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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23

Relating to national conservation system designations under Section 17(d)(2)(A) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS Section 17(d)(2)(A) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, provides for creation or addition to existing units of national parks, forests, wildlife refuges and wild and scenic rivers; and

WHEREAS, of these four systems, only the national forest system has congressional direction to practice multiple use-sustained yield management; and

WHEREAS the multiple use-sustained yield form of management provides for more options to meet the needs of the majority of Alaskans, as well as all Americans, now and in the future, consistent with sound environmental protection; and

WHEREAS the Joint Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission and the Secretary of the Interior, Rogers C. B. Morton, are to recommend to Congress which lands are to be contained within each of the four systems; and

WHEREAS these recommendations and their enactment into law are of great concern to the people of this state;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska Legislature that its members urge the Joint Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission and the Secretary of the Interior to consider to the fullest practical extent, inclusion of substantial units of new national forests under provision of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, Section 17(d)(2)(A) as a large proportion of their

recommendations to the Congress of the United States; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska delegation in Congress is urged to join with the Joint Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission to encourage the introduction of legislation to create substantial new units of national forest within the 80 million acres provided for in Section 17(d)(2)(A) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, as a major part of the four systems designated in Alaska.

COPIES of this Resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Richard M. Nixon, President of the United States; the Honorable Rogers C. B. Morton, Secretary, Department of the Interior; the Honorable Earl L. Butz, Secretary, Department of Agriculture; the Honorable Henry M. Jackson, Chairman, Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; the Honorable James A. Haley, Chairman, House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; Governor William A. Egan, Co-chairman, and both the Federal and State Co-chairmen, Joint Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Mike Gravel, U. S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U. S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.