Tundra Times Designated for Land News Media for Villages

All of the land claims attorneys for the regional native organizations in Alaska have agreed that Tundra Times should be used to get land claims information to the villages in the state.

The push for this was initiated this week by the firm of Jackson and Fenton of Fairbanks, attorneys for the Tanana

Chiefs and the villages that organization encompasses in the Interior Alaska.

Tundra Times is widely read throughout Alaska and the subscription list covers all or most of the villages from Barrow to Nome to Bethel to Tanana to the Aleutian Chain and Southeastern Alaska.

"We will get good information to the Tundra Times every week," said Jackson and Fenton firm in its newsletter to the villages it represents. "So please subscribe to it."

Barry W. Jackson and Thomas E. Fenton set down an example in their newletter:

"A good example of the use of Tundra Times is the recent articles concerning Tanacross and its problems.

"Because of the articles many state and federal officials have become aware of the Tanacross claim and will probably try and change their policies in dealing with Tanacross land.

"Also, because of the articles, CBS has sent a camera crew to Tanacross and a show will be presented on nationwide television dealing with the Tanacross claim in September."

The Columbia Broadcasting System team headed by Mike Wallace and Paul Lowenwater has been filming scenes in Tanacross, Kotzebue, Anchorage and other places. Chief Andrew Isaac, Rep. William L. "Willie" Hensley and other land claims proponents have figured in the filming.

Mike Wallace, who heads the 60 minute nationwide show on CBS, is famous for his point blank searching type questions.

It has also been indicated that to add interest and to widen the scope of the Tanacross land problem and the general land claims situation, Mike Wallace has been seeking those persons who might be against the native land assertions.