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PUBLIC NOTICE

Extension and Update to Requesting Input on Proposed Relinquishment of State Entitlement Land Selections

Comment Period Now Ends 4:00 PM Alaska Standard Time, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is proposing to relinquish the State's entitlement land selection of the surface estate, including sand and gravel, while retaining oil, gas, and mineral interests on the following lands located between Gakona and Paxson:

- Approximately 160 acres, Section 1, Township 11 North, Range 2 West, Copper River Meridian, Alaska.
- Approximately 100 acres, Section 33, Township 22 South, Range 12 East, Fairbanks Meridian, Alaska.
- Approximately 160 acres, Section 25, Township 22 South, Range 11 East, Fairbanks Meridian, Alaska.

Location maps are available attached to this notice. The locations of the parcels are also available from the Bureau of Land Management at their website¹ under the "Available Lands Map" Quick Links; this website is not maintained by the State of Alaska. The lands are not currently owned by the State, they are under Federal management and ownership. The purpose of relinquishment is to facilitate conveyance of Dingell Act allotment applications # AA-96389, AA-97571, and F-98165.

The 2019 John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act (Dingell Act) (Pub. L. 116-9) provides that eligible Alaska Native Vietnam Veterans may apply for allotments of up to 160 acres of land from vacant, unappropriated, and unreserved land that the State has selected pursuant to 6(b) of the Alaska Statehood Act, and that the State agrees to voluntarily relinquish. In accordance with the Act, the State is considering relinquishing the surface estate, including sand and gravel, previously identified.

¹ <https://www.blm.gov/programs/lands-and-realty/regional-information/alaska/land-transfer/ak-native-allotment-act/alaska-native-vietnam-veterans-land-allotment>

Alaska Statute (AS) 38.05.035 allows for disposals of interests in state lands, and AS 38.05.945 provides procedures for notice of those disposals.

This notice and any future decisions on this proposed action are available on the State of Alaska online public notice portal: <http://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/>. For assistance in obtaining documents by an alternative method, to request auxiliary aids, services, or special accommodations, contact DNR's Public Information Centers on State work days, Monday through Friday, between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Alaska Standard Time in Anchorage at (907) 269-8400, Fairbanks at (907) 451-2705, Southeast Land Office in Juneau at (907) 465-3400, TTY: 711 for Alaska Relay or 1-800-770-8973, or go to <http://dhr.alaska.gov/commis/pic/> for additional contact information. Individuals who require special assistance must request assistance from the Public Information Center in Anchorage no later than 4:00 p.m. Alaska Standard Time, Friday, February 6, 2026.

The public is invited to submit comments. If commenting on more than one proposed action, separate comments should be submitted for each. The comment period has been extended to allow additional time for comments. If you have already commented on these actions, you do not need to send the comment again. You are welcome to submit additional comments. **The deadline for public comment is now 4:00 PM Alaska Standard Time, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026.** Only persons from whom the Department of Natural Resources receives timely, written comment during the identified comment period will be eligible to file an appeal of the decision. Written comment may be received by email or postal mail. To submit comments or for direct inquiries, contact Eric Cannon at eric.cannon@alaska.gov or 907-269-8583.

After public input is considered, the decision will be issued without further notice. A copy of the decision will be sent to any persons who provided input, and a copy will be posted on the State's online public notice portal <http://aws.state.ak.us/OnlinePublicNotices/>. To subscribe to the State's online public notice portal, visit the link and set up an email or RSS subscription using available criteria.

DNR reserves the right to waive technical defects in this notice.

Attachments:

- Attachment A-1: Vicinity Map for Application # AA-96389
- Attachment A-2: Vicinity Map for Application # AA-97571
- Attachment A-3: Vicinity Map for Application # F-98165

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Copper River Meridian
Township 11 N., Range 2 W.
Section 1

Attachment A-1: Vicinity Map
Alaska Native Veteran Land Allotment
Program Application AA-96389



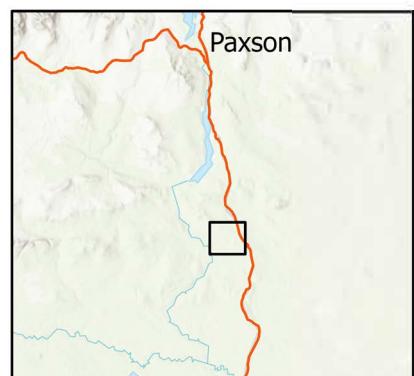
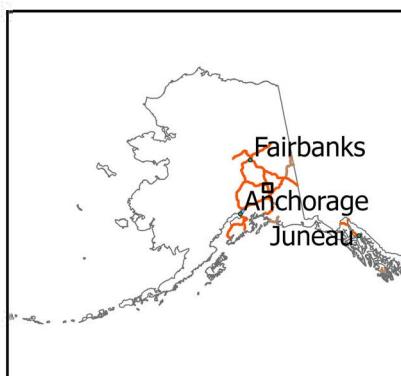
State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOTPF) in Fairbanks, Sources: Esri, TomTom, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, © OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Alaska State Office, Esri, USGS

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- Project Location AA-96389
- Section
- DOT Trails Inventory 1973
- Roads_AKDOT
- Mileposts

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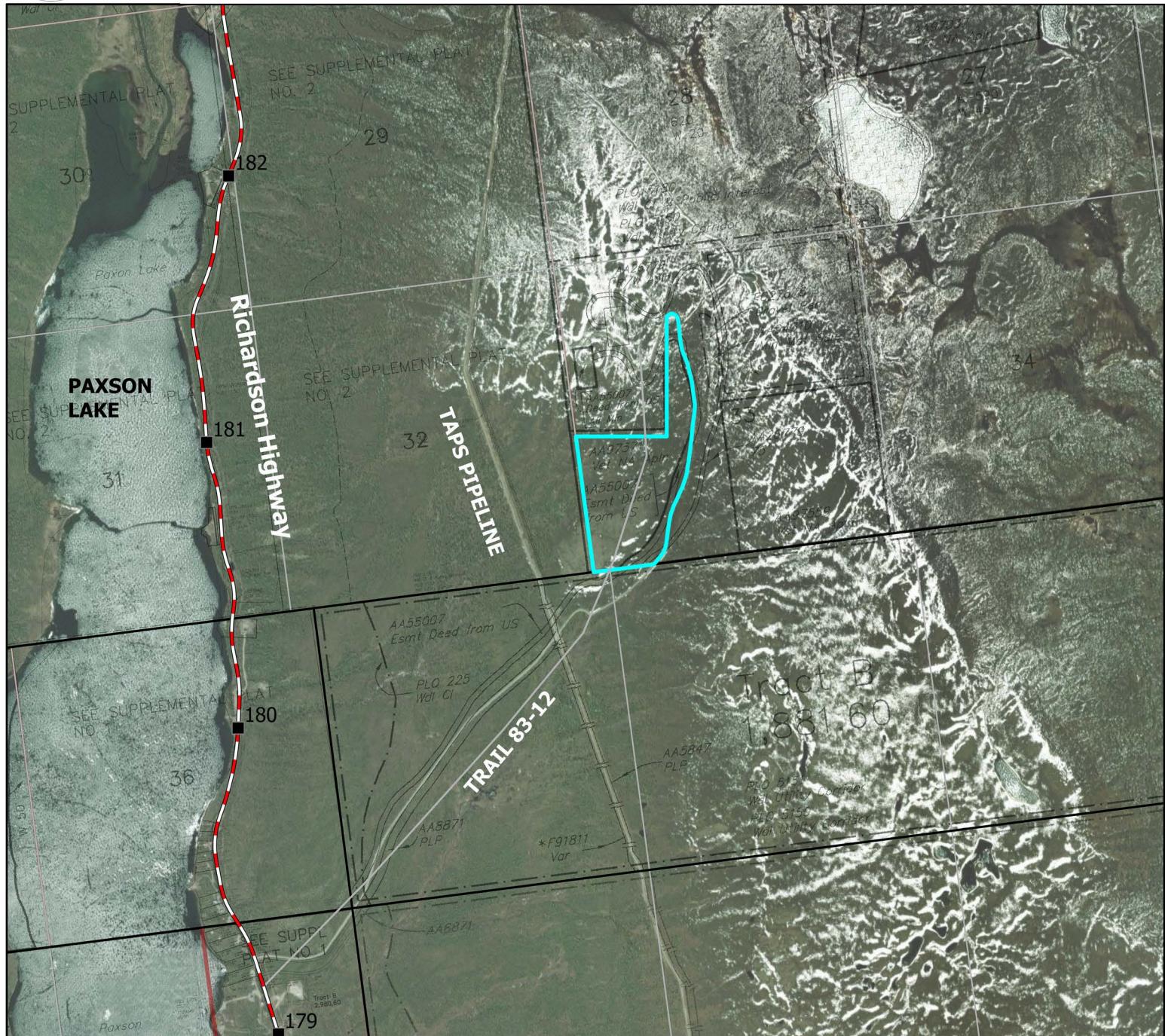


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Fairbanks Meridian
Township 22 S., Range 12 E.
Section 33

Attachment A-2: Vicinity Map
Alaska Native Veteran Land Allotment
Program Application AA-97571



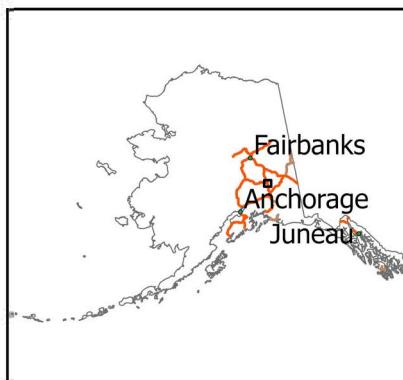
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Fairbanks Meridian
Township 22 S., Range 11 E.
Section 25

Attachment A-3: Vicinity Map
Alaska Native Veteran Land Allotment
Program Application F-98165



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Project Location F-98165

Section

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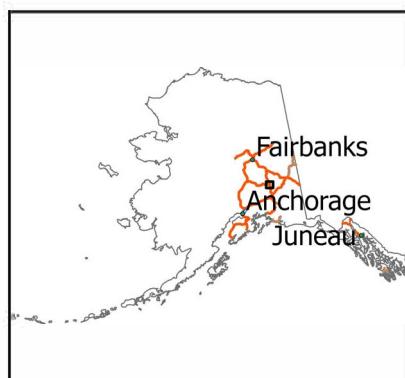
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In Reply Refer To:

AA-96389 (2569)

AA-47484 (2627)

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The land status records of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) indicate that Alaska Native Veteran Land Allotment Program application AA-96389 filed on April 29, 2025 by Ronald Jack Wickstrom is located on land selected by the State of Alaska (State) under application AA-47484. The land is presently located within:

Sec. 1, T. 11 N., R. 2 W., Copper River Meridian, containing approximately 160 acres.

The BLM cannot convey land selected by the State to an applicant who has filed for an allotment under the Alaska Native Veteran Land Allotment Program. However, the State may voluntarily relinquish a portion of its selection to accommodate the conveyance of a parcel to a qualified Native Veteran per 43 CFR Sec. 2569.405. The State is under no obligation to relinquish a portion of their land selection.

The BLM hereby requests that the State indicate their willingness to relinquish the above-mentioned lands and returning the relinquishment form to the BLM within 30 days.

Sincerely,

Brandi Larsen
Land Law Examiner
Adjudication Services Section

Enclosure
MTP (dtd 5/5/2025)

Copy furnished to:

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Chief, Branch of Adjudication (944)

AA-96389
AA-47484

RELINQUISHMENT FORM

The State of Alaska has reviewed their records and agrees to relinquish their selection on the land described in Alaska Native Veteran Land Allotment application AA-96389 once the lands have been surveyed.

(Signature)

(Date)

The State of Alaska has reviewed their records and has decided that it will not relinquish their selection on the land described in Alaska Native Veteran Land Allotment application AA-96389.

(Signature)

(Date)

Sec. 1, T. 11 N., R. 2 W., Copper River Meridian, containing approximately 160 acres.



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AA-60294 (2627)
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The land status records of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) indicate that Alaska Native Veteran Land Allotment Program application AA-97571 filed on April 25, 2025, by Gene David Gjertson is located on land selected by the State of Alaska (State) under application AA-60294. The land is presently located within:

Sec. 33, T. 22 S., R. 12 E., Fairbanks Meridian, containing approximately 100 acres.

The BLM cannot convey land selected by the State to an applicant who has filed for an allotment under the Alaska Native Veteran Land Allotment Program. However, the State may voluntarily relinquish a portion of its selection to accommodate the conveyance of a parcel to a qualified Native Veteran per 43 CFR Sec. 2569.405. The State is under no obligation to relinquish a portion of their land selection.

The BLM hereby requests that the State indicate their willingness to relinquish the above-mentioned lands and returning the relinquishment form to the BLM within 30 days.

Sincerely,

/s/ Zachary Szemborski

Zachary Szemborski
Land Law Examiner
Adjudication Services Section

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Gene David Gjertson
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Chief, Branch of Adjudication (944)

AA-97571
AA-60294

RELINQUISHMENT FORM

The State of Alaska has reviewed their records and agrees to relinquish their selection on the land described in Alaska Native Veteran Land Allotment application AA-97571 once the lands have been surveyed.

(Signature)

(Date)

The State of Alaska has reviewed their records and has decided that it will not relinquish their selection on the land described in Alaska Native Veteran Land Allotment application AA-97571.

(Signature)

(Date)

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The land status records of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) indicate that Alaska Native Veteran Land Allotment Program application F-98165 filed on October 27, 2023 by Lorne Jon Abate is located on land selected by the State of Alaska (State) under application AA-60967. The land is presently located within:

Sec. 25, T. 22 S., R. 11 E., Fairbanks Meridian, containing approximately 160 acres.

The BLM cannot convey land selected by the State to an applicant who has filed for an allotment under the Alaska Native Veteran Land Allotment Program. However, the State may voluntarily relinquish a portion of its selection to accommodate the conveyance of a parcel to a qualified Native Veteran per 43 CFR Sec. 2569.405. The State is under no obligation to relinquish a portion of their land selection.

The BLM hereby requests that the State indicate their willingness to relinquish the above-mentioned lands and returning the relinquishment form to the BLM within 30 days.

Sincerely,

Lyndsey Pritchett
Land Law Examiner
Adjudication Services Section

Enclosure
MTP (dtd 11/22/2024)

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Lorne Jon Abate
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Chief, Branch of Adjudication (944)

F-98165
AA-60967

RELINQUISHMENT FORM

The State of Alaska has reviewed their records and agrees to relinquish their selection on the land described in Alaska Native Veteran Land Allotment application F-98165 once the lands have been surveyed.

(Signature)

(Date)

The State of Alaska has reviewed their records and has decided that it will not relinquish their selection on the land described in Alaska Native Veteran Land Allotment application F-98165.

(Signature)

(Date)

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