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KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH

RESOLUTION 82-188 (SUBSTITUTE)

URGING THE MODIFICATION OF THE DRAFT PLAN FOR THE CHUGACH NATIONAL FOREST.

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture National Forest Service has proposed a draft plan for the management of that portion of the Chugach National Forest lying within the Kenai Peninsula Borough; and

WHEREAS, the draft plan places almost all of the National forest acreage within the Kenai Peninsula Borough into the wilderness classification; and

WHEREAS, this classification would make it difficult or impossible to development mineral resources within the National Forest area; and

WHEREAS, the areas encompassed by the Chugach National Forest have historically been valuable producers of strategic and precious metals and have provided a significant boost to the economy of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, and much employment; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly finds that it is not in the best interest of the residents of the Kenai Peninsula Borough to have these large acreages closed to productive exploration and development of mineral resources;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

Section 1. That the Assembly urges National Forest Service to modify its draft plan for the Chugach National Forest by deleting all lands from wilderness or proposed wilderness classifications, and by providing that all lands within the forest shall be open to mineral development.

Section 2. That the Assembly urges the Forest Service to grant the requested permits for the construction of roads to mining claims along Crescent Creek and in the vicinity of lower Russian Lake in order to guarantee mineral development access provided by the mining act of 1872.

Section 3. That the Borough Clerk shall serve copies of this resolution upon the Secretary of Agriculture, upon the Director of the National Forest Service, upon the Honorable Ted Stevens, and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, United States

Senators, upon the Honorable Don Young, United States Representative, and upon the Chief Forester, Chugach National Forest.

Section 4. That this resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH ON
THIS 21 DAY OF September, 1982.


John C. Davis, Assembly President

ATTEST:


Borough Clerk