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Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SULLIVAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

4 (a) Short Title.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Alaska Native Claims Settlement Improvement Act of
6 2016”.

7 (b) Table of Contents.—The table of contents for
8 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
Sec. 2. Definitions.
Sec. 3. Ukpeagvik Inupiat Corporation sand and gravel resources.
Sec. 4. Shishmaref easement.
Sec. 5. Shee Atika Incorporated.
Sec. 6. Admiralty Island National Monument land exchange.
Sec. 7. CIRI land entitlement.
Sec. 8. Canyon Village, Kaktovik, and Nagamut.
Sec. 9. Alaska Native Corporation authorizations.
Sec. 10. Unrecognized Southeast Alaska Native communities recognition and compensation.
Sec. 11. Alaska Native veterans land allotment equity.
Sec. 12. 13th Regional Corporation.

1 SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(2) STATE.—The term “State” means the State of Alaska.

7 SEC. 3. UKPEAGVIK INUPIAT CORPORATION SAND AND GRAVEL RESOURCES.

Section 3 of the Barrow Gas Field Transfer Act of 1984 (Public Law 98–366; 98 Stat. 470) is amended—

(1) by striking “SEC. 3. The Secretary” and inserting the following:

“SEC. 3. CONVEYANCE TO UKPEAGVIK INUPIAT CORPORATION.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(b) INCLUSIONS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), the conveyance to UIC under subsection (a) shall include all right, title, and interest held by the United States to sand and gravel deposits underlying the
surface estate owned by UIC within and contiguous
to the Barrow gas fields, in the areas depicted on
the map entitled ‘1984 Barrow Gas Field Transfer
Act’ and dated April 25, 2016 and more particularly

described as follows:

“(A) T. 21 N. R. 16 W., secs. 7, 17-18, 19-21, and 28-29.


“(C) T. 22 N., R. 18 W., secs. 4, 9, and 29-32.

“(D) T. 22 N. R. 19 W., secs. 25 and 36.

“(2) REQUIREMENTS.—

“(A) ROAD CONSTRUCTION.—In constructing roads to access any of the sand and gravel deposits lying within the areas described in paragraph (1), UIC shall continue to mitigate negative impacts on the nesting sites of the Steller’s eider.

“(B) EXCAVATION.—In excavating any of the sand and gravel deposits lying within the areas described in paragraph (1), UIC shall not blast or use explosives during the active nesting season of the Steller’s eider.”.
SEC. 4. SHISHMAREF EASEMENT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), the Secretary shall grant the Shishmaref Native Corporation, a Corporation established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.), an easement of approximately 300 feet that crosses the Bering Land Bridge National Monument to permit a surface transportation route between the Village of Shishmaref and the general area of Ear Mountain, Alaska.

(b) PROPOSED EASEMENT.—The easement described in subsection (a) shall be jointly proposed by the Shishmaref Native Corporation, the City of Shishmaref, and the Native Village of Shishmaref based on recommendations made by the State.

(c) APPROVAL UNDER ANILCA.—The easement granted under this section shall be considered to meet all applicable requirements of title XI of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 3161 et seq.).

SEC. 5. SHEE ATIKA INCORPORATED.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) ACCOUNT.—The term “Account” means the Shee Atika Account established under subsection (d).

(2) AGENCY.—The term “agency” means—

(A) any department, agency, or other instrumentality of the Federal Government; and
(B) any Government corporation (as defined in section 9101 of title 31, United States Code).

(3) Agreement.—The term “Agreement” means the agreement between Shee Atika and the United States (including any amendment or supplement to the agreement) under which the United States has an option to reacquire the Cube Cove Land.

(4) Cube Cove Land.—The term “Cube Cove Land” means the approximately 23,000 acres of surface estate land at Cube Cove, Admiralty Island, Alaska, as described in Appendix A to the Agreement.

(5) Property.—The term “property” has the meaning given the term in section 12(b)(7)(vii) of the Act of January 2, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1611 note; Public Law 94–204).

(6) Secretary.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture.

(7) Segment.—The term “segment” means any 1 of the 13 tracts of surface estate land identified in Appendix C to the Agreement.

(8) Shee Atika.—The term “Shee Atika” means Shee Atika Incorporated.
(b) Authorization.—

(1) In general.—All consideration, whether in cash or in kind, received by Shee Atika under the Agreement shall be treated for purposes of all Federal laws as if the consideration was, within the meaning of section 21(c) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1620(c)), the receipt of land or any interest in land pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) or cash in order to equalize the values of properties exchanged pursuant to section 22(f) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1621(f)).

(2) Effect.—Nothing in the Agreement or this section imposes any duty on Shee Atika not expressly set forth in the Agreement.

(c) Option to Receive Credits.—

(1) In general.—

(A) Credits.—On election by Shee Atika made in writing not later than the day before the date on which a closing of any segment of the Cube Cove Land is scheduled to occur, the Secretary, in accordance with subsection (d), may pay all or part of the amounts due to Shee Atika under the Agreement on the closing date
in the form of credits that may be used by Shee Atika to purchase property sold at public sale.

(B) Cash.—Amounts otherwise due to Shee Atika for which Shee Atika has not made the election described in subparagraph (A) shall be paid to Shee Atika in cash.

(2) Requirement.—The Secretary shall make a payment in the form described in paragraph (1) without regard to whether Shee Atika has made any other election under paragraph (1).

(3) Closing Date.—Closing of any segment for which Shee Atika has made an election under paragraph (1) shall occur not later than 30 days after the date on which the Secretary notifies Shee Atika that the applicable credit is ready to be deposited into the Account.

(d) Establishment of Account.—

(1) In General.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, not later than 90 days after Shee Atika first makes an election under subsection (c)(1), the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary, shall establish an account in the Treasury to be known as the “Shee Atika Account”.
(2) Credits into account.—The Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary, shall—

(A) deposit into the Account amounts equal to any credit received under subsection (c); and

(B) establish procedures under which Shee Atika may—

(i) receive deposits into the Account;

(ii) make deposits from the Account into escrow when an escrow is required for the sale of any property;

(iii) reinstate to the Account any unused escrow deposits under clause (ii) if the applicable sale is not completed; and

(iv) notwithstanding any other provision of law and on written notice to the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary, assign, without restriction, any or all of the amounts in the Account.

(3) Availability of amounts.—The balance of the Account shall—

(A) be immediately available to Shee Atika for use in accordance with paragraph (4); and

(B) remain available until expended.
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(4) USE OF FUNDS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Shee Atika may use amounts in the Account to bid for, and purchase, any property at any public sale by an agency.

(B) REQUIREMENT.—In conducting a transaction under subparagraph (A), an agency shall accept any amount tendered from the Account in the same manner as if the amount were tendered in cash.

(5) EFFECT.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any property purchased under paragraph (4) shall be considered to be a conveyance made under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) on the date of enactment of that Act.

SEC. 6. ADMIRALTY ISLAND NATIONAL MONUMENT LAND EXCHANGE.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) SEALASKA.—The term “Sealaska” means the Sealaska Corporation, a Regional Native Corporation established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.).

(2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture.
(b) LAND EXCHANGE.—If Sealaska relinquishes to the United States all right, title, and interest in and to the land described in subsection (c)(1), the Secretary, not later than 90 days after the date of the relinquishment, shall convey to Sealaska all right, title, and interest in and to the land described in subsection (c)(2).

(c) LAND DESCRIBED.—

(1) SEALASKA LAND.—The land to be relinquished by Sealaska to the United States under subsection (b) is the subsurface estate to the approximately 23,000 acres of subsurface land depicted as “Sealaska Lands to U.S. Forest Service” on the map entitled “Sealaska Land Exchange—Sealaska Admiralty Island National Monument Lands” and dated March 10, 2016.

(2) FEDERAL LAND.—The Federal land to be conveyed to Sealaska under subsection (b) is the surface and subsurface estate to the approximately 8,872.5 acres of Federal land and the surface estate to approximately 5,145 acres of Federal land depicted as “U.S. Forest Service Land to Sealaska” on the map entitled “Sealaska Land Exchange—U.S. Forest Service Lands” and dated March 10, 2016.
(d) WITHDRAWAL.—Subject to valid rights in existence on the date of enactment of this Act, the Federal land described in subsection (c)(2) is withdrawn from—

(1) all forms of entry, appropriation, or disposal under the public land laws;

(2) location, entry, and patent under the mining laws; and

(3) disposition under all laws pertaining to mineral and geothermal leasing or mineral materials.

(e) MAPS.—The maps described in subsection (c) shall be maintained on file in—

(1) the office of the Chief of the Forest Service;

(2) the office of the Secretary of the Interior;

and

(3) the Alaska Regional Office of the Forest Service.

(f) EFFECT.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Federal land conveyed to Sealaska under subsection (b) shall be considered to be a conveyance made under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) on the date of enactment of that Act.

SEC. 7. CIRI LAND ENTITLEMENT.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) ALASKA NATIVE CORPORATION; ANC.—The terms “Alaska Native Corporation” and “ANC”
have the meaning given the term “Native Corporation” in section 3 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1602).

(2) CIRI.—The term “CIRI” means Cook Inlet Region, Inc.

(b) CONVEYANCE.—In order to allow CIRI to satisfy the acreage of land to which CIRI is entitled under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.), the Secretary shall convey to CIRI the acreage of land selected by CIRI under subsections (c) and (d).

(c) SELECTION.—CIRI shall select from among the following land, 43,000 acres, which is an acreage quantity equivalent to the unsatisfied portion of the acreage of land to which CIRI is entitled under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.):

(1) Land in the State located outside of the boundaries of Cook Inlet Region—

   (A) that was previously selected for conveyance by one or more other Alaska Native Corporations; and

   (B) the selection of which under subparagraph (A) was later withdrawn by those one or more ANCs.
(2) Land in the State located outside of the boundaries of Cook Inlet Region that is adjacent to land owned by other ANCs.

(3) Land located within the boundaries of the National Petroleum Reserve–Alaska.

(4) Land located within a unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System in the State, except that no land may be selected inside the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

(5) Federal land in the State that is located outside of the boundaries of any National Monument or unit of the National Park System.

(6) Land selected under subsection (d).

(d) SELECTION OF EXCESS FEDERAL LAND.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with paragraph (2), CIRI shall have a right of notice and first refusal to select land located within the region of CIRI in the State that is identified by the Federal Government as excess to the needs of the Federal Government, except to the extent that right would conflict with section 1425(b) of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (Public Law 96–487; 94 Stat. 2515).

(2) REQUIREMENTS.—
(A) NOTICE.—Prior to any conveyance of excess Federal land within the region of CIRI, the Federal Government shall provide to CIRI notice of the intent of the Federal Government to convey that excess Federal land.

(B) DEADLINE.—Not later than 180 days after the date on which the Federal Government provides notice under subparagraph (A), CIRI shall determine whether to acquire the excess Federal land.

(C) CONVEYANCE AND RELINQUISHMENT.—If CIRI chooses to acquire the excess Federal land under subparagraph (B), on conveyance, CIRI shall relinquish the number of acres from the unsatisfied portion of the acreage of land to which CIRI is entitled under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) that is equal to—

(i) the fair market value per acre of the excess Federal land to be conveyed; divided by

(ii) the difference between—

(I) the value per acre of land determined from the most recent census of the National Agricultural Statistics
Service of the Department of Agriculture of agricultural land values for the State, specifically by the statewide value of land in the State; and

(II) the value of land in the Juneau and Anchorage census areas used for Federal surplus property credits, adjusted for inflation.

SEC. 8. CANYON VILLAGE, KAKTOVIK, AND NAGAMUT.

Section 14(h) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1613(h)) is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking “and follows” and inserting “as follows”;

(2) by striking the semicolon at the end of each of paragraphs (2) through (5) and inserting a period;

(3) in paragraph (6), by striking “this Act;” and inserting “this Act.”;

(4) in paragraph (7), by striking “and (5); and” and inserting “(5), and (12).”; 

(5) in paragraph (9), in the first sentence, by striking “or (5)” and inserting “(5), or (12)”;

(6) in paragraph (11), by striking “and (6)” and inserting “(6), and (12)”;

(7) by adding at the end the following:
“(12) CANYON VILLAGE, KAKTOVIK, AND
NAGAMUT.—

“(A) CANYON VILLAGE.—

“(i) CONVEYANCE.—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall convey to Kian Tr’ee Corporation, for the Native Village of Canyon Village, the surface estate in the land selected by the Kian Tr’ee Corporation under paragraph (2).

“(II) APPLICATION.—For purposes of the conveyance under subclause (I), sections 2650.2 and 2653.2(e) of title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations (or successor regulations) shall not apply.

“(ii) LIMITATION.—A conveyance under clause (i)(I) shall not exceed 6,400 acres.

“(iii) SUBSURFACE ESTATE.—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—Unless Doyon Limited elects to make a selection under subclause (II), the Secretary shall convey to Doyon Limited
the subsurface estate to the land conveyed under clause (i).

“(II) ALTERNATE SELECTION.—
At the option of Doyon Limited, instead of accepting the conveyance under subclause (I)—

“(aa) Doyon Limited may make a selection from existing selections on land withdrawn pursuant to section 11(a)(3) that is equal in acreage to the subsurface estate that would otherwise be conveyed under subclause (I); and

“(bb) the Secretary shall convey to Doyon Limited the subsurface estate selected under item (aa).

“(B) KAKTOVIK.—Notwithstanding section 1302(h)(2) of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 3192(h)(2)), on application by Kaktovik, the Secretary shall withdraw and convey to Kaktovik land within the National Wildlife Refuge System selected by Kaktovik.
“(C) NAGAMUT.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—On application by Nagamut, the Secretary shall withdraw and convey to Nagamut the land selected in the application under clause (ii).

“(ii) LAND COVERED BY APPLICATION.—Nagamut may select in the application submitted under clause (i)—

“(I) land within the National Wildlife Refuge System that covers the original township or townships of the Native Village or Native Group under Federal ownership; or

“(II) land within the National Wildlife Refuge System that is as close to the original townships of the Native Village or Native Group as practicable.

“(iii) EFFECT.—A conveyance under this subparagraph shall be such that the conveyance satisfies the unsatisfied portion of the acreage of the land to which Nagamut is entitled under this Act.”.

SEC. 9. ALASKA NATIVE CORPORATION AUTHORIZATIONS.

(a) NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION.—
(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 300319 of title 54, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

§ 300319. Tribal and Native Corporation land

“(a) IN GENERAL.—In this division, the term ‘tribal and Native Corporation land’ means—

“(1) all land within the exterior boundaries of any Indian reservation;

“(2) land held in trust by the Federal Government for the benefit of an Indian tribe;

“(3) all dependent Indian communities; and

“(4) land held by a Native Corporation (as defined in section 3 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1602)).

“(b) EFFECT.—Nothing in this section validates, invalidates, or otherwise affects any claim regarding the existence of Indian country (as defined in section 1151 of title 18), in the State of Alaska.”.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Division A of subtitle III of title 54, United States Code, is amended by striking “tribal land” each place it appears and inserting “tribal and Native Corporation land”.

(3) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections affected for title 54, United States Code, is
amended by striking the item relating to section 300319 and inserting the following:

“300319. Tribal and Native Corporation land.”

(b) TRIBAL FOREST PROTECTION.—Section 2(a)(2) of the Tribal Forest Protection Act of 2004 (25 U.S.C. 3115a(a)(2)) is amended—

(1) by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting the following:

“(A)(i) is held in trust by, or with a restriction against alienation by, the United States for an Indian tribe or a member of an Indian tribe; or

“(ii) is owned by a Native Corporation (as defined in section 3 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1602)); and

(2) in subparagraph (B)(i)—

(A) in subclause (I), by striking “or” at the end; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

“(III) is owned by an Alaska Native Corporation established pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) and is forest land or formerly had a forest cover or vegetative cover that is capable of restoration; or”.
(c) **Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation.**—Section 2(7) of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (25 U.S.C. 3001(7)) is amended by striking “Alaska Native village” and inserting “Alaska Native village, Regional Corporation, or Village Corporation”.

**SEC. 10. UNRECOGNIZED SOUTHEAST ALASKA NATIVE COMMUNITIES RECOGNITION AND COMPENSATION.**

(a) **Purpose.**—The purpose of this section is to redress the omission of the southeastern Alaska communities of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, and Wrangell from eligibility by authorizing the Native people enrolled in the communities—

(1) to form Urban Corporations for the communities under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.); and

(2) to receive certain settlement land pursuant to that Act.

(b) **Establishment of Additional Native Corporations.**—Section 16 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1615) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(e) **Native Villages of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, and Wrangell, Alaska.**—
“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Native residents of each of the Native Villages of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, and Wrangell, Alaska, may organize as Urban Corporations.

“(2) EFFECT ON ENTITLEMENT TO LAND.—Nothing in this subsection affects any entitlement to land of any Native Corporation established before the date of enactment of this subsection pursuant to this Act or any other provision of law.”.

(c) SHAREHOLDER ELIGIBILITY.—Section 8 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1607) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(d) NATIVE VILLAGES OF HAINES, KETCHikan, PETERSburg, TENakee, AND Wrangell.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall enroll to each of the Urban Corporations for Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, or Wrangell those individual Natives who enrolled under this Act to the Native Villages of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, or Wrangell, respectively.

“(2) NUMBER OF SHARES.—Each Native who is enrolled to an Urban Corporation for Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, or Wrangell pursuant to paragraph (1) and who was enrolled as a shareholders of the Regional Corporation for South-
east Alaska on or before March 30, 1973, shall receive 100 shares of Settlement Common Stock in the respective Urban Corporation.

“(3) NATIVES RECEIVING SHARES THROUGH INHERITANCE.—If a Native received shares of stock in the Regional Corporation for Southeast Alaska through inheritance from a decedent Native who originally enrolled to the Native Village of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, or Wrangell and the decedent Native was not a shareholder in a Village or Urban Corporation, the Native shall receive the identical number of shares of Settlement Common Stock in the Urban Corporation for Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, or Wrangell as the number of shares inherited by that Native from the decedent Native who would have been eligible to be enrolled to the respective Urban Corporation.

“(4) EFFECT ON ENTITLEMENT TO LAND.—Nothing in this subsection affects entitlement to land of any Regional Corporation pursuant to section 12(b) or 14(h)(8).”.

(d) DISTRIBUTION RIGHTS.—Section 7 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1606) is amended—

(1) in subsection (j)—
(A) by striking “(j) During” and inserting the following:

“(j) DISTRIBUTION OF CORPORATE FUNDS AND OTHER NET INCOME.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—During”;

(B) by striking “Not less” and inserting the following:

“(2) MINIMUM ALLOCATION.—Not less”;

(C) by striking “In the case” and inserting the following:

“(3) THIRTEENTH REGIONAL CORPORATION.—

In the case”; and

(D) by adding at the end the following:

“(4) NATIVE VILLAGES OF HAINES, KETCHIKAN, PETERSBURG, TENAAKEE, AND WRANGLELL.—

Native members of the Native Villages of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, and Wrangell who become shareholders in an Urban Corporation for such a Native Village shall continue to be eligible to receive distributions under this subsection as at-large shareholders of the Regional Corporation for Southeast Alaska.”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(s) EFFECT OF AMENDATORY ACT.—Section 12 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Improvement Act of
2016 and the amendments made by that section shall not affect—

“(1) the ratio for determination of revenue distribution among Native Corporations under this section; or

“(2) the settlement agreement among Regional Corporation or Village Corporations or other provisions of subsection (i) or (j).”.

(e) COMPENSATION.—The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SEC. 43. URBAN CORPORATIONS FOR HAINES, KETCHIKAN, PETERSBURG, TENAKEE, AND WRANGELL.

“(a) OFFER OF COMPENSATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—On incorporation of the Urban Corporations for Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, and Wrangell, the Secretary, in consultation and coordination with the Secretary of Commerce, and in consultation with representatives of each such Urban Corporation and the Regional Corporation for Southeast Alaska, shall offer as compensation, pursuant to this Act, 1 township of land (23,040 acres) to each of the Urban Corporations for Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, and Wrangell, in accordance with this subsection.
“(2) LOCAL AREAS OF HISTORICAL, CULTURAL, TRADITIONAL, AND ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall offer as compensation under this subsection local areas of historical, cultural, traditional, and economic importance to Alaska Natives from the Villages of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, or Wrangell.

“(B) SELECTION OF LAND.—In selecting the land to be withdrawn and conveyed pursuant to this section, the Secretary—

“(i) shall give preference to land with commercial purposes;

“(ii) may include subsistence and cultural sites, aquaculture sites, hydroelectric sites, tideland, surplus Federal property and eco-tourism sites; and

“(iii) shall not include land within a conservation system unit (as defined in section 102 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 3102)).

“(C) CONTIGUOUS, COMPACT SITES.—The land selected pursuant to this section shall be
contiguous and reasonably compact tracts if practicable.

“(D) Valid existing rights.—The land selected pursuant to this section shall be subject to all valid existing rights and all other provisions of section 14(g), including any lease, contract, permit, right-of-way, or easement (including a lease issued under section 6(g) of the Act of July 7, 1958 (commonly known as the ‘Alaska Statehood Act’) (48 U.S.C. note prec. 21; Public Law 85–508)).

“(b) Acceptance or Rejection of Offer.—

“(1) In general.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the offer of compensation from the Secretary under subsection (a), each of the Urban Corporations for Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, and Wrangell shall accept or reject the offer.

“(2) Resolution.—To accept or reject the offer, each such Urban Corporation shall provide to the Secretary a properly executed and certified corporate resolution that states that the offer proposed by the Secretary was voted on, and either approved or rejected, by a majority of the shareholders of the Urban Corporation.
“(3) Rejection of offer.—If the offer is rejected—

“(A) the Secretary, in consultation with representatives of the Urban Corporation that rejected the offer and the Regional Corporation for Southeast Alaska, shall revise the offer; and

“(B) the Urban Corporation shall have an additional 180 days within which to accept or reject the revised offer.

“(c) Withdrawal and Conveyance of Land and Title.—Not later than 180 days after receipt of a corporate resolution of an Urban Corporation approving an offer of the Secretary under subsection (b)(1), the Secretary shall (as appropriate)—

“(1) withdraw the land;

“(2) convey to the Urban Corporation title to the surface estate of the land; and

“(3) convey to the Regional Corporation for Southeast Alaska title the subsurface estate for the land.

“(d) Conveyance of Roads, Trails, Log Transfer Facilities, Leases, and Appurtenances.—The Secretary shall, without consideration of compensation, convey to the Urban Corporations of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, and Wrangell, by quitclaim deed or
patent, all right, title, and interest of the United States in all roads, trails, log transfer facilities, leases, and appurtenances on or related to the land conveyed to the Corporations pursuant to subsection (e).

“(e) Settlemcnt Trust.—

“(1) In general.—The Urban Corporations of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, and Wrangell may establish a settlement trust in accordance with section 39 for the purposes of promoting the health, education, and welfare of the trust beneficiaries, and preserving the Native heritage and culture, of the communities of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, and Wrangell, respectively.

“(2) Proceeds and income.—The proceeds and income from the principal of a trust established under paragraph (1) shall—

“(A) first be applied to the support of those enrollees, and the descendants of the enrollees, who are elders or minor children; and

“(B) then to the support of all other enrollees.”.

SEC. 11. ALASKA NATIVE VETERANS LAND ALLOTMENT EQ- UITY.

(a) Clarification Regarding Occupancy of Native Allotments in National Forests.—Section
18(a) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43
U.S.C. 1617(a)) is amended—
(1) by striking “(a) No Native” and inserting
the following:
“(a) Revocation.—
“(1) In General.—No Native”;
(2) in the second sentence, by striking “Further, the” and inserting the following:
“(2) Repeal.—The”;
(3) in the third sentence, by striking “Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, any” and inserting the following:
“(3) Applications for Allotment.—
“(A) In General.—Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2), any”; and
(4) in paragraph (3) (as designated by paragraph (3)), by adding at the end the following:
“(B) Certain applications approved.—Any allotment application pending before the Department of the Interior on December 18, 1971, that was closed by the Department pursuant to the civil action styled ‘Shields v. United States’ (698 F.2d 987 (9th Cir. 1983), cert. denied (104 S. Ct. 73 (1983)))
shall be reopened and considered to be approved pursuant to this paragraph.”.

(b) Open Season for Certain Alaska Native Veterans for Allotments.—Section 41 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1629g) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) in the subsection heading, by striking “IN GENERAL” and inserting “ALASKA NATIVE VETERAN ALLOTMENTS”;

(B) by striking paragraphs (1) through (4) and inserting the following:

“(1) Allotments.—

“(A) Eligible recipients.—Any person described in paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (b) shall be eligible to receive an allotment under the Act of May 17, 1906 (34 Stat. 197, chapter 2469) (as in effect before December 18, 1971), of not more than 2 parcels of Federal land, the total area of which shall not exceed 160 acres.

“(B) Filing deadline.—An allotment shall be filed for an eligible recipient not later than 3 years after the date on which the Secretary promulgates regulations pursuant to sec-
tion 13(c) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Improvement Act of 2016.

“(2) LAND AVAILABLE FOR ALLOTMENTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (C), an allotment under this section shall be selected from land that is—

“(i)(I) vacant; and

“(II) owned by the United States;

“(ii) selected by, or conveyed to, the State of Alaska, if the State voluntarily relinquishes or conveys to the United States the land for the allotment; or

“(iii) selected by, or conveyed to, a Native Corporation, if the Native Corporation voluntarily relinquishes or conveys to the United States the land for the allotment.

“(B) RELINQUISHMENT BY NATIVE CORPORATION.—If a Native Corporation relinquishes land under subparagraph (A)(iii), the Native Corporation may select appropriate Federal land, as determined by the Secretary, the area of which is equal to the area of the land relinquished by the Native Corporation, to replace the relinquished land.
“(C) EXCLUSIONS.—An allotment under this section shall not be selected from land that is located within—

“(i) a right-of-way of the TransAlaska Pipeline;

“(ii) an inner or outer corridor of such a right-of-way; or

“(iii) a unit of the National Park System, a National Preserve, or a National Monument.

“(3) ALTERNATIVE ALLOTMENTS.—A person described in paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (b) who qualifies for an allotment under this section on land described in paragraph (2)(C) may select an alternative allotment from land that is—

“(A) located within the boundaries of land described in paragraph (2)(C);

“(B)(i)(I) withdrawn under section 11(a)(1)(C); and

“(II) not selected, or relinquished after selection, under section 11(a)(3); or

“(ii) contiguous to an outer boundary of land withdrawn under section 11(a)(1)(C); or

“(iii) vacant, unappropriated, and unreserved; and
“(C) not a unit of the National Park System, a National Preserve, or a National Monument.”; and

(C) by redesignating paragraphs (5) and (6) as paragraphs (4) and (5), respectively;

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting the following:

“(B) is a veteran who served during the period beginning on August 5, 1964, and ending on May 7, 1975.”;

(B) by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

“(2) DECEASED INDIVIDUALS.—If an individual who would otherwise have been eligible for an allotment under this section dies before applying for an allotment, an heir of the individual may apply for, and receive, an allotment under this section, on behalf of the estate of the individual.”; and

(C) in paragraph (3), by inserting before the period at the end the following: “, other than an heir who applies for, and receives, an allotment on behalf of the estate of a deceased individual under paragraph (2)”;

(3) by redesignating subsections (d) and (e) as subsections (f) and (g), respectively; and

(4) by inserting after subsection (c) the following:

“(d) APPROVAL OF ALLOTMENTS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to any valid right in existence on the date of enactment of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Improvement Act of 2016, and except as provided in paragraph (3), not later than December 31, 2020, the Secretary shall—

“(A) approve any application for an allotment filed in accordance with subsection (a); and

“(B) issue a certificate of allotment under such terms, conditions, and restrictions as the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

“(2) NOTIFICATION.—Not later than December 31, 2017, on receipt of an application for an allotment under this section, the Secretary shall provide to any person or entity that has an interest in land described in subsection (a)(2) that is potentially adverse to the interest of the applicant a notice of the right of the person or entity, by not later than 90 days after the date of receipt of the notice—
“(A) to initiate a private contest of the allotment; or

“(B) to file a protest against the allotment in accordance with procedures established by the Secretary.

“(3) ACTION BY SECRETARY.—If a private contest or protest relating to an application for an allotment is initiated or filed under paragraph (2), the Secretary shall not issue a certificate for the allotment under paragraph (1)(B) until a final determination has been made with respect to the private contest or protest.

“(e) RESELECTION.—A person that selected an allotment under this section may withdraw that selection and reselect land in accordance with this section after the date of enactment of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Improvement Act of 2016, if the land originally selected—

“(1) was selected before the date of enactment of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Improvement Act of 2016; and

“(2) as of the date of enactment of that Act, was not conveyed to the person.”.

(e) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior
shall promulgate final regulations to carry out the amendments made by this section.

SEC. 12. 13TH REGIONAL CORPORATION.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the terms “Native” and “Regional Corporation” have the meanings given those terms in section 3 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1602).

(b) AUTHORIZATION.—A Regional Corporation for Natives who are non-residents of Alaska may be established for the thirteenth region in accordance with section 7(c) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1606(c)).

(c) MEETING.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), as soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall convene a meeting of the shareholders of the Regional Corporation established pursuant to section 7(c) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1606(c)) for the purpose of the election of a board of directors.

(2) NOTICE REQUIREMENT.—In advance of the meeting under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall notify the roll of current shareholders of the Regional Corporation (as determined under section 5(b) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1606(c))).
U.S.C. 1604(b))) of the time and place of the meeting.