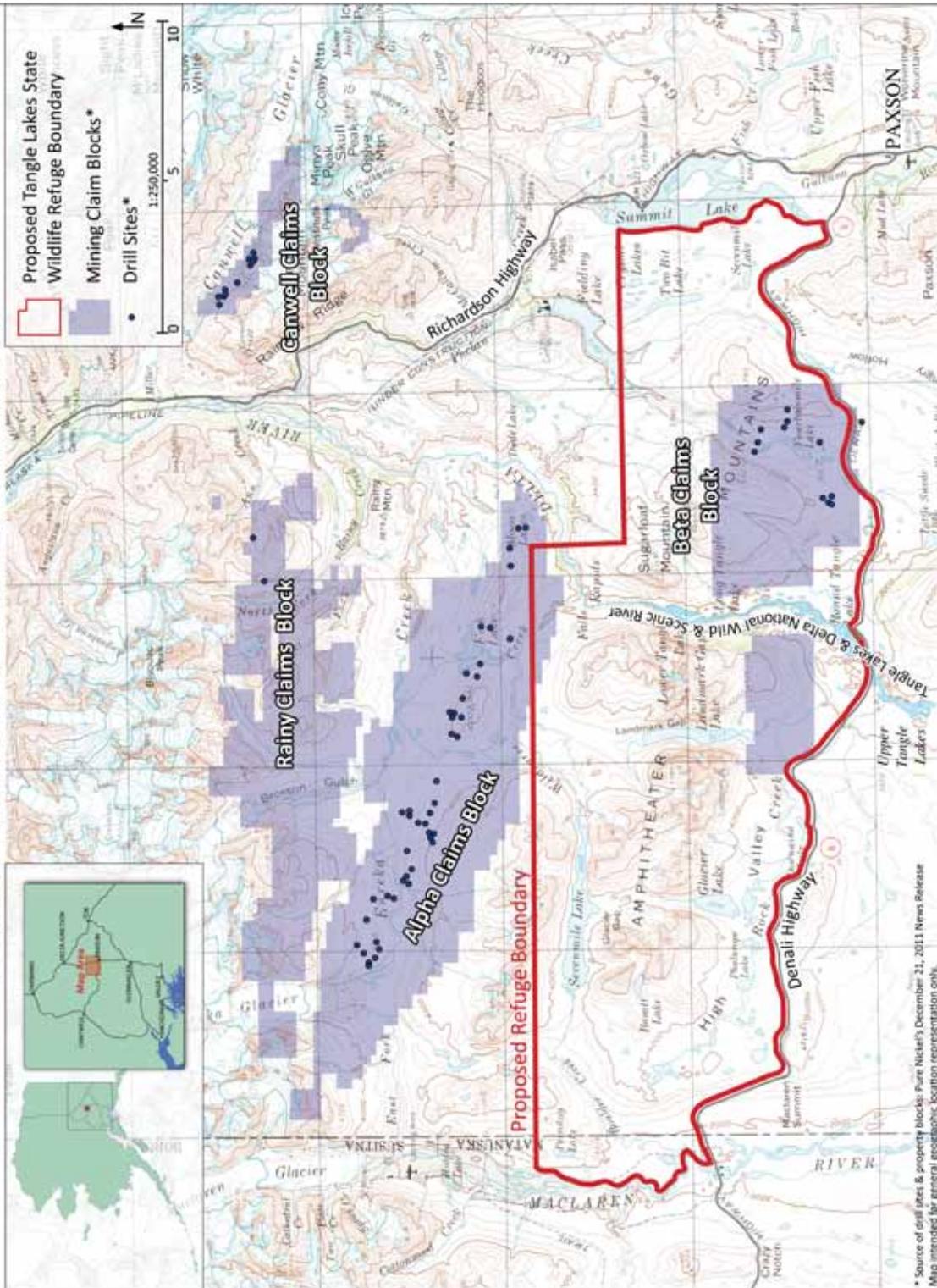


Proposed Tangle Lakes State Wildlife Refuge



*I want to help
keep Tangle Lakes the way it is.*

Write a personal letter to your state legislators.
This link makes it super-easy:
<http://bit.ly/emailakleg>

Watch and share this YouTube video:
<http://bit.ly/tanglelakes>

Learn more & see more Tangle Lakes photos:
<http://savetanglelakes.org/>

Sign the Letter to the Legislature (which appears
on other side of this brochure):
<http://www.akcomments.org/tanglelakes.html>

If you own a business, sign it on as well at:
<http://akcomments.org/businessesfortangle.html>

Add my name to the Letter to the Legislature.

Signature and Printed Name

Address

City State Zip

Business Name (if applicable)

Address

City State Zip

Interests in area (optional): sightsee
 hunt fish pick berries recreate

mail to: Copper Country Alliance, HC60 Box
306T, Copper Center, AK 99573

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Tangle Lakes Worth Saving

*Help maintain
your recreation,
hunting,
trapping,
and fishing
opportunities.*

<http://savetanglelakes.org>

"It is my position that the importance of the Denali Block [state lands surrounding Tangle Lakes] as wildlife habitat, tourist destination, sport fishing, subsistence and sport hunting, subsistence food gathering and trapping area exceeds all mining value."

~ Robert Tobey, Retired State Fish & Game Biologist, Glennallen

Tangle Lakes Now ...



Bruce James



NPS



Frank Hobson



Jeff Merkel

Did you know?

Foreign corporations are drilling nearby for nickel, copper and platinum group metals.

If exploration leads to a mine, you can expect an open pit or underground mine with destruction of wildlife habitat, air and water pollution, noise, loss of access, and other adverse effects.

"We recognize the potential for mineral extraction...but remain convinced the long-term value of maintaining wildlife habitat far outweighs the potential benefits of possible development projects known at this time."

~ Alaska Board of Game



Tyrone Copper Mine, New Mexico. An example of what an open pit mine looks like.

A mine would be a land lock-up.

A refuge would protect fish, wildlife, and their habitat on state lands so that there will always be hunting, trapping, and fishing opportunities.

A Tangle Lakes State Wildlife Refuge would be managed by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to protect the Tangle Lakes Area AND your ability to hunt and recreate there and to share it with future generations.

SIGN THIS LETTER TO THE ALASKA LEGISLATURE
(online or by mail; see back page for submission details.)

"For years, Alaskans have made it clear that the Tangle Lakes region deserves better, and now we're making our voices a bit louder before it's too late. People have enjoyed the area for generations just as it is – wildlife rich and scenic – and we want to keep it that way for our children and theirs too. Hunting, fishing, hiking, canoeing, camping, and just enjoying the getaway is what the Tangles are all about. It's a unique, easily accessible and irreplaceable area; the type of place that should be left alone, for us and the wildlife – especially the Nelchina Caribou herd – that prefer Tangle Lakes over many nearby areas.

Unfortunately, we're not convinced that the status quo will manage the area consistently with our vision for its future. That's why we're calling upon you and your colleagues to create a State Wildlife Refuge for the portion of the area most important to both wildlife and people. As you know, exploration for a mine is being conducted now and, if developed, will take away the experiences that we've come to appreciate. Instead of scenic vistas, excellent recreation, hunting, and a bit of solitude, we could be facing an industrial operation with haul roads, power lines, pits, tailings ponds and waste rock piles – not to mention the constant drone of a mill, supply trucks and powerhouses, or the chance that water pollution will jeopardize the fish. There are places where mining has acceptable impacts, but this is not one of them.

Ideally, places that matter to Alaskans would be left alone, and ones suitable for mining would be responsibly developed. But in this case, the laws are not working in our favor, and our interests are being cast aside. Tangle Lakes are at stake, and the foreign corporation that staked the claims never consulted any of us first. Regardless, we're not against them – we're just for Tangle Lakes. This is a big region, and our proposal only covers half of the area where mining could occur – about 142,000 acres; not much in the grand scheme of things but enough to better protect our favorite parts. We believe both interests will need to compromise here. By supporting a proposal that takes both into account – rather than one at the expense of the other – we think we've already done so.

Let's not forget that we are not the first to make this case. The local office of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, as well as the Board of Game, have clearly said that the value of intact wildlife habitat far exceeds that of mining at the Tangles, as has the Alaska Chapter of the Backcountry Hunters and Anglers. Biologists, business owners, and hundreds of citizens statewide have all advocated for a Refuge. Editorials supporting a Refuge have graced the pages of our newspapers. Now, we add our voices to this growing movement, and we trust that you will do what's right."

"I believe Denali Highway is the most beautiful drive in North America."

~ Forrest Davis, President,
High Lonesome BirdTours

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