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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 29, 2008

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Connell Lake Water-
5 shed Protection and Recreation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The U.S. Forest Service currently owns the
2 area surrounding Connell Lake, located within the
3 boundaries of the Borough. The lake serves as a
4 major water source for the Ketchikan Gateway Bor-
5 ough and as a local recreation site.

6 (2) The Borough has a great interest in the
7 management of the Connell Lake area and desires to
8 participate directly in the planning and management
9 of the area.

10 (3) The Borough would be eligible to obtain
11 this land from the Federal Government under the
12 Recreation and Public Purposes Act if the land was
13 not located within a national forest.

14 (4) Congress has passed legislation in similar
15 circumstances to permit local governments to obtain
16 land from a national forest under the Recreation
17 and Public Purposes Act.

18 (5) The management plan for Connell Lake
19 under the Borough's comprehensive plan is con-
20 sistent with the newly issued forest management
21 plan for the area and with the terms and conditions
22 of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act.

23 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to provide
24 for the application of the Recreation and Public Purposes

1 Act to the Connell Lake area so the Borough may obtain
2 that land under the Act's basic terms and conditions.

3 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

4 As used in this Act:

5 (1) BOROUGH.—The term “Borough” means
6 the Ketchikan Gateway Borough located in the State
7 of Alaska.

8 (2) RECREATION AND PUBLIC PURPOSES
9 ACT.—The term “Recreation and Public Purposes
10 Act” means the Act titled “An Act to authorize ac-
11 quisition or use of public lands by States, counties,
12 or municipalities for recreational purposes.”, ap-
13 proved June 14, 1926 (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.).

14 **SEC. 4. CONVEYANCE.**

15 (a) CONVEYANCE.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
16 sion of law, in accordance with this Act and the Recreation
17 and Public Purposes Act, and subject to valid existing
18 rights, the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of
19 the Interior, as appropriate, shall convey to the Borough
20 the Federal lands and interests in lands within the ap-
21 proximately 880 acres and generally depicted on the map
22 titled “Connell Lake Watershed—Aliquot Part Descrip-
23 tion”. Such map shall be on file and available for inspec-
24 tion in the offices of the Chief of the U.S. Forest Service
25 and the Forest Supervisor located in Ketchikan, Alaska.

1 (b) MANAGEMENT.—Once conveyed, the Connell
2 Lake Conveyance Area shall be managed in accordance
3 with the terms of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act,
4 including the reverter provisions in that Act.

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