The Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources finds that the Susitna Basin Recreation Rivers Management Plan meets the requirements of AS 41.23.400-510 for the Recreation Rivers and AS 38.04.065 and 11 AAC 55.010-.030 for land use plans. The Susitna Basin Recreation Rivers Management Plan is hereby adopted. The Department of Natural Resources will manage state lands within the planning area consistent with this plan. The Susitna Basin Recreation Rivers Management Plan amends and supersedes the Susitna Area Plan and the Willow Subbasin Area Plan where these plans overlap with the Recreation Rivers described under AS 41.23.500.

Harold C. Heinze, Commissioner
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

6/28/91

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game assisted the Department of Natural Resources in preparing the Susitna Basin Recreation Rivers Management Plan. We appreciate the opportunity to represent fish and wildlife habitat, harvest, and public use values during the development of the plan. The Department of Fish and Game will use the plan as guidance when implementing its authorities and when reviewing and commenting on proposed uses of state lands in the planning area.

Carl L. Rosier, Commissioner
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

7/5/91
A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH APPROVING THE FINAL DRAFT OF THE SUSITNA BASIN RECREATION RIVERS MANAGEMENT PLAN WITH SOME REQUESTED CHANGES.

WHEREAS, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough recognizes the importance of management of the Six Recreation River Corridors for a variety of resources and uses including fish and wildlife, recreation, economic use, the enjoyment of the public, multiple use of the uplands, and the accommodation of access; and

WHEREAS, representatives from the City of Houston and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough have been involved in reaching a compromise on the boating restrictions proposed within the Final Draft of the Susitna Basin Recreation Rivers Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the representative from the City of Houston has agreed to the proposed boating restrictions within the Final Draft of the Susitna Basin Recreation Rivers Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the management intent of State lands within the Recreation River Corridors will have a direct effect on both Borough and private lands dependent on access across or through the corridors; and

WHEREAS, the Final Draft of the Susitna Basin Recreation Rivers Management Plan includes stipulations which do not appear to be consistent with management for a variety of resources.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Assembly of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough approves the Final Draft of the Susitna Basin Recreation Rivers Management Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assembly of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough requests that the following changes be made to the Final Draft of...
the Susitna Basin Recreation Rivers Management Plan prior to adoption by the Alaska State Legislature:

1. The following statement be eliminated from the Plan.

"Non-Motorized areas. Roads and both types of vehicular trails may be built in non-motorized areas if they are built with public funds or if there is a state or public interest." The stipulations for roads within Class I areas are sufficient without adding this restriction.

2. The following statement be eliminated under guidelines for construction of utilities. "Utilities which serve only a few users, are not publicly regulated utilities, and cross waterbodies that receive high public use should not be authorized." The guidelines for construction of utilities are sufficient without this additional restriction.

Adopted by the Assembly of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, this 5 day of February, 1991.

Dorothy A. Jones, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda A. Dahl, Borough Clerk

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