

Gravel Asks Park Land

WASHINGTON—Sen. Mike Gravel, D-Alaska, urged the Senate Interior Subcommittee on Parks and Recreation to set aside 1.4 million acres in the Chugach National Forest and nearby lands for the Seward National Recreation Area.

Gravel, co-sponsor of the bill

with Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, to establish the new recreation area on the Kenai Peninsula, said in testimony to the subcommittee that an important consideration is the accessibility of the proposed area to Alaska's populated areas.

The bill would establish the first federal recreation area in the 49th State. Gravel told the subcommittee that the resources in the proposed recreation area include rugged mountains and glaciers, forests, lakes and rivers and various game species.