

Letters from Here and There

Wildlife In Danger

1101 West 23rd Ave.
Anchorage, Alaska 99503
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Dear Mr. Rock:

On my way to work I pick up the Tundra Times. Enjoy reading about friends here and there. I'd like to say we all from Bettles and Allakaket area agree with J. Huntington's concern about our wildlife in danger.

It is time to think before it's too late. Many headhunters are flown up into the Brooks Range. They come back with the heads of moose and sheep and bear hides. I don't see the meat from the killing.

If they have finally killed off our wildlife can a cattle ranch or chicken farm survive in 80 below zero weather; Can we afford it? Wildlife is our only way to save yours and my life during our long, long cold winters. At home the meat is our food and the hides is our warm clothing.

I would like to see the Brooks Range alive not dead. It's beautiful now. The head hunters are still going there with that look in their eyes.

Would a national park be the answer to save the animals? We have to do something now.

Sincerely,
Millicent Evans Gray
(Wilfred Evans daughter)

Alaskans in Lower 48

P.O. Box 309
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Dear Mr. Rock:

I am writing on behalf of Mrs. Sandi Connelly wrote regarding the Land Claims Bill, whereas Alaskans living in the Lower 48 are being denied everything we here in Alaska are entitled to.

I'd like first of all to explain there are twelve (12) corporations under the Settlement Act, the 13th Corporation hasn't been formed as of yet. So the Alaskans living below are denied all privileges under the Act until the 13th Corporation is formed, unless they are enrolled to this region.

In 1972, \$5.8 million advances to the 12 regional corporations were authorized under the Alaska Native Settlement Act by Secretary of Interior Rogers C.B. Morton. So 10 corporations received up to \$500,000 and two corporations received less than \$500,000.

This money is used for operation of each corporation so I would guess that there is a loan available for needy Natives of Alaska whether they are here in the state of Lower 48 they should be eligible for all benefits under the Settlement Act, and a loan would be under the Act.

Since there isn't any payments or dividends from the Settlement Act until Dec. 18, 1973,

there should be a loan program available.

The Native Land Claims Settlement Act has opened doors, and will continue to open others, so keep in contact with your region corporation. If your region doesn't have a newsletter recommend to them it is needed, so that all Alaskans can be kept informed what their region is doing.

Since there are many Alaskans living from Florida to Hawaii and in foreign countries let us

not let them feel unwanted, besides the Alaska Native Land Settlement Act is an example for all Indians of North America who are still fighting for their land in courts across the nation and Canada.

Let us not separate, but join together and make Alaska a state where Alaskans will be proud of saying I am an Alaskan, don't forget what is planned for today will be looked at by the new generation.

Proud to be an Alaskan,
Robert Chercasen