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Sackett Asks Analysis of Lands

State Senator John Sackett, President and Chairman of the Board of Doyon, Limited requested the Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission place analysis of regional and state lands as the top priority of 1974.

The Land Use Planning Commission is presently setting priorities for the coming year. Sackett made the request to the Commission this past week.

"The Commission has accomplished a remarkable feat in analyzing, recommending, stating alternatives, and identifying areas of conflict on D-2 lands.

"We would like to have the commission continue this same type of analysis in order to accomplish overall total land use planning for all areas of Alaska," Sackett stated.

"It is absolutely essential that analysis by this independent body be accomplished on

a regional basis, using natural boundaries, such as mountain ranges and river drainages in looking at all of the potential uses of land.

"We must look at all the land owners within a regional area, — state, regional corporations, villages, and federal management agencies — and view these land ownership patterns as to their best and prime use.

"The outcome of these analysis while only on a recommending basis will be highly useful to all parties involved."

"Each of the regional corporations is having problems in being able to make highly qualified decisions as to actual land selection and land use during the short period of time given under the act. The LUPC will provide a service that cannot be gained through any existing source," Sackett said.