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H. R. 4748

[Report No. 118–881]

To provide for the recognition of certain Alaska Native communities and the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 19, 2023

Mrs. PELTOLA (for herself and Mr. STAUBER) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

DECEMBER 16, 2024

Additional sponsors: Mr. MOYLAN and Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN

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Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole
House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on July 19, 2023]

A BILL

To provide for the recognition of certain Alaska Native communities and the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes.

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.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Unrecognized Southeast*
5 *Alaska Native Communities Recognition and Compensation*
6 *Act”.*

7 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

8 *The purpose of this Act is to redress the omission of*
9 *the southeastern Alaska communities of Haines, Ketchikan,*
10 *Petersburg, Tenakee, and Wrangell from eligibility under*
11 *the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601*
12 *et seq.) by authorizing the Alaska Natives enrolled in the*
13 *communities—*

14 *(1) to form Urban Corporations for the commu-*
15 *nities of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, and*
16 *Wrangell under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement*
17 *Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.); and*

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

20 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL NATIVE COR-**
21 **PORATIONS.**

22 *Section 16 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act*
23 *(43 U.S.C. 1615) is amended by adding at the end the fol-*
24 *lowing:*

1 “(e) *NATIVE VILLAGES OF HAINES, KETCHIKAN, PE-*
 2 *TERSBURG, TENAKEE, AND WRANGELL, ALASKA.*—

3 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Native residents of each*
 4 *of the Native Villages of Haines, Ketchikan, Peters-*
 5 *burg, Tenakee, and Wrangell, Alaska, may organize*
 6 *as Urban Corporations.*

7 “(2) *EFFECT ON ENTITLEMENT TO LAND.*—*Noth-*
 8 *ing in this subsection affects any entitlement to land*
 9 *of any Native Corporation established before the date*
 10 *of enactment of this subsection pursuant to this Act*
 11 *or any other provision of law.”.*

12 **SEC. 4. SHAREHOLDER ELIGIBILITY.**

13 *Section 8 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act*
 14 *(43 U.S.C. 1607) is amended by adding at the end the fol-*
 15 *lowing:*

16 “(d) *NATIVE VILLAGES OF HAINES, KETCHIKAN, PE-*
 17 *TERSBURG, TENAKEE, AND WRANGELL.*—

18 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary shall enroll to*
 19 *each of the Urban Corporations for Haines, Ketch-*
 20 *ikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, or Wrangell those indi-*
 21 *vidual Natives who enrolled under this Act to the Na-*
 22 *tive Villages of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg,*
 23 *Tenakee, or Wrangell, respectively.*

24 “(2) *NUMBER OF SHARES.*—*Each Native who is*
 25 *enrolled to an Urban Corporation for Haines, Ketch-*

1 *ikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, or Wrangell pursuant to*
2 *paragraph (1) and who was enrolled as a shareholder*
3 *of the Regional Corporation for Southeast Alaska*
4 *shall receive 100 shares of Settlement Common Stock*
5 *in the respective Urban Corporation.*

6 “(3) *NATIVES RECEIVING SHARES THROUGH IN-*
7 *HERITANCE.—If a Native received shares of stock in*
8 *the Regional Corporation for Southeast Alaska*
9 *through inheritance from a decedent Native who*
10 *originally enrolled to the Native Village of Haines,*
11 *Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, or Wrangell and the*
12 *decedent Native was not a shareholder in a Village*
13 *Corporation or Urban Corporation, the Native shall*
14 *receive the identical number of shares of Settlement*
15 *Common Stock in the Urban Corporation for Haines,*
16 *Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, or Wrangell as the*
17 *number of shares inherited by that Native from the*
18 *decedent Native who would have been eligible to be en-*
19 *rolled to the respective Urban Corporation.*

20 “(4) *EFFECT ON ENTITLEMENT TO LAND.—Noth-*
21 *ing in this subsection affects any previous or future*
22 *allocation of acreage to any Regional Corporation*
23 *pursuant to section 12(b) or 14(h)(8).”.*

1 **SEC. 5. DISTRIBUTION RIGHTS.**

2 *Section 7 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act*
 3 *(43 U.S.C. 1606) is amended—*

4 *(1) in subsection (j)—*

5 *(A) in the third sentence, by striking “In*
 6 *the case” and inserting the following:*

7 *“(3) THIRTEENTH REGIONAL CORPORATION.—In*
 8 *the case”;*

9 *(B) in the second sentence, by striking “Not*
 10 *less” and inserting the following:*

11 *“(2) MINIMUM ALLOCATION.—Not less”;*

12 *(C) by striking “(j) During” and inserting*
 13 *the following:*

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

16 *“(1) IN GENERAL.—During”; and*

17 *(D) by adding at the end the following:*

18 *“(4) NATIVE VILLAGES OF HAINES, KETCHIKAN,*
 19 *PETERSBURG, TENAKEE, AND WRANGELL.—Native*
 20 *members of the Native Villages of Haines, Ketchikan,*
 21 *Petersburg, Tenakee, and Wrangell who become share-*
 22 *holders in an Urban Corporation for such a Native*
 23 *Village shall continue to be eligible to receive distribu-*
 24 *tions under this subsection as at-large shareholders of*
 25 *the Regional Corporation for Southeast Alaska.”; and*

26 *(2) by adding at the end the following:*

1 “(s) *EFFECT OF AMENDATORY ACT.*—*The Unrecog-*
 2 *nized Southeast Alaska Native Communities Recognition*
 3 *and Compensation Act and the amendments made by that*
 4 *Act shall not affect—*

5 “(1) *the ratio for determination of revenue dis-*
 6 *tribution among Native Corporations under this sec-*
 7 *tion; or*

8 “(2) *the settlement agreement among Regional*
 9 *Corporations or Village Corporations or other provi-*
 10 *sions of subsection (i) or (j).”.*

11 **SEC. 6. COMPENSATION.**

12 *The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C.*
 13 *1601 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:*

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

16 “(a) *DEFINITION OF URBAN CORPORATION.*—*In this*
 17 *section, the term ‘Urban Corporation’ means each of the*
 18 *Urban Corporations for Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg,*
 19 *Tenakee, and Wrangell.*

20 “(b) *CONVEYANCES OF LAND.*—

21 “(1) *AUTHORIZATION.*—

22 “(A) *CONVEYANCES TO URBAN CORPORA-*
 23 *TIONS.*—*Subject to valid existing rights and*
 24 *paragraphs (3), (4), (5), and (6), the Secretary*
 25 *shall convey—*

1 “(i) to the Urban Corporation for
2 *Haines, the surface estate in 12 parcels of*
3 *Federal land comprising approximately*
4 *23,040 acres, as generally depicted on the*
5 *maps entitled ‘Haines Selections’, numbered*
6 *1 and 2, and dated April 19, 2023;*

7 “(ii) to the Urban Corporation for
8 *Ketchikan, the surface estate in 8 parcels of*
9 *Federal land comprising approximately*
10 *23,040 acres, as generally depicted on the*
11 *maps entitled ‘Ketchikan Selections’, num-*
12 *bered 1 through 4, and dated April 19,*
13 *2023;*

14 “(iii) to the Urban Corporation for Pe-
15 *tersburg, the surface estate in 12 parcels of*
16 *Federal land comprising approximately*
17 *23,040 acres, as generally depicted on the*
18 *maps entitled ‘Petersburg Selections’, num-*
19 *bered 1 through 3, and dated April 19,*
20 *2023;*

21 “(iv) to the Urban Corporation for
22 *Tenakee, the surface estate in 15 parcels of*
23 *Federal land comprising approximately*
24 *23,040 acres, as generally depicted on the*
25 *maps entitled ‘Tenakee Selections’, num-*

bered 1 through 3, and dated April 19, 2023; and

“(v) to the Urban Corporation for Wrangell, the surface estate in 13 parcels of Federal land comprising approximately 23,040 acres, as generally depicted on the maps entitled ‘Wrangell Selections’, numbered 1 through 5, and dated April 19, 2023.

“(B) CONVEYANCES TO REGIONAL CORPORATION FOR SOUTHEAST ALASKA.—Subject to valid existing rights, on the applicable date on which the surface estate in land is conveyed to an Urban Corporation under subparagraph (A), the Secretary shall convey to the Regional Corporation for Southeast Alaska the subsurface estate for that land.

“(C) CONGRESSIONAL INTENT.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause (ii), it is the intent of Congress that the Secretary complete the interim conveyance of the surface estate in land to an Urban Corporation under subparagraph (A) not later than the date that is 2 years after the

1 applicable date of incorporation of the
2 Urban Corporation under section 16(e)(1).

3 “(ii) *EXCEPTION.*—As the Secretary
4 determines to be necessary, the Secretary
5 may extend the 2-year deadline established
6 by clause (i) by not more than 1 year for
7 any individual parcel of land to allow for
8 the conclusion of any pending appeal of a
9 public easement decision for the applicable
10 parcel pursuant to section 17(b), subject to
11 the requirement that the final conveyance of
12 the surface estate with respect to the appli-
13 cable parcel shall be completed as soon as
14 practicable after the date on which the ap-
15 peal is concluded.

16 “(D) *FINALIZATION OF ENTITLEMENT.*—

17 “(i) *IN GENERAL.*—The conveyances
18 under subparagraph (A) shall be considered
19 to be the full and final satisfaction of the
20 entitlement of the southeastern Alaska com-
21 munities of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg,
22 Tenakee, and Wrangell under this Act, not-
23 withstanding whether the surveyed acreage
24 of the parcels of land described in clauses
25 (i) through (v) of that subparagraph is less

1 *than or more than 23,040 acres in the case*
2 *of each Urban Corporation, subject to the*
3 *requirement that the surveyed acreage shall*
4 *be not less than 23,020 acres and not more*
5 *than 23,060 acres.*

6 “(ii) *ADJUSTMENTS.—If the total sur-*
7 *veyed acreage of land conveyed to an Urban*
8 *Corporation under subparagraph (A) is less*
9 *than 23,020 acres or more than 23,060*
10 *acres, the Secretary, the Secretary of Agri-*
11 *culture, and the Urban Corporation shall*
12 *negotiate in good faith to make a mutually*
13 *agreeable adjustment to the parcels of Fed-*
14 *eral land described in clauses (i) through*
15 *(v) of subparagraph (A) to ensure that not*
16 *less than and not more than 23,040 acres of*
17 *land is conveyed to the Urban Corporation.*

18 “(2) *WITHDRAWAL.—*

19 “(A) *IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid exist-*
20 *ing rights, the Federal land described in para-*
21 *graph (1) is withdrawn from all forms of—*

22 “(i) *entry, appropriation, or disposal*
23 *under the public land laws;*

24 “(ii) *location, entry, and patent under*
25 *the mining laws; and*

1 “(iii) *disposition under all laws per-*
 2 *taining to mineral and geothermal leasing*
 3 *or mineral materials.*

4 “(B) *TERMINATION.*—*The withdrawal*
 5 *under subparagraph (A) shall remain in effect*
 6 *until the date on which the Federal land is con-*
 7 *veyed under paragraph (1).*

8 “(3) *TREATMENT OF LAND CONVEYED.*—*Except*
 9 *as otherwise provided in this section, any land con-*
 10 *veyed to an Urban Corporation under paragraph*
 11 *(1)(A) shall be—*

12 “(A) *considered to be land conveyed by the*
 13 *Secretary under section 14(h)(3); and*

14 “(B) *subject to all laws (including regula-*
 15 *tions) applicable to entitlements under section*
 16 *14(h)(3), including section 907(d) of the Alaska*
 17 *National Interest Lands Conservation Act (43*
 18 *U.S.C. 1636(d)).*

19 “(4) *PUBLIC EASEMENTS.*—

20 “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*Subject to subpara-*
 21 *graph (C), the conveyance and patents for the*
 22 *land under paragraph (1)(A) shall be subject to*
 23 *the reservation before the conveyance of public*
 24 *easements under section 17(b).*

1 “(B) *TERMINATION.*—No public easement
 2 reserved on land conveyed under paragraph
 3 (1)(A) shall be terminated by the Secretary with-
 4 out publication of notice of the proposed termi-
 5 nation in the *Federal Register*.

6 “(C) *RESERVATION OF EASEMENTS.*—In the
 7 conveyance and patent for any parcel of land
 8 under paragraph (1)(A) for which the easement
 9 reservation process has not been completed by the
 10 date that is 2 years after the applicable date of
 11 incorporation of the Urban Corporation under
 12 section 16(e)(1), or, in the case of an appeal of
 13 a public easement under section 17(b), by the
 14 date that is 3 years after the applicable date of
 15 incorporation, the Secretary shall—

16 “(i) convey the parcel of land; and

17 “(ii) as part of the conveyance and
 18 patent for the parcel of land under clause
 19 (i), reserve the right of the Secretary to
 20 amend the conveyance and patent to include
 21 reservations of public easements under sec-
 22 tion 17(b) until the date of completion of
 23 the easement reservation process.

24 “(D) *STATE OF ALASKA EASEMENTS.*—
 25 Nothing in this Act modifies, changes, or termi-

1 *nates the rights-of-way granted to the State*
2 *under—*

3 *“(i) section 4407 of the SAFETEA-LU*
4 *(Public Law 109–59; 119 Stat. 1777); or*

5 *“(ii) the 2006 memorandum of under-*
6 *standing between the State and the Forest*
7 *Service to implement that section.*

8 *“(5) HUNTING, FISHING, RECREATION, AND AC-*
9 *CESS.—*

10 *“(A) IN GENERAL.—Any land conveyed*
11 *under paragraph (1)(A), including access to the*
12 *land through roadways, trails, and forest roads,*
13 *shall remain open and available to subsistence*
14 *uses, noncommercial recreational hunting and*
15 *fishing, and other noncommercial recreational*
16 *uses by the public under applicable law—*

17 *“(i) without liability on the part of the*
18 *Urban Corporation, except for willful acts*
19 *of the Urban Corporation, to any user as a*
20 *result of the use; and*

21 *“(ii) subject to—*

22 *“(I) any reasonable restrictions*
23 *that may be imposed by the Urban*
24 *Corporation on the public use—*

25 *“(aa) to ensure public safety;*

1 “(bb) to minimize conflicts
2 between recreational and commer-
3 cial uses;

4 “(cc) to protect cultural re-
5 sources;

6 “(dd) to conduct scientific re-
7 search; or

8 “(ee) to provide environ-
9 mental protection; and

10 “(II) the condition that the Urban
11 Corporation post on any applicable
12 property, in accordance with State
13 law, notices of the restrictions on use.

14 “(B) *EFFECT.*—Access provided to any in-
15 dividual or entity under subparagraph (A) shall
16 not—

17 “(i) create an interest in any third
18 party in the land conveyed under para-
19 graph (1)(A); or

20 “(ii) provide standing to any third
21 party in any review of, or challenge to, any
22 determination by the Urban Corporation
23 with respect to the management or develop-
24 ment of the land conveyed under paragraph
25 (1)(A), except as against the Urban Cor-

1 *poration for the management of public ac-*
2 *cess under subparagraph (A).*

3 “(6) *MISCELLANEOUS.—*

4 “(A) *SPECIAL USE AUTHORIZATIONS.—*

5 “(i) *IN GENERAL.—On the conveyance*
6 *of land to an Urban Corporation under*
7 *paragraph (1)(A)—*

8 “(I) *any guiding or outfitting*
9 *special use authorization issued by the*
10 *Forest Service for the use of the con-*
11 *veyed land shall terminate; and*

12 “(II) *as a condition of the convey-*
13 *ance and consistent with section 14(g),*
14 *the Urban Corporation shall issue the*
15 *holder of the special use authorization*
16 *terminated under subclause (I) an au-*
17 *thorization to continue the authorized*
18 *use, subject to the terms and conditions*
19 *that were in the special use authoriza-*
20 *tion issued by the Forest Service, for—*

21 “(aa) *the remainder of the*
22 *term of the authorization; and*

23 “(bb) *1 additional consec-*
24 *utive 10-year renewal period.*

1 “(ii) *NOTICE OF COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES.—The Urban Corporation, and any*
2 *holder of a guiding or outfitting authoriza-*
3 *tion under this subparagraph, shall have a*
4 *mutual obligation, subject to the guiding or*
5 *outfitting authorization, to inform the other*
6 *party of any commercial activities prior to*
7 *engaging in the activities on the land con-*
8 *veyed to the Urban Corporation under*
9 *paragraph (1)(A).*

11 “(iii) *NEGOTIATION OF NEW TERMS.—*
12 *Nothing in this paragraph precludes the*
13 *Urban Corporation and the holder of a*
14 *guiding or outfitting authorization from ne-*
15 *gotiating a new mutually agreeable guiding*
16 *or outfitting authorization.*

17 “(iv) *LIABILITY.—Neither the Urban*
18 *Corporation nor the United States shall*
19 *bear any liability, except for willful acts of*
20 *the Urban Corporation or the United*
21 *States, regarding the use and occupancy of*
22 *any land conveyed to the Urban Corpora-*
23 *tion under paragraph (1)(A), as provided*
24 *in any outfitting or guiding authorization*
25 *under this paragraph.*

1 “(B) *MUTUAL USE AGREEMENT FOR ROADS*
2 *AND FACILITIES.*—

3 “(i) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary of*
4 *Agriculture shall seek to enter into a bind-*
5 *ing mutual use agreement for—*

6 “(I) *the use of National Forest*
7 *System roads and related transpor-*
8 *tation facilities (including marine ac-*
9 *cess facilities, log transfer facilities,*
10 *sort yards, and associated log rafting*
11 *and storage areas) in the Tongass Na-*
12 *tional Forest by the Urban Corpora-*
13 *tion and designees of the Urban Cor-*
14 *poration; and*

15 “(II) *the use of the roads and re-*
16 *lated transportation facilities (includ-*
17 *ing marine access facilities, log trans-*
18 *fer facilities, sort yards, and associated*
19 *log rafting and storage areas) of the*
20 *Urban Corporation by the Forest Serv-*
21 *ice and designees of the Forest Service.*

22 “(ii) *TERMS AND CONDITIONS.*—*The*
23 *binding mutual use agreement under clause*
24 *(i)—*

1 “(I) shall provide that the use of
2 road and transportation facilities in-
3 frastructure by a third party shall not
4 begin until the date on which the third
5 party signs a mutual use agreement
6 entered into with the Urban Corpora-
7 tion;

8 “(II) shall provide that the State
9 (including entities and designees of the
10 State) shall be authorized to use the
11 roads and related transportation facili-
12 ties of the Urban Corporation on sub-
13 stantially similar terms as are pro-
14 vided by the Urban Corporation to the
15 Forest Service;

16 “(III) shall include restrictions
17 on, and fees for, the use of the National
18 Forest System roads and related trans-
19 portation facilities in existence as of
20 the date of enactment of this section, as
21 necessary, that are reasonable and
22 comparable to the restrictions and fees
23 imposed by the Forest Service for the
24 use of the roads and related transpor-
25 tation facilities;

1 “(IV) shall not restrict or limit
2 any access to the roads and related
3 transportation facilities of the Urban
4 Corporation or the Forest Service that
5 may be otherwise provided by valid ex-
6 isting rights and agreements in exist-
7 ence as of the date of enactment of this
8 section; and

9 “(V) shall provide for periodic up-
10 dates to the mutual use agreement if
11 the terms and conditions of the up-
12 dated mutual use agreement are con-
13 sistent with the terms and conditions
14 described in subclauses (I) through
15 (IV).

16 “(iii) *INTENT OF CONGRESS.*—It is the
17 intent of Congress that the mutual use
18 agreement under clause (i) shall be entered
19 into as soon as practicable after the date of
20 enactment of this section and in any case
21 by not later than 1 year after the date of
22 incorporation of the Urban Corporation.

23 “(iv) *CONTINUED ACCESS.*—Beginning
24 on the date on which the land is conveyed
25 to the Urban Corporation under paragraph

1 (1)(A) and ending on the effective date of a
 2 binding mutual use agreement entered into
 3 under clause (i), the Urban Corporation
 4 shall provide and allow administrative ac-
 5 cess to roads and related transportation fa-
 6 cilities on the land under substantially
 7 similar terms as are provided by the Forest
 8 Service as of the date of enactment of this
 9 section.

10 “(C) *EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS.*—

11 “(i) *IN GENERAL.*—Nothing in this sec-
 12 tion delays the duty of the Secretary to con-
 13 vey land to—

14 “(I) the State under Public Law
 15 85–508 (commonly known as the ‘Alas-
 16 ka Statehood Act’) (48 U.S.C. note
 17 prec. 21); or

18 “(II) a Native Corporation
 19 under—

20 “(aa) this Act; or

21 “(bb) the Alaska Land
 22 Transfer Acceleration Act (43
 23 U.S.C. 1611 note; Public Law
 24 108–452).

25 “(ii) *STATEHOOD ENTITLEMENT.*—

1 “(I) *IN GENERAL.*—*Statehood se-*
 2 *lections under Public Law 85–508*
 3 *(commonly known as the ‘Alaska*
 4 *Statehood Act’)* (48 U.S.C. note prec.
 5 21) *are not displaced by the parcels of*
 6 *land described in clauses (i) through*
 7 *(v) of paragraph (1)(A).*

8 “(II) *BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS.*—
 9 *In the event of a dispute between an*
 10 *area selected as a Statehood selection*
 11 *and a parcel of land referred to in sub-*
 12 *clause (I), the Secretary shall work*
 13 *with the Urban Corporation and the*
 14 *State in good faith to adjust the*
 15 *boundary of the parcel to exclude any*
 16 *area selected as a Statehood selection.*

17 “(iii) *CONVEYANCES.*—*The Secretary*
 18 *shall promptly proceed with the conveyance*
 19 *of all land necessary to fulfill the final enti-*
 20 *tlement of all Native Corporations in ac-*
 21 *cordance with—*

22 “(I) *this Act; and*

23 “(II) *the Alaska Land Transfer*
 24 *Acceleration Act (43 U.S.C. 1611 note;*
 25 *Public Law 108–452).*

1 “(iv) *FISH AND WILDLIFE.*—*Nothing*
 2 *in this section enlarges or diminishes the re-*
 3 *sponsibility and authority of the State with*
 4 *respect to the management of fish and wild-*
 5 *life on public land in the State.*

6 “(D) *MAPS.*—

7 “(i) *AVAILABILITY.*—*Each map re-*
 8 *ferred to in paragraph (1)(A) shall be avail-*
 9 *able in the appropriate offices of the Sec-*
 10 *retary and the Secretary of Agriculture.*

11 “(ii) *CORRECTIONS.*—*The Secretary,*
 12 *in consultation with the Secretary of Agri-*
 13 *culture, may make any necessary correction*
 14 *to a clerical or typographical error in a*
 15 *map referred to in paragraph (1)(A).*

16 “(7) *ESCROW FUNDS.*—*Beginning on the date of*
 17 *enactment of this section, the escrow requirements of*
 18 *section 2 of Public Law 94–204 (43 U.S.C. 1613 note)*
 19 *shall apply to proceeds (including interest) derived*
 20 *from the land withdrawn under paragraph (2).*

21 “(c) *CONVEYANCE OF ROADS, TRAILS, LOG TRANSFER*
 22 *FACILITIES, LEASES, AND APPURTENANCES.*—

23 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The land conveyed to an*
 24 *Urban Corporation under subsection (b)(1)(A) shall*
 25 *include all right, title, and interest of the United*

1 *States in all roads, trails, log transfer facilities,*
2 *leases, and appurtenances on or related to the land*
3 *conveyed to the Urban Corporation.*

4 “(2) *CONDITIONS.—The land conveyed to an*
5 *Urban Corporation under subsection (b)(1)(A) shall*
6 *be subject to all valid existing rights in accordance*
7 *with section 14(g), including any reciprocal rights-of-*
8 *way, easements, or agreements for the use of the*
9 *roads, trails, log transfer facilities, leases, and appur-*
10 *tenances conveyed under subsection (b)(1)(A).*

11 “(3) *CONTINUATION OF AGREEMENTS.—*

12 “(A) *IN GENERAL.—On or before the date*
13 *on which land is conveyed to an Urban Corpora-*
14 *tion under subsection (b)(1)(A), the Secretary*
15 *shall provide to the Urban Corporation notice of*
16 *all reciprocal rights-of-way, easements, and*
17 *agreements for use of the roads, trails, log trans-*
18 *fer facilities, leases, and appurtenances on or re-*
19 *lated to the land in existence as of the date of*
20 *enactment of this section.*

21 “(B) *REQUIREMENT.—In accordance with*
22 *section 14(g), any right-of-way, easement, or*
23 *agreement described in subparagraph (A) shall*
24 *continue unless the right-of-way, easement, or*
25 *agreement—*

1 “(i) expires under its own terms; or

2 “(ii) is mutually renegotiated.

3 “(d) *SETTLEMENT TRUST*.—

4 “(1) *IN GENERAL*.—Each Urban Corporation
5 may establish a settlement trust in accordance with
6 section 39 for the purposes of promoting the health,
7 education, and welfare of the trust beneficiaries, and
8 preserving the Native heritage and culture, of the
9 community of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg,
10 Tenakee, or Wrangell, as applicable.

11 “(2) *PROCEEDS AND INCOME*.—The proceeds and
12 income from the principal of a trust established under
13 paragraph (1) shall—

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

17 “(B) thereafter to the support of all other
18 enrollees.”.

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