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ALASKA

**Withdrawal for Classification or Re-
classification of Some of Areas
Withdrawn by Section 11 of Alaska
Native Claims Settlement Act**

By virtue of the authority vested in the President and pursuant to Executive Order No. 10355 of May 26, 1952 (17 F.R. 4831), and by virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior in section 17(d)(1) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, 85 Stat. 688, 708 (hereinafter referred to as the Act), it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, all of those lands withdrawn by section 11 of the Act and which are not also withdrawn for any national forest, Naval Petroleum Reserve Number 4, or any part of the National Wildlife Refuge System and which are outside the area described in paragraph 2 of this order are hereby withdrawn: (a) From all forms of appropriation under the public land laws; (b) from location and entry under the mining laws, 30 U.S.C. ch. 2; (c) from leasing under the Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920, as amended, 30 U.S.C. sections 181-287 (1970); and (d) until December 18, 1975, from selection by the State of Alaska under the Alaska Statehood Act, 72 Stat. 339; and said lands are hereby reserved for study and review by the Secretary of the Interior for the purpose of classification or reclassification of any lands not conveyed pursuant to section 14 of said Act.

2. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described lands are hereby withdrawn from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including selections by the State of Alaska under the Alaska Statehood Act, 72 Stat. 339, and from location and entry under the mining laws, 30 U.S.C. ch. 2, and from leasing under the Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920, as amended, 30 U.S.C. sections 181-287 (1970), and are hereby reserved for study and review by the Secretary of the Interior for the purpose of classification or reclassification of any lands not conveyed pursuant to section 14 of said Act:

All of those lands withdrawn by section 11 of the Act lying between 58° N. and 64° N. latitude, and west of 161° W. longitude, and not withdrawn for any part of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

The area described aggregates approximately 11 million acres.

3. Prior to the conveyances to the State of Alaska of any lands described in paragraph 1 of this order, and prior to the conveyances under section 14 of said Act of any lands described in paragraph 1 or paragraph 2 of this order, the lands shall remain subject to administration by the Secretary of the Interior under applicable laws and regulations and his authority to make contracts and to grant leases, permits, rights-of-way, or easements shall not be impaired by this order. Applications for leases under the Mineral Leasing Act, *supra*, will be rejected until this order is modified or the lands are appropriately classified to permit mineral leasing.

4. It is hereby determined that the promulgation of this public land order is not a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and that no detailed statement pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. section 4332(2)(C), is required.

5. The withdrawals made by this order shall not affect in any way the right of any corporation formed pursuant to section 7 or section 8 of said Act to make selections pursuant to said Act.

ROGERS C. B. MORTON,
Secretary of the Interior.

MARCH 9, 1972.

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