



Bob Arnold, BLM's Assistant to the State Director for ANCSA Operations, congratulates Bering Straits Regional Corporation president George Walters during the February 27 conveyance ceremonies. Looking on is Charles Johnson, Chairman of the Board of the White Mountain Native Corporation.

White Mountain Receives Conveyance

The second conveyance to a village within the Bering Straits region took place in February with the transfer of approximately 83,850 acres of land to the village corporation of White Mountain. Coupled with December's conveyance to Brevig Mission, the Bureau of Land Management has so far conveyed approximately 172,200 acres in the region.

The bureau's Anchorage office by Charles Johnson, Chairman of the Board of the White Mountain Native Corporation George Walters, President of the Bering Straits Regional Corporation accepted title to the subsurface estate.

In accepting the title, Johnson said ownership of the land "will help give the people of White Mountain control over our style of life and give us some

sense of being able to shape our own future. We are also pleased that the conveyance could be completed within the time frame set by ourselves and the bureau.

The White Mountain Native Corporation has 205 stockholders and will eventually receive a total entitlement of 92,160 acres. BLM hopes to convey land to an additional 14 villages within the Bering Straits region during 1980.

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