

DENALI BOROUGH, ALASKA
RESOLUTION NO. 15-01 VERSION C

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE DESIGNATING MANAGEMENT OF THE STAMPEDE ROAD AREA TO THE STATE OF ALASKA, DIVISION OF PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION, TO CREATE THE STAMPEDE STATE RECREATION AREA.

WHEREAS, there are many issues related to the Stampede Trail and surrounding area, many of which have brought into question the ability to continue traditional use dating back prior to statehood; and

WHEREAS, the Denali Borough has openly and repeatedly expressed a desire to have recreational opportunities and uses continued in this area; and

WHEREAS, land within the proposed Stampede State Recreation Area (SRA) have been recognized by the state of Alaska as unique and important for public recreation and wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, the state of Alaska has acknowledged, in response to comments on the Yukon Tanana Area Plan, that formation of a state recreation area as previously introduced in legislation, is appropriate for this area and that promotion of the SRA should come from the local community and its state representatives; and

WHEREAS, the Stampede State Recreation Area would be valuable to residents of the Denali Borough and the state of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the current use of the area includes licensed gas exploration, motor vehicle access, horseback riding, dog mushing, cross-country skiing, ski-joring, hiking, fishing, hunting, trapping, mining, ATV/ORV trail use, snowmobiling, and other outdoor activities; and

WHEREAS, State of Alaska Recreation Areas may allow other developments such as oil, gas, and mining consistent with Regional Plans and that these developments are compatible with the proposed Stampede Recreational Area within the Yukon Tanana Area Plan; and

WHEREAS, there are currently no designated Alaska State Parks or Recreation Sites within the Denali Borough.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Denali Borough Assembly strongly encourages the state of Alaska Legislature to pass legislation designating management of the following area to the state of Alaska, Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation the following area:

Fairbanks Meridian, Healy Quadrangle D-5 & D-6;

Township 12 South, Range 9 West, Sections 1-36,
Township 12 South, Range 10 West, Sections 1-36,
Township 12 South, Range 11 West, Sections 1-36,

Township 13 South, Range 9 West, Sections 1-12 excluding national park lands,
Township 13 South, Range 10 West, Sections 1-12 excluding national park lands,
Township 13 South, Range 11 West, Sections 1-12 excluding national park lands

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Denali Borough specifically requests that the aforementioned current uses be included in the management of the area and the Denali Borough Assembly be designated as the Local Advisory Management Council for the Stampede Recreation area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Denali Borough understands the formidable economic challenges currently facing the Legislature, and requests that a fiscal note regarding the designation of the Stampede Recreation Area be deferred until such a time that financial support is feasible.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Denali Borough Assembly on this ____ day of _____, 2015.

CLAY WALKER, MAYOR

GAIL PIEKNIK, BOROUGH CLERK

POSTPONED INDEFINITELY