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Title: A Bill to designate certain lands in the State of Alaska as units of the National Park, National Wildlife Refuge, National Wild and Scenic Rivers, National Forest, and National Wilderness Preservation Systems, and for other purposes. **Sponsor:** Sen Jackson, Henry M. [WA] (introduced 1/15/1979) Cosponsors (None) **Latest Major Action:** 1/15/1979 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Referred to Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

SUMMARY AS OF: 1/15/1979--Introduced.

Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act - **Title I: Purposes, Definitions, and Maps** - Declares it the purpose of this Act to preserve for the benefit, use, education, and inspiration of present and future generations certain lands and waters in the State of Alaska that contain nationally significant natural, scenic, historic, archaeological, geological, scientific, wilderness, cultural, recreational, and wildlife values. States the intent of this Act to provide the opportunity for people engaged in a subsistence-oriented lifestyle to continue to do so, consistent with management of fish and wildlife in accordance with recognized scientific principles and the purposes for which each conservation system unit is established, designated, or expanded by or pursuant to this Act.

Excludes land selections of the State of Alaska which have been tentatively approved under the Alaska Statehood Act, as well as certain other selections, from the definition of "public lands."

Requires that the boundary maps described in titles II through VII of this Act be on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Secretary of the Interior, or the Secretary of Agriculture with regard to the National Forest System. Directs that: (1) a map and legal description of each change in land management status affected by this Act be published in the Federal Register and filed with the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate, as soon as practicable after enactment; and (2) such maps and legal descriptions be on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Secretary of the Interior.

Title II: National Park System - Establishes as units of the National Park System: (1) Aniakchak National Monument and Aniakchak National Preserve; (2) Bering Land Bridge National Preserve; (3) Cape Krusenstern National Preserve; (4) Gates of the Arctic National Park, Gates of the Arctic National Preserve, and Gates of the Arctic National Recreation Area; (5) Kenai Fjords National Park; (6) Kobuk Valley National Monument and Kobuk Valley National Preserve; (7) Lake Clark National Park and Lake Park National Preserve; (8) Misty Fjords National Preserve; (9) Noatak National Preserve, and Noatak National Recreation Area; (10) Wrangell-

St. Elias National Park, and Wrangell-St Elias National Reserve; and (11) Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve. Authorizes the establishment of rights-of-way through such areas as specified, and permits specified activities which may be conducted in certain of such designated areas.

Expands and, in some cases, redesignates, as units of the National Park System: (1) Glacier Bay Monument, (redesignated as Glacier Bay National Park, and Glacier Bay National Preserve); (2) Katmai National Monument (redesignated as Katmai National Park and Preserve, and Katmai National Preserve); and (3) Mount McKinley National Park and Mount McKinley National Preserve.

Directs the Secretary of the Interior to administer the lands, waters, and interests so established, designated or expanded. Provides that certain valid Native selections are recognized and shall be honored and conveyed by the Secretary in accordance with the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and this Act.

Withdraws Federal lands within the above designated units of the National Park System from any disposition under the public land laws, including mining laws and mineral leasing laws, and from future selections by the State of Alaska and Native Corporations.

Title III: National Wildlife Refuge System - Defines the term "conserve," for purposes of this Title, as the use of such methods and procedures which are necessary to ensure the health, preservation, and enhancement of fish, wildlife, and plants, their habitats, and the ecological system of which they form a constituent element. Defines "refuge" to mean any unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System established by this Act, prior to the enactment of this Act, or following the enactment of this Act.

Establishes as units of the National Wildlife Refuge System: (1) Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge; (2) Arctic National Wildlife Range; (3) Becharof National Wildlife Refuge; (4) Clarence Rhode National Wildlife Refuge; (5) Innoko National Wildlife Refuge; (6) Kanuti National Wildlife Refuge; (7) Kenai National Wildlife Refuge; (8) Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge; (9) Koyukuk National Wildlife Refuge; (10) Selawik National Wildlife Refuge; (11) Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge; and (12) Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge. Designates the significant fish and wildlife of each refuge.

Declares the major purposes of each refuge to be: (1) to conserve the designated fish and wildlife, as well as to conserve other fish and wildlife, and plants within the refuge; (2) to fulfill the international treaty obligations of the United States with respect to fish and wildlife and plants; (3) to provide the opportunity for continued subsistence uses by local residents; (4) to ensure water quality and quantity within the refuge; and (5) to protect, maintain, or enhance any special value of the refuge, as well as any other archaeological, cultural, ecological, geological, historical, paleontological, recreational, or scenic value of the refuge.

Provides that each refuge shall be administered by the Secretary to achieve such purposes, and in accordance with the laws governing the administration of units of the National Wildlife Refuge System, the laws governing the conservation and protection of fish and wildlife and plants, and this Act.

Prohibits the Secretary from permitting uses or granting easements in the above designated refuges for any purposes which are not compatible with the major purposes of the refuge.

Withdraws, subject to valid existing rights, all public lands in each refuge from all forms of appropriation under the mining laws, but not from operation of the mineral leasing laws.

Declares that all Executive orders and other administrative actions which were in effect on the day before the date of enactment of this Act will remain in force, except to the extent that they are inconsistent with this Act or the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

Title IV: National Conservation Areas - Establishes the following areas as national conservation areas for the purposes of protecting such lands within the framework of a multiple use program and for the maintenance of environmental quality: (1) Baird Mountains National Conservation Area; (2) Chandalar National Conservation Area; (3) Nowitna National Conservation Area; and (4) Steese National Conservation Area.

Directs the Secretary, through the Bureau of Land Management, to administer such areas and to develop a land use plan for each such area. Permits mineral development in such areas where consistent with land use plans. Subjects such mining to reasonable regulations consistent with the protection of scenic, scientific, cultural, and other resources of the area.

Establishes the White Mountain National Recreation Area.

Title V: National Forest System - Establishes the Porcupine National Forest to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture in accordance with this Act and other applicable laws, rules, and regulations. Directs the Secretary of Agriculture to promulgate special regulations insuring the protection of fish and wildlife and their habitat. Permits other multiple use activities within the forest which are consistent with such protection.

Extends the boundaries of: (1) Chugach National Forest; and (2) Tongass National Forest, to be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture as specified.

Establishes within the Chugach National Forest the Seward National Recreation Area. Withdraws from location, entry, and patent under Federal mining laws minerals in Federal lands within the Porcupine National Forest and the specified additional to the Chugach National Forest, subject to valid existing rights. Authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to permit removal of leasable and nonleasable minerals from such lands in accordance with specified laws and upon a finding of no significant adverse effects therefrom on the administration of those areas.

Title VI: National Wild and Scenic Rivers Systems - Amends the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act by adding to the Wild and Scenic Rivers System the following rivers (or segments thereof) located within the National Park System Units: Alagnak, Alatna, Aniakchak, Charley, Chilikadrotna, John, Kobuk, Mulchatna, Noatak, North Fork of the Koyukuk, Salmon, Tinayguk, and Tlikakila. Adds to the system the following rivers (or segments thereof)

located within National Wildlife Refuges: Andreafsky, Ivishak, Selawik, Sheenjek, and Wind. Adds to the system those rivers (or segments thereof) located outside National Park System units and National Wildlife Refuges: Alagnak, Beaver Creek, Birch Creek, Delta, Fortymile, Gulkana, and Unalakleet.

Designates the following rivers (or segments thereof) to be studied for possible inclusion in the Wild and Scenic Rivers System: Colville, Etivluk-Nign, Utukok, Kanektok, Kisaralik, Melozitna, Sheenjek, Situk, Porcupine and Yukon. Specifies time requirements within which such studies are to be completed and transmitted. Requires that detailed boundaries and development and management plans be established for such rivers within specified time limits.

Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to seek cooperative agreements with the owners of non-Federal lands adjoining wild and scenic rivers established by this title to assure that the purposes of such designations are served to the greatest extent feasible.

Authorizes the Secretary to establish as a river protection zone an area extending up to two miles from the ordinary high water mark on both sides of each river designated as a wild and scenic river.

Title VII: National Wilderness Preservation System - Designates the following areas as wilderness and components of the National Wilderness Preservation System: (1) Denali Wilderness; (2) Gates of the Arctic Wilderness; (3) Glacier Bay Wilderness; (4) Katmai Wilderness; (5) Kobuk Valley Wilderness; (6) Lake Clark Wilderness; (7) Noatak Wilderness; (8) Wrangell-Saint Elias Wilderness; (9) Aleutian Islands Wilderness; (10) Izembek Wilderness; (11) Kenai Wilderness; (12) Semidi Wilderness; (13) Selawik Wilderness; (14) Unimak Wilderness; (15) Admiralty Island Wilderness; (16) Coronation Island Wilderness; (17) Endicott Island Wilderness; (18) Maurille Islands Wilderness; (19) Petersburg Creek-Duncan Salt Chuck Wilderness; (20) Russell Fjord Wilderness; (21) South Baranof Wilderness; (22) South Prince of Wales Wilderness; (23) Stikine-LeConte Wilderness; (24) Tebenkof Bay Wilderness; (25) Tracy-Arm-Fords Terror Wilderness; (26) Warren Island Wilderness; and (27) West Chichagof-Yakobi Wilderness.

Sets forth provisions regarding exchanges of timber rights with shareholders of corporations formed pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act made necessary by the wilderness designations under this title.

Directs the Secretary of Agriculture to review for possible wilderness preservation Nellie Juan-College Fjord Study Area.

Designates specified lands within the Tongass National Forest as special management areas. Sets forth rules for managing such areas including a prohibition on sale of timber on national forest system lands within such areas for ten years after enactment. Authorizes a waiver of such prohibition after ten years, upon a finding by the Secretary of Agriculture that such timber must be sold to maintain the timber supply to dependent industry.

Establishes the National Forest Timber Utilization Program. Authorizes the Secretary to improve access to timber resources in the Tongass National Forest and to provide loans to national forest materials' purchasers for equipment purchases and new technology implementation to assist in utilizing wood products not otherwise usable.

Authorizes the appropriation of specified amounts from National Forest Fund receipts for the purposes of such program.

Title VIII: Subsistence Management and Use - Declares it the policy of Congress that: (1) management policies on the public lands in Alaska are to cause the least possible adverse impact on subsistence-dependent rural people, and as far as possible, such people are to have the opportunity of continuing a subsistence lifestyle; (2) nonwasteful subsistence use of wildlife and other renewable resources shall have priority over other consumptive use of such resources on the public lands in Alaska; and (3) Federal land-managing agencies are to cooperate with adjacent landowners and land managers in managing subsistence activities on the public lands and in protecting wild renewable resources in Alaska.

Defines "subsistence uses" as the customary and traditional uses in Alaska of wild, renewable resources for direct personal or family use as food, shelter, fuel, clothing, tools, or transportation, for the making and selling of handicraft articles (including clothing) out of nonedible by-products of fish and wildlife resources taken for personal or family use or for the customary trade, barter, or sharing among subsistence users for personal or family use.

Gives preference to the taking of fish and wildlife on public lands for subsistence purposes over the taking on such lands of fish and wildlife for other purposes.

Directs the Secretary of Interior to establish not less than five subsistence resource regions. Requires that there be sufficient number and boundaries of such regions to assure that regional differences in subsistence uses are adequately accommodated. Provides for the establishment of regional and local advisory councils in each such region. Sets forth the functions of such councils, including the review, evaluation, and recommendation of regulations, policies, management plans, guidelines and other matters relating to subsistence uses of fish and wildlife within the region. Directs the Secretary to follow the advice of such councils with respect to fish and wildlife management in such areas unless other specified factors exist.

Directs the Secretary to forego the above- mentioned duties in the event the State undertakes an equivalent subsistence management program within one year of enactment of this Act. Requires the Secretary to monitor the State subsistence management program and its implementation, and sets forth enforcement procedures to insure State compliance with such program.

Directs the Secretary and the Governor to establish a subsistence resources commission for each national park or monument permitting authorized subsistence uses to recommend changes in the subsistence management program when necessary.

Authorizes the Secretary to enter into cooperative agreements or to cooperate with other Federal agencies, the State of Alaska, Native Corporations and other appropriate persons and organizations in order to protect subsistence resources and uses.

Sets forth procedures for Federal agency evaluation of the impact of land use decisions on subsistence uses on lands under the primary jurisdiction of such agencies. Prohibits withdrawals, reservations, leases, permits, or other uses, occupancies, or dispositions of such lands without specified notice to and hearings with appropriate councils, committees and the public.

Authorizes research on fish and wildlife and subsistence uses on the public lands, to be undertaken by the Secretary, acting through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Park Service.

Imposes reporting requirements on the Secretary relating to the monitoring and other activities authorized under this title.

Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to prescribe such regulations as are necessary for carrying out their responsibilities under this title.

Closes all national parks and monuments in Alaska to the taking of wildlife except for subsistence uses to the extent permitted by this Act. Stipulates that nothing in this Title is intended to alter the authority of the Secretary to designate areas and establishment periods for the taking of fish and wildlife for reasons of public safety, administration, or to assure the continued viability of a particular fish or wildlife population.

Authorizes the Secretary to close temporarily public lands (including those within any conservation system unit) to subsistence uses if necessary for reasons of public safety, administration, or to assure the natural stability and continued productivity of one or more fish or wildlife populations.

Title IX: Implementation of Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and Alaska Statehood Act - Conveys to a Village Corporation found eligible by the Secretary of Interior, the surface estate to public land in its "core" township or townships (towns or townships in which the Native Villages are located). Stipulates that where two or more corporations have claim to the same township, the conveyance is delayed until an arbitration decision or other binding agreement between or among the Corporations is filed with and published by the Secretary.

Conveys to a Village Corporation found eligible by the Secretary, the surface estate to certain lands in the "core" township.

Conveys the surface and subsurface estate in the former Indian Reserve to certain Village Corporations. Excludes the Village Corporation for the Native Village of Klukwan from such conveyances.

Conveys the subsurface estate in "core" townships conveyed to Village Corporations, to Regional Corporations to the extent they would otherwise have obtained such subsurface estate pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

Permits Native Corporations to utilize an expedited conveyance procedure, and sets forth such procedure. Requires Native Corporations choosing to utilize such procedure to file with the Secretary lists of their conveyance priorities.

Sets forth administrative provisions concerning: (1) easements on core township lands, other lands, and acquisition of future easements; (2) status of certain lease offers; (3) extension of the moratorium on State taxation of undeveloped and unimproved lands; (4) Alaska Native allotments; and (5) State selection and conveyances.

Establishes the Alaska Land Bank Program to facilitate the coordinated management and protection of Federal, State, and Native and other private lands. Authorizes certain private landowners to enter into agreements with the Secretary for ten years, with five year renewal periods, concerning the management of the affected lands. Sets forth required terms of such agreements, as well as benefits to private landowners. Provides, as to Native Corporations and other persons or groups that have received or will receive lands or interests therein pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act on this Title, immunity from adverse possession, Federal and State taxation, and judgment in any action at law or equity to recover sums owned or penalties incurred by any Native Corporation, or any officer, director, or stockholder of any such Corporation.

Provides for judicial review of decisions of the Secretary under this title or the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act if: (1) such action is initiated before a court of competent jurisdiction within two years of the day the Secretary's decision becomes final, or the date of enactment of this Act (whichever is later); and (2) the party seeking such review has exhausted any administrative appeal rights.

Title X: Federal North Slope Lands Study Program - Directs the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of specified Federal land in Alaska, other than lands included in conservation system units established by this Act. Requires such study to: (1) assess the potential oil and gas resources and the national need for development of such resources; (2) review the wilderness characteristics of these lands and the national interest in their preservation; and (3) study the wildlife resources of these lands and the national interest in the protection of such wildlife resources. Requires the Secretary to submit such study to the President and the Congress eight years after the date of enactment.

Directs the Secretary to submit to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the House of Representatives: (1) a plan for the oil and gas exploration program on the Arctic National Wildlife Range; (2) a report on lands identified as high potential for accumulation of oil and gas, and on estimates of the volume of such resources and of the impact of development on wildlife; and (3) a plan for core drilling on such lands. Prohibits core drilling unless the Congress passes a concurrent resolution approving such plan

within 60 calendar days of continuous session of Congress of its submission to the Committees.

Prohibits production of oil and gas from the Arctic National Wildlife Range until authorized by an Act of Congress.

Requires the Secretary to establish an oil and gas leasing program for Federal lands in Alaska which are not North Slope Federal Lands and report annually to the Congress on efforts regarding leasing, exploration, and development activities. Authorizes the Secretary to issue leases on such Federal lands by competitive bidding.

Directs the Secretary to decide whether or not to issue a lease within six months after receipt of a lease application where the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 do not apply, and within three months after publication of the final environmental impact statement where such requirements do apply.

Directs the Secretary to assess the potential of oil, gas, and mineral resources on all public lands in the State of Alaska. Requires that the Secretary of Energy and the heads of other Federal agencies be consulted to determine requirements to protect the resources, including fish and wildlife. Authorizes the Secretary to carry out such mineral assessment program through contracts with public or private entities.

Directs the President to report annually to the Congress: (1) on specified public information relating to minerals in Alaska including information gathered by the Bureau of Mines; and (2) concerning the advisability of mineral exploration or extraction activities in certain conservation system units.

Title XI: Transportation and Utility Systems In and Across, and Access Into, Conservation System Units - Declares that applications for rights-of-way in conservation system units in Alaska shall be made only pursuant to this title. Provides that transportation and utility systems subject to this title are: (1) systems for the transportation of water; (2) pipelines and other systems for the transportation of other liquids and gases, including oil, natural gas, synthetic liquid and gaseous fuels, and any refined product produced therefrom; (3) pipeline, slurry and emulsion systems, and conveyor belts for transportation of solid materials; (4) systems for transmission and distribution of electric energy; (5) systems for transmission of radio, television, telephone, telegraph, and other electronic signals, and other means of communication; (6) improved rights-of-way for snow machines, air cushion vehicles, and other all-terrain vehicles; and (7) roads, highways, railroads, tunnels, tramways, airports, and other systems of transportation.

Directs the Secretaries of Transportation, the Interior, and Agriculture, in consultation with the appropriate Federal agencies, to jointly prepare and publish a consolidated application form for a right-of-way to occupy, use or traverse any conservation system unit in Alaska, or the National Petroleum Reserve- Alaska for each such transportation or utility system, within one year of enactment.

Sets forth procedures for the consideration and processing of such applications. Directs the Secretary of the Interior (or the Secretary of Agriculture, when a unit of the National Forest is involved), and the Secretary of Transportation, together with the head of the appropriate regulatory agency, to jointly prepare any required environmental impact statement. Provides for appeal of denials of such applications to the President, or in the appropriate Federal court. Requires that certain approved applications be submitted to the President for his recommendations, and then submitted to the Congress for approval. Directs the appropriate Secretary to issue such right-of-way, upon enactment of a joint resolution by the Senate and the House of Representatives approving the application.

Provides that, except for rights-of-way issued pursuant to a joint resolution of Congress, no right-of-way shall be issued unless the need for it has been identified in a study conducted by the State in consultation with the Secretaries of Transportation, the Interior, and Agriculture, and the Alaska Land Use Council.

Permits the use of snowmobiles, motorboats, airplanes which may land on snow, ice, or water or on designated sites, and nonmotorized surface transportation methods, on conservation system units, National Recreation Areas, National Conservation Areas, and the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska. Provides for temporary access to such areas, as well as certain other lands to permit the State, or private landowner access for survey, geophysical, exploratory, or other temporary, non-harmful uses. Insures access to inholdings within such areas and lands for economic and other purposes.

Removes certain restrictions on the North Slope Haul Road as long as the State keeps the road closed to the public.

Stipulates that nothing in this Title shall be construed to adversely affect any valid existing right of access.

Title XII: Federal-State Cooperation - Establishes the Alaska Land Use Council, composed of the Alaska field directors of the Federal land managing and planning agencies, as well as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Department of Transportation, and the Commissioners of the Alaska Departments of Natural Resources, Fish and Game, Environmental Conservation, Transportation, and Community and Regional Affairs. Requires that all Council meetings be open to the public, with at least 15 days notice in the Federal Register and in newspapers of general circulation in Alaska.

Directs the Council to conduct studies and advise the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, other Federal agencies, the State and local governments, and Native Corporations regarding land and resource uses in Alaska, including transportation planning, land use designation, fish and wildlife management, tourism, agricultural development, coastal zone management, and preservation of cultural and historical resources.

Authorizes the Council to recommend cooperative planning and management zones where the management of lands or resources of one member materially affects another. Authorizes Federal members of the Council to enter into cooperative agreements with Federal agencies, with State and local agencies, and with Native Corporations for mutual consultation, review, and coordination of resource management plans within such zones. Authorizes the Secretary to provide technical and other assistance to landowners whose lands or resources are subject to a cooperative agreement, for fire control, trespass control, law enforcement, resource use, and planning. States that such assistance may be provided without reimbursement if the Secretary determines that doing so would further the purposes of the cooperative agreement and would be in the public interest.

Provides that the Council will terminate in ten years, unless it is extended by Congress. Provides that Federal participation in the Joint Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission for Alaska shall cease 90 days following the date of enactment or the appointment of the Federal Cochairman of the Council, whichever is later.

Directs the Council to establish a committee of land-use advisors, made up of representatives of commercial and industrial land users in Alaska, recreational land users, wilderness users, environmental groups, Alaska Natives, local governments, and other citizens.

Establishes a Federal Coordination Committee, composed of the Secretaries (or their designees) of Agriculture, Energy, the Interior, and Transportation, the Administrators of the Environmental Protection Agency, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Federal and State Cochairman of the Council. Requires that such Committee meet at least once every four months, in order to coordinate those programs and functions of their respective agencies which affect the administration of lands and resources in Alaska.

Directs the Secretary to undertake to enter into a cooperative management agreement with any Native Corporation, the State, any political subdivision of the State, or any other person owning land which is located within, or adjacent or near to, any refuge. Requires that each such agreement provides that the affected land shall be managed by the owner in a manner compatible with the major purposes of the affected refuge and in a manner which will not diminish opportunities for substance uses in the refuge. Specifies terms and conditions for such agreements.

Provides for the preparation and implementation of a comprehensive and systematic cooperative management plan, agreed to by the United States and the State, for the Bristol Bay Cooperative Region. Sets forth provisions to be included in such plan. Declares that such plan shall take effect upon enactment of a joint resolution by the Senate and the House of Representatives, if the State has given force and effect to the plan under State law. Authorizes the Secretary to prepare such plan if the State does not participate in the preparation. Withdraws all Federal lands within such region, other than land within conservation system units, from all forms of

entry or appropriation under the mining laws and from operation of the mineral leasing laws of the United States, on the date of enactment of this Act. Places such lands under the jurisdiction of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, pending adoption of such plan, unless the State does not give force and effect under State law within the prescribed period.

Title XIII: Administrative Provisions - Requires the Secretary of the Interior to transmit within five years from the date of enactment to appropriate Committees of Congress, a conservation and management plan for each unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System and the National Park System established pursuant to this Act.

Authorizes the Secretary to acquire by purchase, donation, or exchange any lands within the boundaries of any conservation system unit. Stipulates that land owned by the State, a political subdivision or a Native Corporation may only be acquired with their consent. Sets forth administrative provisions relating to such acquisitions.

Authorizes the Secretary to exchange lands or interests in lands with specified Native Groups and Corporations as defined in the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, other municipalities and corporations or individuals, the State of Alaska, or any Federal agency.

Authorizes the Secretary to acquire up to 7,500 acres of archaeological or paleontological sites outside of the Krusenstern National Preserve, the Bering Land Bridge National Preserve, Kobuk Valley National Monument and Preserve, and the Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve. Requires the Secretary, prior to acquiring any such property in excess of 100 acres to submit notice of the proposed acquisition to the appropriate committees of the Congress, and publish notice of such proposed acquisition in the Federal Register.

Authorizes the Secretary to establish an information and education center for visitors to Alaska, on no more than 1,000 acres of land adjacent to the Alaska Highway. Authorizes the Secretary to establish such centers in Anchorage and Fairbanks, and authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to establish such a center in Juneau, Ketchikan, or Sitka. Sets forth provisions relating to program planning, construction, operation and administration of such center.

Authorizes the Secretary to establish administrative sites and visitor facilities within the conservation units, if compatible, or outside the units. Directs the Secretary to locate such sites and facilities on Native lands where practicable and desirable. Sets forth the authorities of the Secretary in regard to establishing such sites and facilities.

Directs the Secretary, under reasonable terms, to permit a person who on or before January 1, 1978, was adequately providing any type of visitor service to a conservation system unit, to continue providing the services if they are consistent with the purposes of the unit. Requires that the Secretary, in selecting persons to provide visitor services, give preference to Native

Corporations most directly affected by the conservation system unit, and local residents.

Directs the Secretary to establish a local-hire program, under which the Secretary will consider for selection qualified local residents to positions in any of the units, without regard to civil service regulations which require minimum periods of formal training or experience, other preference provisions, or numerical limitations on personnel. Requires the Secretary to submit annual reports and recommendations to Congress on such program.

Permits the State of Alaska to donate mineral interests, as well as surface estate lands, to the Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park.

Provides for the continued use, operation, and maintenance of: (1) existing air and water navigation aids and existing facilities for weather, climate, and fisheries research, where they are located within the conservation system units; and (2) existing facilities for national defense purposes, and related air and water navigation aids, within or adjacent to conservation system units.

Permits the establishment, operation, and maintenance within any conservation system unit of new air and water navigation aids and related facilities, facilities for national defense purposes and facilities for weather, climate, and fisheries research and monitoring.

Directs the Secretary to study the desirability of establishing a Denali Scenic Highway and within three years after the date of enactment to report to the President, who shall advise the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of any legislation to create such a scenic highway (if so recommended).

Provides for: (1) the administration of national recreation areas established by this Act by the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture; (2) the administration of national preserves as a unit of the National Park System; and (3) the management of wilderness as applicable only to Alaska.

Directs the Secretary to review all lands within National Parks, National Monuments, and units of the National Wildlife Refuge System not designated as wilderness by this Act and to report the findings to the President.

Allows assistance and technical expertise to be provided by the Secretary to a Native Corporation or group in order to preserve, display, and interpret cultural resources.

Provides that the Secretary may recommend to the Congress the inclusion of certain areas in the National Wilderness Preservation System. Enunciates the Secretary's duty of reviewing the wilderness values and recommending appropriate designations in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska.

Authorizes the appropriation of such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act for fiscal years beginning after fiscal year 1979.

Title XIV: Amendments to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and Related Provisions - Amends the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to cancel all stock issued previous to December 18, 1991, and to issue shares of appropriate class stock to each stockholder. Makes further

provisions for permissible restrictions on stockholders; amendments to the articles of incorporation; and stock alienation, annual audits, and transfer of stock ownership.

Allows the Secretary, upon the request of a Village Corporation, to waive the requirement of such Act which requires that a Corporation select land in whole sections (and that natural features are to be used as boundaries) where such waiver is justified and appears to be beneficial.

Provides for reconveyances of less than 1,280 acres by a Village Corporation to a Municipal Corporation or the State in trust.

Makes provisions for the conveyance of real property by a Village Corporation to shareholders of such Corporation to provide homesites.

Provides for the taxation of revenues or proceeds derived from real property interests and capital gain or loss on subsequent sale or disposition of land received pursuant to this Act.

States that fire protection of Native land provided by the Department of the Interior shall cover "wildland."

Includes provisions for: (1) the selection of land by a Village Corporation where the lands selected and conveyed are insufficient to fulfill the Corporation's entitlements; (2) the selection of land by Regional Corporations where the public lands consist only of the mineral estate; and (3) the conveyance of fee title of existing cemetery and historical places to appropriate Regional Corporations. Disentitles any Regional Corporation which asserts a claim with the Secretary to certain subsurface estate of lands selected under such Act which are in a Wildlife Refuge, to any in lieu surface or subsurface estate. Requires that any such claim must be asserted within 180 days after enactment.

Stipulates that all funds received from certain uses of lands withdrawn for selection by a Corporation shall be deposited in an escrow account until lands selected have been conveyed to the receiving corporation and that such proceeds shall be paid, together with interest accrued, to the appropriate Corporation or individual upon such conveyance.

Directs the Secretary to pay by grant to certified Native Group Corporations an amount not more than \$100,000 or less than \$50,000 for planning, development, or other authorized purposes.

Requires that payments under such Act shall be deposited into the Alaska Native Fund on the first day of the fiscal year for which the monies are appropriated and shall be distributed at the end of the first quarter of the fiscal year.

Allows the State or a Native Corporation to relinquish its rights in a valid selection of land which is partly within the boundary of a conservation system unit and to select an equal acreage of other lands which are available for such purpose.

Withdraws from further entry all lands located in patented townsites or which are the subject of an application for patent on the date of enactment.

Provides for the conveyance of unoccupied townsite lands. Requires the Secretary to act on any pending townsite entry and to issue patent, if appropriate, to the townsite trustee.

Directs the Secretary to negotiate with specified Native Corporations for boundaries and prices of certain areas of the Pribilof Islands group to be included in the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge.

Lists specified lands of: (1) the Nana/Cook Inlet Regional Corporation, the Ahtna Regional Corporation, and the Bering Straits Regional Corporation to be withdrawn for selection; and (2) the Doyon Regional Corporation to be exchanged for lands relinquished. Requires that the Hodzana River area be managed as a study area by the Fish and Wildlife Service in cooperation with Doyon, Limited. Requires that the United States convey to the State of Alaska all right, title, and interest of the United States in specified lands. Lists lands, previously selected by Doyon, Limited, which such corporation may identify in partial satisfaction of its entitlement under such Act.

Provides for the settlement of certain claims and litigation: (1) to consolidate the ownership of specified lands among the United States, the State of Alaska, the Municipality of Anchorage, Eklutna, Incorporated, and Cook Inlet Region, Incorporated; and (2) to implement such Act under the unique circumstances of the Native Village of Eklutna.

Directs the Secretary to convey: (1) the surface and subsurface estates of specified lands on Afognak Island to Koniag, Incorporated; and (2) public lands selected by the Chugach Regional Corporation from certain lands within the Chugach National Forest. Directs the Secretary to study the land ownership and use patterns in the Chugach region in cooperation with the Secretary of Agriculture, the Chugach Natives, Incorporated, the Joint Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission for Alaska, and the State of Alaska (if it so chooses).

Extends for 36 months the Secretary's obligation to convey specified lands to the Cook Inlet Region, Incorporated.

Title XV: National Need Mineral Activity Recommendation Process -

Allows the President to make recommendations to the Congress that mineral exploration, development, or extraction not permitted by this Act or other applicable law shall be permitted 90 days after notice of such recommendation has been published in the Federal Register. Requires that a report containing specified information be submitted to Congress together with such recommendation. Stipulates that any such recommendation shall take effect only upon enactment of a joint resolution within 120 calendar days of continuous session of Congress beginning on the date of receipt by the Senate and House of Representatives of the recommendation.

Excludes lands within the National Park System and the Arctic National Wildlife Range from such process.

Sets forth congressional procedures with respect to such Presidential recommendation.

MAJOR ACTIONS:

NONE

ALL ACTIONS:

1/15/1979:

Referred to Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

TITLE(S):

- SHORT TITLE(S) AS INTRODUCED: Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act
- OFFICIAL TITLE AS INTRODUCED: A Bill to designate certain lands in the State of Alaska as units of the National Park, National Wildlife Refuge, National Wild and Scenic Rivers, National Forest, and National Wilderness Preservation Systems, and for other purposes.

COSPONSOR(S):

NONE

COMMITTEE(S):

Committee/Subcommittee:	Activity:
Senate Energy and Natural Resources	Referral, In Committee

RELATED BILL DETAILS:

NONE

AMENDMENT(S):

NONE