

Core Townships

In the Interior

FAIRBANKS — Application for the first core township selections for Native villages in the Interior has been made for 20,592.5 acres for the Dot Lake Native Corporation.

Doyon, Limited, the regional Native corporation for the Interior, announced that the application signed by chairman Carl A. Charles of Dot Lake Native Corporation was submitted Jan. 15 to the Bureau of Land Management.

Forty-six persons have enrolled back to Dot Lake, an Athabaskan village approximately 150 miles southeast of Fairbanks. Five miles of the Alaska Highway from Fairbanks to Delta runs through the area included in the core township application.

The application represents a little less than one-third of the total entitlement which that village corporation will ultimately receive, noted John C. Sackett, president of Doyon, Limited.

Lands designated in the application were chosen under provisions of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, with all valid existing rights already rec-

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ognized, Sackett said.

Thirty-two other similar core township applications will be filed with the BLM between now and March 31, he said.

It is not known how long it will take the BLM to process these papers, "but we anticipate in all probability that most of the core townships for all 33 villages will have been issued preliminary title before Christmas," he said.

This means the village corporations will own their core township areas outright, for surface estate, with subsurface title going to Doyon, Limited under provisions of the land claims act.

Land selection for all village corporations within Doyon, Limited is being conducted by land selection committees within the villages, with the assistance of Doyon's lands department.

Initial training for land selection began last May and has been in progress ever since.

Documents filed for core township selection include the BLM selection application form, certificate of incorporation from the State of Alaska, the Doyon board of directors resolution approving the village corporation articles of incorporation and a legal description of lands selected and acreage calculation.

Also a special topographic map and a board resolution designating the approving of the selection and designating the selection officer authorized to sign the application.