

Shively Asks BLM for Written Opinion

John Shively, executive vice president of AFN, Inc., recently requested a written opinion from the Bureau of Land Management as to why regional and village Native corporations cannot over-file on allotments allowing the corporations selection rights to those lands if the allotment is not approved.

Shively noted that the BLM is being unnecessarily narrow in its interpretation of the land claims act and the land selection regulations.

The Bureau of Land Management's decision to disallow over-filings on those lands which have been claimed for native allotments has caused innumerable problems for the regional corporations and individual natives; and Shively has requested a prompt response from Curt McVee, state director of the BLM.