

Public Law 96-487  
96th Congress

An Act

To provide for the designation and conservation of certain public lands in the State of Alaska, including the designation of units of the National Park, National Wildlife Refuge, National Forest, National Wild and Scenic Rivers, and National Wilderness Preservation Systems, and for other purposes.

Dec. 2, 1980  
[H.R. 39]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the "Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act".

Alaska National  
Interest Lands  
Conservation  
Act.  
16 USC 3101  
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(f) **EXISTING CONTRACTS.**—Nothing in this section shall be construed as impairing, or otherwise affecting in any manner, any contract or other obligation which was entered into prior to the enactment of this Act or which (1) applies to any land which is subject to an agreement, and (2) was entered into before the agreement becomes effective.

**PROTECTION OF NATIVE LANDS IN CONTINGENCY AREAS UNDER TIMBER SALES**

**SEC. 908.** Section 15 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act is amended by inserting "(a)" after "Sec. 15." and by adding at the end of such section the following new subsection: 43 USC 1614.

"(b) No land conveyed to a Native Corporation pursuant to this Act or by operation of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act which is within a contingency area designated in a timber sale contract let by the United States shall thereafter be subject to such contract or to entry or timbering by the contractor. Until a Native Corporation has received conveyances to all of the land to which it is entitled to receive under the appropriate section or subsection of this Act, for which the land was withdrawn or selected, no land in such a contingency area that has been withdrawn and selected, or selected, by such Corporation under this Act shall be entered by the timber contractor and no timber shall be cut thereon, except by agreement with such Corporation. For purposes of this subsection, the term 'contingency area' means any area specified in a timber sale contract as an area from which the timber contractor may harvest timber if the volume of timber specified in the contract cannot be obtained from one or more areas definitely designated for timbering in the contract." Ante, p. 2371.  
  
"Contingency area."

**USE OF PROTRACTION DIAGRAMS**

**SEC. 909.** With the agreement of the party to whom a patent is to be issued under this title, or the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, the Secretary, in his discretion, may base such patent on protraction diagrams in lieu of field surveys. Any person or corporation receiving a patent under this title or the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act on the basis of a protraction diagram shall receive any gain or bear any loss of acreage due to errors, if any, in such protraction diagram. 43 USC 1637.  
43 USC 1601  
note.

**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT**

**SEC. 910.** The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (83 Stat. 852) shall not be construed, in whole or in part, as requiring the preparation or submission of an environmental impact statement for withdrawals, conveyances, regulations, orders, easement determinations, or other actions which lead to the issuance of conveyances to Natives or Native Corporations, pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, or this Act. Nothing in this section shall be construed as affirming or denying the validity of any withdrawals by the Secretary under section 14(h)(3) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. 43 USC 1638.  
42 USC 4321  
note.  
  
43 USC 1618.

**TECHNICAL AMENDMENT TO PUBLIC LAW 94-204**

**SEC. 911.** Section 15(a) of the Act of January 2, 1976 (Public Law 94-204, 89 Stat. 1154-1155), is amended— 43 USC 1611  
note.  
(1) by striking out the description beginning with "Township 36 south, range 52 west;" and all that follows through "Township