

BLM conveys land

The Bureau of Land Management conveyed more than 4.9 million acres to Native corporations in fiscal 1979, bringing the total number of acres conveyed under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to 10.4 million acres.

Eight villages received portions of their entitlement in September, including: Dillingham, 52,923.52 acres; Egegik, 88,649 acres; Elim, 297,982 acres; Chistochina, 65,810 acres; Old Harbor, 8,228; Ekuk, 70,344 acres. Eklutna, 65 acres, and Juneau, 27,767 acres.

These village conveyances bring the total number of acres of surface estate conveyed to village corporations to 6,518,292 acres. Of this, 457,041 acres have been patented.

Decisions to issue conveyance were published in September for the village corporations of Sitka, Ugashik, Naknek, Venetie, and Pilot Point and for the regional corporations of Sealaska, Arctic Slope, and Cook Inlet.

Regional corporations have received conveyance of 3,899,962 acres of surface estate through September. In addition to the subsurface estate of village selections, 483,233 acres of in-lieu of subsurface estate have been conveyed.