



**MEMORANDUM:**  
**State of Alaska**  
**Dept. of Natural Resources**

**Div. of Mining, Land & Water**  
**Realty Services Section**

<b>To:</b>	Public Notice	<b>Date:</b>	July 23, 2023
<b>Thru:</b>	Lacy Hamner Natural Resources Manager 2	<b>File No.:</b>	GS-509
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		<b>Subject:</b>	Dingell Act Native allotment relinquishment

Summary

The Statehood Entitlement Unit ("Selections Unit") received a request from Bureau of Land Management to relinquish a high priority selection in Sec. 24, T. 1 S., R. 1 E., F.M., for a Dingell Act Native Veteran allotment in May 2023. If the State voluntarily relinquishes its Statehood entitlement selection, BLM will be able to convey the below described lands to the Native allotment applicant. No laws currently exist for the State to "reselect" the lands. Because the lands within this request are a high priority, Realty Services believes it is appropriate to request public input prior to making a relinquishment decision regarding the State's selection.

Dingell Act Legislative History

Passed in 2019, the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act (Dingell Act) (Pub. L. 116-9) allows eligible Alaska Native Vietnam Veterans (applicants) to select up to 160 acres of land as an allotment. Applicants will receive the surface estate along with sand and gravel. Available lands are those managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), excluding lands withdrawn by Public Land Orders (PLOs), the TAPS right-of-way, military withdrawals, Conservation System Units (CSU's), and the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska. Lands selected by the State or Alaska Native Claim Settlement Act (ANCSA) Corporations are classified as available regardless of priority status. The State and ANCSA Corps. have the option to relinquish or deny relinquishment of selections for any reason within 60 days of receiving BLM's request. State relinquishment decisions are not appealable under the Dingell Act or the Code of Federal Regulations; because Realty Services is public noticing the relinquishments under AS 38.05.945 the relinquishment decision is an appealable action.

Affected Lands

The lands consist of a parcel of Federal lands located within Sec. 24, T. 1 S., R. 1 E., Fairbanks Meridian, containing approximately 160 acres.

Surrounding Land Pattern

The parcel is surrounded by private lands on all sides and shares its southeast corner with the northwest corner of a parcel previously conveyed to FNSB through Municipal Entitlement. BLM has an open unauthorized use file, FF-097472, that may impact the southwest corner of the parcel.

Request

We are seeking public comment regarding the proposed voluntary relinquishment of the surface estate for these lands. Realty proposes to retain oil, gas, and mineral estates. Please provide comments regarding this relinquishment by **3:30 p.m. Aug. 28, 2023**.

Attachments:

1. Attachment A- Vicinity Map (AA-95904)
2. BLM Request for relinquishment