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The Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources finds that the Northern Southeast Area Plan meets the requirements of AS 38.04.065 and 11 AAC 55.010 – 55.030 for land use plans, and hereby adopts the plan. The Department of Natural Resources will manage state land in the planning area consistent with the plan.



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