

Secretary Udall Visits Alaska on November 21

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall is coming to Alaska on November 21 to tour the Arctic and meet with native leaders and state officials to discuss land claims, the Governor's in Juneau said Wednesday.

Secretary Udall is expected to attend at least one meeting with the leaders and state officials in Anchorage.

Governor Hickel said the state plans to make every effort to see that Udall is afforded the opportunity he described as a really accurate and meaningful tour of Alaska.

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"We know that the leaders of our native organizations will join us in welcoming this opportunity to set forth accurately and objectively the entire background and details of the land claims issue," the Governor said.

Hickel has instructed Attorney General Edgar P. Boyko to prepare a completely update background report on native land claims and the "urgent need to settle this issue for the good of Alaska's entire population."

Hickel also said he plans to appoint a new native land claims task force Friday (today), to function as part of the State Rural Affairs Commission.

The Governor said the task force will be composed of persons now serving on the commission and will play a key role in conferences with Udall when he visits the State.