

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE STAMPEDE STATE RECREATION AREA  
DENALI BOROUGH, ALASKA

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska has recognized the importance of the Stampede townships for habitat and public recreation by classifying most of this area as Wildlife Habitat and/or Public Recreation in the Tanana Basin Area Plan (1991); and

WHEREAS, the State of Alaska recently validated the importance of these lands for habitat and recreation by choosing to retain acreage around 8 Mile Lake and near Otto Lake in state ownership when determining the Denali Borough's entitlement conveyances; and

WHEREAS, 8 Mile Lake is a logical gateway to such a State Recreation Area, and is most in need of immediate planning to provide services and avoid negative impacts; and

WHEREAS, local citizens who attended two Stampede Summits and commented on land and resource planning issues have re-iterated their individual interest in maintaining these lands for existing recreational uses; and

WHEREAS, growing numbers of statewide and national visitors enjoy the Denali area, for its landscape, wildlife, and its unique recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, in view of increased pressures for visitation, the established purposes of the Stampede townships will best be furthered by use of a management structure that enables all stakeholders to plan the future of this valuable public resource; and

WHEREAS, designation as a State Recreation Area will ensure such management.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD AND MEMBERS OF THE DENALI CITIZENS COUNCIL, that we support the establishment by the State of Alaska of the Stampede State Recreation Area, with boundaries as described in the legislation brought forth by Senator Joe Thomas, but with the ADDITION of nine sections around 8 Mile Lake (see map attached).

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