

BLM rejects Doyon's d-2 selections

The BLM has rejected Doyon land selection applications in "D-2" withdrawals.

It also rejected certain applications on lands withdrawn for nomination as wild and scenic rivers. Doyon plans to appeal these rejections.

BLM rejected our applications based on the fact that the lands are reserved for study and possible recommendation to Congress as additions to National Park, Forest, Wildlife Refuge, and Wild and Scenic

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Rivers Systems.

"D-2" lands can best be defined at the land under Section 17(d)(2) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

This section says that the Secretary of the Interior is allowed to withdraw up to, but not to exceed, 80 million acres of unreserved public lands in the state of Alaska, which the secretary decides are suitable for additions to, or to create as, units of the National Park, Forest, Wildlife Refuge, and Wild and Scenic River Systems.

The lands were withdrawn for these uses before the region had an opportunity to request its withdrawal for their selection.

The major problem is that important resource areas may be included in the land the secretary selects to include as parks, wildlife refuges, etc.