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*Harold L. Peltus*

Secretary.

March 23, 1937  
to  
June 29, 1942

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Through the Fish and Wildlife Service,  
Through the National Park Service,  
Through the Office of Indian Affairs.

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<i>Howard</i>
<i>Wright</i>
<i>Wiley</i>
<i>Hosack</i>
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TO SOLICITOR

Submitted herewith is the draft of an Executive order which will withdraw the public land in an area containing 1,210,000 acres on the north and west side of Cook Inlet, Alaska, for the use of the War Department as an aerial gunnery and bombing range. The withdrawal was requested by the War Department as a national defense measure.

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After careful study and consideration of the request of the War Department of October 29, 1940 to withdraw an area on Kenai Peninsula for the same purpose, which area was found to be important and valuable for the preservation of wildlife and other purposes, a substitute area was informally suggested at a conference between officials of the Fish and Wildlife Service and of the War Department, and was found acceptable to the War Department. This alternate area is the subject of the proposed order submitted herewith.

FROM SOLICITOR

AUG 11 1941

FOR SIGNATURE

On June 20 the Office of Indian Affairs was informed of the proposed withdrawal of the alternate area, and this office has been informally advised that there is no objection thereto. The correspondence will be routed through that Office for endorsement. The proposed order excepts fishing villages and the Moquawkie Native Reservation at Tyonek, containing about 25,000 acres. There are 91.01 acres of patented mission and trade and manufacturing sites in the area to be withdrawn, and an outstanding coal prospecting permit embracing 287 acres.

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The records of this office show that the land for the most part is low and flat, and contains a large area of muskeg. The more northern portions are mountainous, the highest part being Mt. Spurr which has an elevation of 11,069 feet. Except for the villages on the coast the area appears to be uninhabited.

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The Kenai Peninsula area was the subject of investigation and report by the Division of Investigations, but in view of the information available in this office, the Office of Indian Affairs, and of the Fish and Wildlife Service concerning this alternate area, it is not believed that a field investigation is necessary.

It is recommended that the proposed order be submitted to the President.

*Fred W. Johnson*  
Commissioner

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR  
WASHINGTON

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AUG 15 1941

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To Secretary  
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To *W.S.O.*  
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SOLICITOR

My dear Mr. Secretary:  
I enclose a copy of a draft of an Executive order which I have this day transmitted to the President, through the usual channels, and which will withdraw the public lands in an area containing 1,210,000 acres on the north and west side of Cook Inlet, Alaska, for the use of the War Department as an aerial gunnery and bombing range.

In your letter of October 29, 1940 you requested the withdrawal of two areas of land, one in the immediate vicinity of, and the other about twenty miles southwest of, Anchorage, Alaska, on the Kenai Peninsula. The area in the immediate vicinity of Anchorage was withdrawn by Executive Order No. 8755 of May 16, 1941.

The area now proposed to be withdrawn is a substitution for the Kenai Peninsula area. By conference and correspondence between representatives of the War and Interior Departments, it was determined that the Kenai Peninsula area was important and valuable for the preservation of wildlife and other purposes, and that the alternate area across Cook Inlet would suit the purposes of the War Department.

Within the area now proposed to be withdrawn are 91.01 acres of patented mission and trade and manufacturing sites, and approximately 25,000 acres were withdrawn by Executive Order No. 2141 of February 27, 1915, and subsequently designated as the Moquawkie Native Reservation, near the village of Tyonek. There is also an outstanding coal prospecting permit embracing 287 acres adjoining one of the patented claims.

Sincerely yours,  
(Sgd.) HAROLD L. ICKES  
Secretary of the Interior.

Hon. Henry L. Stinson,  
Secretary of War.

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Jan. 5, 1949

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Dec. 28, 1950

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*J A Krug*  
Secretary.

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Regional Administrator, Region VII, Bureau of Land Management, Anchorage, Alaska

**Military Withdrawal**

Army requests withdrawal with immediate right of entry 4,230 acres in Ts. 6 N., Rs. 11 and 12 W., Seward Meridian, within 6-mile strip under our jurisdiction in Kenai National Moose Range. Please discuss with representatives of the Army and Fish and Wildlife Service concerning Army needs and any restrictions and stipulations that should be incorporated in the public land order. You may then issue a temporary permit authorizing immediate right of entry subject to valid existing rights, and to any stipulations that may be found necessary and report the issuance of the permit immediately with your recommendations to this office.

Associate Director

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Approved: AUG 24 1950

(sgd) Dale E. Doty

Secretary of the Interior

Assistant

Office of Land  
Utilization  
*3 P.M.*  
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