

***Can Be Improved—***

# **Alaska Land Records**

A Bureau of Land Management (BLM) evaluation team from Washington, D. C., has found that availability of land records in Alaska can be improved.

BLM State Director Curtis V. McVee said that during the recent General Management Evaluation of BLM in Alaska, the BLM evaluation team found several areas in land records which could be improved.

"The team looked closely at the present methods of handling land records in Alaska," said McVee, "then they suggested that we research and study several alternatives to improve availability of these records to the public."

"We are going to study ways to improve the situation," McVee said. "Some methods we'll examine in detail include micro-filming of all records with dup-

licate copies in Fairbanks and Anchorage, automatic data processing of records by computer, and pushbutton retrieval systems similar to those used by airlines to make reservations."

Land records for the southern half of Alaska are available in Fairbanks. McVee said that Alaska is now the only state which does not have a full set of land records continuously available to the public in one location.

McVee said that whatever method or methods are eventually used, the goal of the land records study will be to provide better public benefits through improved land records service.

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