thank you for your support of our motorized access rights to this area.

Sincerely,



Craig L. Saunders

CHARIE HUBBINS
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BILL STOLTZE
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SUBJECT: KNIK RIVER PUBLIC USE AREA

DEAR SENATOR HUBBINS AND REPRESENTATIVE STOLTZE

I FULLY SUPPORT HB307 AND SB197 AS THEY ARE WRITTEN. THE KNIK RIVER DRAINAGE AND JIM CREEK SHOULD BE MANAGED FOR ALL FORMS OF RECREATION AS LONG AS MOTORIZED ACCESS IS NOT RESTRICTED.

SOUTH CENTRAL NEEDS A PLACE SUCH AS THE KNIK RIVER TO BE A DESIGNATED DESTINATION FOR MOTORIZED OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES AND BOATS AND AIRCRAFT, ETC.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS IN PRESERVING OUR ACCESS

SINCERELY



CARL S. BAKER
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July 20, 2005

Bob HARRIS
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Wasilla, AK 99657

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Bill Stolze
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Gentlemen,

I first hunted wolfs from an aircraft near the Knik glacier in the 1950's. There are still wolves in the area. During that time frame members of my family walked to Tex Cobb's cabin ~~to~~ ^{to} visit many times. Most people now never heard of Tex Cobb or Russell Anwebel - how sad! I still occasionally go up the Knik River, but can no longer walk there. I use Aircraft, snowmobile and ATV's. I will continue to use that area by motorized access regardless of any "flower children" rules to the contrary.

I support HB 307 and SB 199 as they are written.

The unlawful activities and destructive actions that have occurred in the Knik river area are a matter for better law enforcement; not new restrictive laws that would prohibit me from continual motorized access to the area.

Thank you.

Bob Harris

Knik River Public Use Area

- Patrick O'Connor -

I feel that the money that been sent on the
vacation would ~~be~~ have educating the public
on taking care of the lands instead of wanting
to kick ~~the~~ most people out

Patrick O'Connor

RANDY LEIDER
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FOND DU LAC, WI 54935
JULY 20, 2005

CHARLIE HUGGINS
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SUBJECT: KNIK RIVER PUBLIC USE AREA

DEAR SENATOR HUGGINS & REPRESENTATIVE STOLTZE

I FULLY SUPPORT HB307 AND SB197 AS WRITTEN. THE KNIK RIVER DRAINAGE AND JIM CREEK SHOULD BE MANAGED FOR ALL FORMS OF RECREATION, AS LONG AS MOTORIZED ACCESS IS NOT RESTRICTED.

ALTHOUGH I'M FROM WISCONSIN, I FREQUENT THE AREA WITH MY SON & DAUGHTER-IN-LAW, WHO LIVE IN ALASKA. WE LOVE TO ATV & SNOWMOBILE IN ALASKA, AS WELL AS HUNT & FISH. WE ARE RESPONSIBLE IN OUR ACTIONS AND HATE TO SEE RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON OUR RECREATION.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION IN THIS MATTER.

Randy Leider

Joel Wood
Joel Wood
P.O. Box 82
Wasilla, AK 99645
July 20, 2005

Charlie Higgins
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B. H. STOLTZ
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re: Hunt Area Public Use Area

Dear Charlie & B. H.

I support HB307 and SB197 as they are written. My family and friends are in the area frequently and are concerned about access to the area by the people who use it the most. The motorized vehicle users, hunters, trappers, fishermen, and sightseers.

Joel Wood
Joel H. Woods

2200 LAUREL DRIVE
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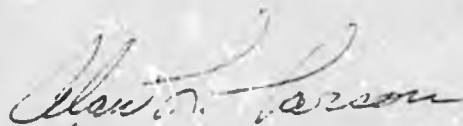
SUBJECTS:

KNIK RIVER PUBLIC USE AREA

I have personally used the KNIK RIVER drainage area 42 years now and for hunting, fishing and recreational purposes. I have accessed the area both on foot & motorized vehicle. I completely support HB 307 and SB 197 the way they are written.

Thank you for your efforts in preserving access.

Sincerely,


ALAN L. LARSON

Dennis W. Hamann
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W2silla, AK. 99654

Charlie Huggins
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W2silla AK. 99654

Bill Stoltze
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Dear Sirs,

I fully support HB 307 & SB 197 as they
are currently written. The Knik River drainage
has long been a mecca for OAV use & should
remain so. Thank you for being proactive
and introducing these bills.

Sincerely,

Dennis W. Hamann

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Sincerely,

Jennis W. Hamann

The Honorable senator
Huggins and Rep Stoltze

George D Selim
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Sirs

I whole heartedly support HB 307
and Sen bill 197

I am a life long Alaskan and
as I am an meterized user I oppose
any restrictions placed on meterized
users.

I am disabled and restricting
meterized use would bar me from
any use

George D Selim
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Knik River Public Use Area

Dear Senator Huggins & Representative Stoltze,
We have lost more than enough of our
Land Rights. Not the least of which
under Federal restrictions is over
100 Million Acres in Alaska
With that in mind I fully support
NB 307 And SB 197 as they are written
The Knik River & Tiam Creek Area should
be Multiple Use with no one restricted

Rita Martinek

GRETCHEN NIELSEN
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THIS LETTER IS IN REGARDS TO HB307 AND SB197.
I FULLY SUPPORT BOTH OF THESE BILLS. THE
KNIK RIVER DRAINAGE AND JIM CREEK SHOULD
BE MANAGED FOR ALL ~~OFF~~ RECREATIONAL USES
AS LONG AS MOTORIZED ACCESS IS NOT RESTRICTED.
SOUTH CENTRAL ALASKA NEEDS A PLACE SUCH AS
THE KNIK RIVER TO BE A DESIGNATED DESTINATION
FOR MOTORIZED OFF ROAD, OFF HIGHWAY, VEHICLES
AND BOATS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND EFFORT
IN PRESERVING OUR ACCESS.

SINCERELY,

GRETCHEN NIELSEN



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July 20, 2005

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Subject: Kenik River Public Use Area

Dear REPRESENTATIVE STOLTZE and SENATOR HIGGINS:

I fully support HB 307 and SB 197 as they are written. The Kenik River drainage and Jim Creek should be managed for all forms of recreation as long as motorized access is not restricted. South Central Alaska needs a place such as Kenik River to be a designated destination for motorized off-highway vehicles & boats.

Thank you for your efforts in preserving our access.

sincerely

GENE A REED

Gene A Reed

7-20-05

GARRET L BROWN
8775 E CENTRAL PKWY
PRIMER AK 99645

DEAR SIR OR MADAM,

I FULLY SUPPORT HB 307 AND SB 197 AS WRITTEN.
THE KNICK AND JIM CREEK AREAS SHOULD ALLOW ALL FORMS
OF RECREATION INCLUDING MOTORIZED USE. SOUTH CENTRAL
NEEDS THIS AREA. PLEASE DON'T RESTRICT THIS AREA!
THANK-YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

Garret L Brown

MAIL TO:

CHARLIE HUGGINS + BILL STOLTZE
STATE CAPITAL
JUNEAU AK
99801-1182

S430 Revolutionary War
WASILLA, AK. 99654

7-20-05

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Knik River Public Use Area

Senator Huggins & Representative Stoltze

I support HB307, SB197.

Jim Creek and the Knik River should
be managed but not restricted.

Every one ~~we~~ needs to have a place
designated for off road motorized vehicles

+ boats. ~~we~~ ~~need~~ ~~to~~ ~~have~~ ~~a~~ ~~place~~ ~~designated~~ ~~for~~ ~~off~~ ~~road~~ ~~motorized~~ ~~vehicles~~ ~~and~~ ~~boats.~~

THANK YOU TONY W. JONES

JOHN H. ELDREDGE
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ATTN CHARLIE HUGGINS
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AND BILL STUZE
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RE EAST ALASKA RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN
AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

DEAR SIR:

I HAVE REVIEWED THE DRAFT EAST ALASKA RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT. THE PURPOSE OF THIS LETTER IS TO PROVIDE MY COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT PLAN.

I BELIEVE ALTERNATIVE 'A' TO BE THE BEST SOLUTION. HOWEVER, I BELIEVE ALTERNATIVE 'A' SHOULD BE REVISED SO THAT IT MATCHES THE STATE OF ALASKA'S "GENERALLY ALLOWED USES ON STATE LAND" PLAN.

I UNDERSTAND THAT 5,500 ACRES IN THE HANNING AREA IS TO BE CONVEYED TO THE STATE OF ALASKA. I BELIEVE THE LANDS SHOULD BE CONVEYED PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF THIS PLAN. THE PLANNING PROCESS FOR LANDS WHICH WILL CHANGE OWNERSHIP IN THE NEAR FUTURE IS NOT A PRODUCTIVE USE OF RESOURCES AND TIME.

I'M ALSO OPPOSED TO ANY RESTRICTIONS TO MOTORIZED USE IN THE PLANNING AREA GREATER THAN THE STATE'S "GENERALLY ALLOWED USES" AND THE EXISTING COPPER RIVER BASIN PLAN.

SINCERELY,



Bruce Knowles
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Dear Valley Legislators;

I have used the Knob River area since the early 1980's with my children now we are doing it with our grandchildren. Motorized access is essential for me since I am a 100% disabled Veteran.

I support your legislation HB 307 & SB 197 as written. The Knob River & Jim Creek should be managed for all recreational uses as long as motorized is not restricted. South Central must have an area close to population centers for residents to go and enjoy the area.

Bruce Knowles
Bruce Knowles

GLENN D Roberts
HCO, Box 6510
HYER Re Palmer AK
99645. 7-20-05

To Charles Huggins	Bell Skelton
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Wrangell Alaska 99654	Wrangell Alaska 99654

I fully support House Bill 307, State Bill 197
as they are written, "please do not change"

the Knik River Drainage if Jim Creek shall be
managed for all forms of recreation in long
as motorized access is not restricted to
any one or group.

South Central Alaska needs a place such as
Knik River to be a designated destination
for all motorized off road vehicles
of water craft.

GLENN D Roberts
Glenn D Roberts.

PARMER, July 20/65

Har Kristin

POB 1864

PARMER, AK 99645

To

CHARLIE HIGGINS

STATE CAPITAL ROOM 417

TUNEAU, AK 99801-1182

602 E. RAILROAD AVE

WIRSIKKA, AK 99654

To

GILL FORTZEE

STATE CAPITAL ROOM 501

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WIRSIKKA, AK 99654

of July of 1965 - HB 307 and VB 197

AS THEY ARE WRITTEN.

THE KNIK RIVER DRAINAGE AND THE CREEK AREA
SHOULD BE MANAGED FOR ALL RECREATION PURPOSES
INCLUDING MOTORIZED ACCESS.

WE DO NEED A PLACE IN THE SOUTH CENTRAL AREA

LIKE THE KNIK RIVER AREA FOR OTF ROAD VEHICLES,
AND BOATS.

Har Kristin
~~Har Kristin~~

Case Workers
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July 20, 2005

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Re: Knik River Public Use Area

I am a resident of the Mat-Su Borough and I fully support HB307 & SB197 as they are written. I firmly believe that the Knik River drainage & John Creek should be managed for all forms of recreation so long as motorized access is not restricted.

South Central Alaska needs a place such as the Knik River Area that can be utilized as a designated destination for motorized off-highway vehicles and boats.

~~Prose A. Waters~~

Rose A. Waters

Emily Stancliff

From: Dot [dot.h@att.net]
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2006 12:54 PM
To: Rep. Jay Ramras
Subject: House Bill No. 307 comments

Representative Ramras:

Regarding House Bill No. 307, "An Act Creating the Knik River Public Use Area".

While substantial improvements have been made to the bill, I feel further changes would make it a better bill to ensure public recreation and safety for all Alaskans while protecting the natural environment, including fish and wildlife.

A: Include nonmotorized use: Page 1 Line 14: "Provide for the public to enjoy the full spectrum of public uses including off-road vehicle and nonmotorized recreation determined to be compatible with (1) and (2) of this section."

B: Expand the public process page 2 line 7: Include workshops and public hearings, or establishment of a citizen's advisory board. This is the best means to ensure that resident safety and quality of life concerns are addressed. Based on concerns I have heard from locals in the area, the safety issues are really important.

C: Fix the wording on incompatible use: Page 3 line 6: "allow the Knik River Public Use Area to be used for activities, as compatible with purposes, to include all-terrain vehicles. . ."

D. Provide for wise use of ORVs: Delete item (2) page lines 11-16 in Incompatible Uses. This section circumvents the required public planning process. ORV use is ensured in Section 41.23.180 (Purposes page 1 line 14). In particular, some existing trails or routes may need to be re-aligned or perhaps seasonably limited to result in sustainable trails where current routes may be contributing to erosion and having negative impacts on wetlands, fish, and wildlife. This is not an attempt to limit access, but rather to ensure that all can access the area in a reasonable way, for decades to come. This is where management and enforcement in the area is extremely important.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Dot (Dorothy) Helm
233 W. Beaver Ave.
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March 27, 2006

TO: Representative Jay Ramras

FROM: Stan Olsen
6620 e. 11th Ave.
Anchorage, AK 99504

RE: Stolze/Huggins HB 307/SB197

I am writing to oppose the above act on the Knik River Public Use Area. Unfortunately this area is no longer the "pristine" area as it was long ago unofficially turned over for use by motorized, free wheeling and fun loving folks who have relegated it into a area devoid of any possibility of use by families who enjoy the quiet, peaceful nature of the Alaska outdoor environment.

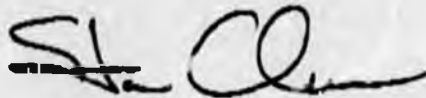
Currently this area is continually trashed (literally), fires are set without any regard to minimizing the effect on the environment. Streams, wetlands and dry lands are torn up by machines driven by people without any demonstrated respect / regard for the environmental degradation they cause. Not to mention the noise pollution which reaches areas distant from the actual physical use boundaries.

This area in general also suffers from the noise pollution of the nearby racetrack every weekend in the summer. There needs to be a place where individuals and families can go in peace and security without having to be subjected to the noise and generally "lawless" attitude of a few. Unfortunately is not a few when they are congregated in this small area. Law enforcement is not enforced.

For the benefit of a majority of the citizens I strongly request that this bill be killed and legislation be implemented to turn this area into the Knik River Valley State Recreation Area (under AS 41.21), for the benefit of all Alaskan's.

I'm sorry for the short notice but I was just made aware of this hearing and wanted to express my feelings. I trust that you will help uphold the use of Alaska lands for the majority of the users and not allow a small group to destroy a potentially wonderful state resource.

Thank you.





Yellow = ORV trails

Red = road, Red E. of Mud Lk. (r. square) = Maude Rd. extension

White = Middle of Sec, 22 and extent of old logging trails

Turquoise = What is left of Rippy Trail

Blue = Friday Cr. Trails – so far, singletrack

(note- the turquoise line beyond Chain Lks. Is not a mistake - ATV's have been hauled in by air boat)

This is a rough line drawn graphic representation from my knowledge of these trails and is not a GPS map! Use at your own risk.

The Rippy portion of ad-hoc CRV traffic was single track only from White box to approximately the Friday Creek airstrip prior to the Maude Rd. Extension project.

This, along with other documentation, gives you overview about what is happening to the Jim/Swan Wetlands with no Management or adequate Law Enforcement.

Other documentation and photos available by request.

Emily Stancliff

From: Robert Howard [rvhoward@mac.com]
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2006 9:45 AM
To: Rep. Jay Ramras; Rep. Harry Crawford
Subject: HB 307 Hearing Materials

Attachments: Trail Graphic.doc; ATT120247.txt; aerial veg survey 10-10-05 003_1.jpg; ATT120248.txt; pastedGraphic1.tiff; ATT120249.txt; IMG1443_1.jpg; ATT120250.txt



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Good Day,

For the testimony on HB307 today, it would be helpful to me if the following graphics are available for reference and I am hoping you may accommodate me by making them available to the committee. (I believe they have may have already found the way to Ralph Samuels office via another route.)

Thank You!
R. Howard
Palmer

- >
- > Could you print out the following (open up the '.doc' - it is the most
- > important) and get copies to Resource co-chairs Ramas and Samuels?
- > (I feared faxing would not produce the needed color)
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Emily Stancliff

From: Dara Lively [daralive@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2006 12:15 PM
To: Rep. Jay Ramras
Subject: HB 307

Dear Representative Ramras,

I am writing to encourage you to reject HB307 and the redrafted version of HB307a. I was born and raised in Palmer, specifically in the Butte area, approximately one mile from the Knik River. While growing up, I enjoyed riding horses, fishing, camping, exploring, playing, running and taking in the overall beauty of the Knik River area. As I got older and moved to Anchorage, I continued to do these things on the weekends, but noticed a rapid decline in the area, which deterred me from doing the things I loved so much growing up. It is disheartening to see the environmental damage, trashed cars and appliances, extensive shooting and unsafe firearm use. The area has become a lawless no-man's land where people believe they can do anything with little regard for the environment or other people. The degeneration of the area has resulted from the lack of enforcement of any laws in the area.

I just gave birth to my first child less than three weeks ago. I have dim hopes that she will be able to enjoy the Knik River area as I did in my youth due to the safety risks if HB307 does pass. It would be wonderful to allow her and other children the opportunity to not only enjoy the beauty and resources but to also teach them how to play responsibly by leaving no trace so everyone can enjoy it for years on end. Please understand that the children are our future, and that the environment that we raise them in and teach them about will effect them, future generations and what happens to this earth long after we are gone.

I appreciate your consideration in not passing HB307 or the redrafted version of HB307a. A better option would be to support a State recreation site for the Knik River area.

Sincerely,

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From: Kathy Cross [kacross@pobox.mtaonline.net]
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2006 12:12 PM
To: Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Carl Gatto; Rep. Mary Kapsner; Rep. Jay Ramras; Rep. Jim Elkins;
Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. Harry Crawford
Subject: HB 307

I am writing to express my concerns about HB 307 relating to access to the Knik River area and environs.

When local area residents, those most immediately and directly affected, requested legislation to curb violence and damage to the area, this bill was not what they sought. Of particular concern are:
• Lack of provision for enforcement to protect the safety of residents and others who wish to enjoy this area (e.g. bullets from recreational shooters entering houses in the area, residents and others bullied and threatened);
• Increasing damage to the terrain (vegetation, wetlands, riverbeds in traditional salmon spawning grounds) torn up by thoughtless riders.

Alternate legislation has been suggested by residents of this area that would better provide for their safety and the safety of their families while allowing responsible recreational access to this area by all. I respectfully request that you carefully consider alternatives and not approve the current bill.

Thank you,
Kathy Cross

Emily Stancliff

From: jay cross [jaykat@mtaonline.net]

Sent: Monday, March 27, 2006 11:52 AM

To: Rep. Jim Elkins; 'R. J Carl'; Rep. Mary Kapsner; Rep. Jay Ramras; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Kurt Olson;
Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. Harry Crawford

Subject: *****SPAM***** HB307

I am writing to express my opposition to this bill as it is written. It does nothing to address the area's problems. Without some form of enforcement with funding it will be business as usual for the people that misuse this area. Listen to the people that are affected by the violence, and look at the damage done to the area. I've used the Knik area for years but I won't go there now. The Knik area is no longer a remote area; it could be a beautiful area for people to go to enjoy. Right now it is the wild west out there. Jay Cross

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R.E. HB307 - Knik River Public use Area

The use in this area is needed, I think
their needs to be rules & local key-asks
for the area. Fuel costs will stop some
use of the area, or might increase use!
Just because of cost. This next season will
tell. With fuel expected to be \$300 or more per gal!

Knik Arm of River have long been sources of
many outdoor activities. We need not take it away
from the public, but we do need to establish some
use rules & enforce them. In the long run I
think this will be exceeded, but closure is not
an option! Mobility to these some remote areas
is needed. But reasonable!!! Controls & rules need
to be in place also, & I believe the AK. outdoor Council
is a good option in helping plan the Knik River

use Plan.

Anti Motorists & user Groups based on
ECO & Animal Awareness Group Plans. That causes nothing
more than just huge amounts of Grief, need
to see a Plan. & Controls.

Don't shut it down! That's what
they want. Are we that lazy! or are
we willing to let users continue to have
family fun! or it might be too much of
a problem to ~~to~~ to give a little of help support
these people using an area that has been used
for 30 years as an outdoor enthusiast area.

Please work something out that
can be excused by all.
I know that's a daunting task! But
this state is so big! & there are
way more areas for the ECO & ANIMAL
groups than the motor heads & boaters
of this state. We need not close areas
that have been used for years. & closures
will just move the problem to a new area!!!

Lee Smith

Board Member - AK Boating Assoc

March 27, 2006

Representative Jay Ramras;

I am writing as an avid mountaineer and outdoor enthusiast. The Knik land under discussion is a beautiful area of mountains, glaciers, rivers, streams and wetlands.

During the late 1990's, friends and I made numerous trips into the Jim Creek area. On every outing to that area, we were concerned about the safety of our vehicles. At times we even wondered about our own safety. I saw vehicles that had been bullet ridden and others that were burned. Numerous stories filtered from that area of vandalism, destruction, assault and mayhem.

Because of this I have been hesitant to visit this area again. I strongly believe and support steps to protect the land, property and people in this area. I do not believe that HB307/SB197 will provide appropriate protective measures. Therefore I ask you to reject this bill.

Wayne L. Todd

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Re: HB 307/SB 197 Public Hearing

27 March 2006

Representative Ramras,

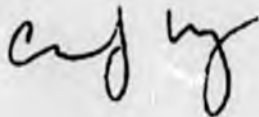
I am unable to attend today's public hearing, but would like to submit the following opinion.

I would like the legislature to reject HB 307/SB 197 and its subsequent re-drafts. The Knik River area deserves better than a continued free-for-all. As a backcountry enthusiast I am unwilling to set foot in the area, for fear of being shot at, or having my parked vehicle vandalized and burned. I am not alone in this sentiment. Two years ago I attempted to ride by horse back from a friends property out to the river and turned around before arriving due to the recklessness of ORV users, which spooked my horse. This area is not open to all users by virtue of its current uses. I do not believe classifying it as a Public Use Area will make the necessary changes.

I am in favor of a State Recreation Area, as regulations and law-enforcement will apply. I do not think a Public Use Area will serve the same purpose. A Public Use Area, will only serve the purposes of those who are currently, inappropriately, using the area. Regulation and planning for sustainable use is paramount to making this area an asset to its community and surrounding areas. Currently the area facilitates an unsafe, reckless attitude that permeates not only the backcountry area, but spills out into the road ways and community.

Please reject HB 307/SB 197 and any re-drafts.

Thank you for your time,



Carolynne Wang

State of Alaska House of Representatives
House Resources Committee

Re: HB 307 An act creating the Knik River Public Use Area

I support the effort to protect this region of Alaska, but feel this legislation falls short of including everyone and everything in the planning process.

The legislation is putting the cart before the horse – so to speak. It does not allow for proper planning. It does not properly address the importance of the area for wildlife. It seems only to care about certain people's right to use it and abuse it.

Don't you see? You are legislating (making the rules) before there is a plan.

There is a simple solution.

1. create the special management area (let the planning process decide what kind)
2. authorize and fund a management plan
3. authorize and fund management of the area once the plan is completed

Don't make the rules before you do any planning. I don't want to insult you guys down there in Juneau, but last I heard there weren't any planners or land managers among you, or your staff.

Don't allow a few people to decide what this area should or shouldn't be.

I think the area should be set aside and managed as a state game refuge. But my little voice won't be heard over the motor heads who want to be free to drive over the wetlands with their ATVs and airboats. Not only damaging the wetlands but the area that supports thousands of birds, fish and mammals. Did you know that the Knik River area has one of the highest concentrations of black bears in the state?

Please let the public have a chance to be involved in the plan. Don't create the rules before you have public input and a plan.



Pat Owens
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To The House of Representatives,

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you that I approve of the house Bill #307 concerning the Knik River Public use Area as it is written.

I have been a resident of the area for 35 plus years and have spent a lot of time on the river bar with family and friends, It is an awesome place for people to go and have fun. I know that there are some problems with laws being broke out there but if we can get Law enforcement out there that would make these issues go away.

I am a Leader over about 100 youth in the palmer area and we go out there quite a few times every year and just have cook outs and go swimming and a lot of different activities and I would sure hate to see this place shut down to these types of activities.

I personally know that there is a group of Individuals that are trying to shut down this area to off road Vehicles because they own Horses and they like to ski and things. I would like to mention that they have already shut down an area that I use to ride my 4-wheeler in so that they could ride there horses and ski on there trails without the presence of these other machines. So I feel that if they have there areas to go and play in, then we should have areas where we can go and ride also. The horse and ski area that I am referring to is the Morgan Horse trail area Off of Huntley road about 3 miles out of Palmer.

It is also a beautiful area that they have already made there own.

Thanks for your time and please support House Bill #307

Michael R Owens