

Interior Secretary Andrus will visit Alaska next week

Sen. Mike Gravel announced today that Cecil D. Andrus, Secretary of the Interior, will visit Alaska next week. It will be Andrus's first official visit to the state.

Andrus is to arrive Tuesday and stay through Friday, with tours of various areas of the state and a briefing concerning the oil pipeline. Andrus closed the pipeline Monday following a fatal explosion at Pump Station 8.

The areas to be visited by Andrus are those which are candidates for OCS development and parks, wilderness and nat-

ional forest withdrawals under D-2 legislation. He will survey Lake Clark and Iliamna Lake with Governor Jay Hammond. In addition, he is to see the proposed Katmai National Park area, Kachemak Bay, English Bay, Lower-Cook Inlet, and Harding Icefield-Kenai Fjords.

The secretary will be guest of honor at a reception and dinner hosted by Gravel Thursday night in Anchorage. Gravel will also accompany him Friday. Andrus is to attend a breakfast meeting of the Joint Federal State Land Use Planning Commission Fri-

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day, followed by meetings with the Alaska Federation of Natives and Interior Department personnel stationed in Alaska. He will have an informal luncheon with environmental groups and other afternoon meetings.

His pipeline briefing will be with Jack Turner, head of the Interior Department's Alaska Pipeline Office.

Andrus will be available to reporters following his arrival Tuesday. A press conference is also scheduled Friday at 10:30 A.M. at the office of the Special Assistant to the Secretary, 675 C Street, Anchorage.

"I'm very pleased that Secretary Andrus will be getting to Alaska this summer before his department finalizes its proposals on D-2 lands," Gravel said. Interior Department recommendations on D-2 are due by September 15.