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Mr. Phil R. Holdsworth, Commissioner
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Dear Commissioner Holdsworth:

We are most pleased to transmit herewith the final edition of the Master Plan for the Nancy Lake State Recreation Area.

This exhaustive study includes an analysis of outdoor recreation needs and desires of the Anchorage and Matanuska-Susitna Boroughs to 1980 and the methodology to be employed to fulfill this recreation demand consistent with effective use of the land of the Recreation Area.

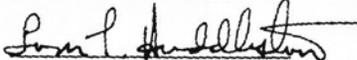
In our opinion, the vision and resourcefulness of the State of Alaska has set the standard for state park planning for the nation. It has been a distinct pleasure to work with the Division of Lands on this project. The enthusiastic cooperation of the Division has helped to make this a most pleasant task.

As has been stated numerous times in various ways, the creation of a Master Plan is only as effective as the ability to follow it through to completion. Now that the trail has been broken and the groundwork laid, the implementation of the proposals recommended herein are of the utmost importance. We are confident that this report will be translated into a plan of action immediately.

Citizens of Alaska should indeed be proud that they live in a state which looks with unblurred vision to tomorrow.

Respectfully submitted,

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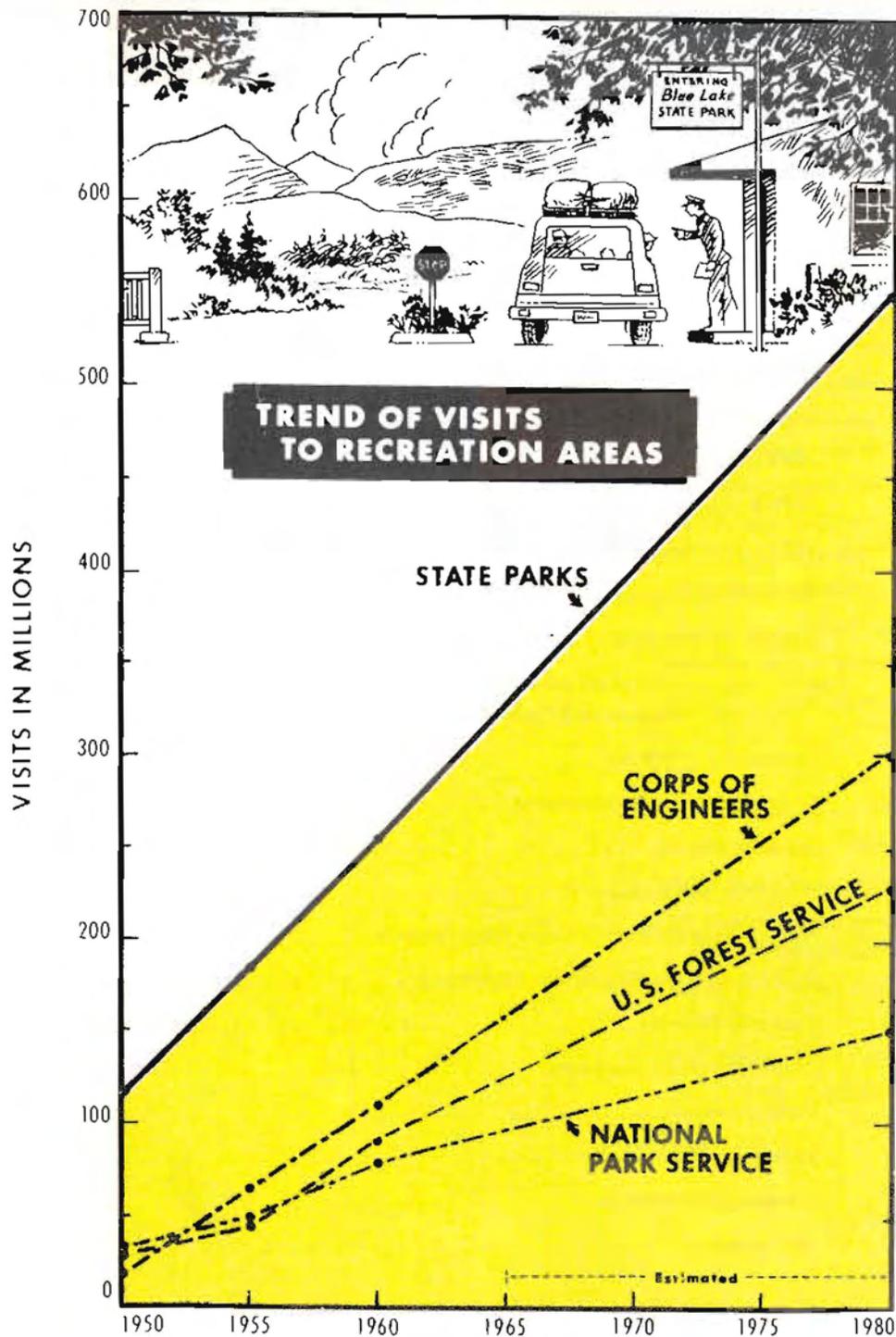
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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The rapidly increasing demand for recreation opportunities in urban areas led Division of Lands personnel to examine State land holdings in the Anchorage Service Area for the possibility of developing a multi-activity family recreation area.

Such an area would be water-oriented and should provide a variety of active recreation opportunities. A year round family type development was indicated in an area large enough to provide many diversified activities where there would be available quality outdoor recreation experiences for each member of the family during all seasons of the year.

The search rapidly centered on the Noncy Lake - Red Shirt Lake area. This lake area, being the least developed with private holdings and the last available land of its type in the Service Area, appeared to have the desirable elements needed. After considerable study some tentative boundaries were drawn, a possible development layout prepared, and the package was presented to the Motanuska - Susitna Borough for consideration. Their reaction was enthusiastic.

A bill was introduced in the legislature, and upon its passage, the State's first large recreation area became a reality.

Som L. Huddleston and Associates of Denver was retained to prepare a master development plan program and budget for this area. Their report is presented herewith.