

PREPARING FOR POST CLAIMS SETTLEMENT

RurAL CAP and AFN Distribute Pamphlets Explaining Post Plans

As the land claims settlement moves into what appears to be the final stages, pamphlets that explain post settlement planning are being distributed by both RurAL CAP and the Alaska Federation of Natives.

Nels A. Anderson, Jr., Deputy Director of RurAL CAP, emphasized that it is of the utmost importance that all Native communities become keenly aware of the last and post stages of the settlement.

The intent of the informative packets, Anderson commented, is to have the villages become more active in the post land claims plans and activities.

It seems quite apparent at this time that the settlement will yield one billion dollars and forty million acres of land to the Alaska Native people.

RurAL CAP's publication is a guide to post settlement land selection activities, describing existing land use in the village, in land adjacent to the village and ownership by the individual.

Final provisions for land selection will probably allow for a basic 3 or 4 townships for each village. This booklet is an attempt to familiarize Natives with land terminology that will need to be mastered.

AFN's Charitable Trust Staff has prepared a summary of questions that Native people must begin to consider when the settlement is final.

Questions such as what responsibilities the village will have after the settlement and who will decide how money received will be spent or invested, and the recommended actions are discussed in this pamphlet.

The Finance Committee of AFN has issued an investment paper that should be helpful in gaining a working knowledge of investment language and assisting in planning the investment of the money.

With proper guidance and

planning, the principal could be invested while the interest returns would act as operating capital, thereby preserving the bulk of the land claims money.

It is absolutely essential, Anderson repeated, that each Native community become more aware of the land claims settlement and it is hoped that these three pamphlets will provide the spark to begin the much-needed planning and preparation.

He said the information will be mailed to each village as soon as completed.