

BLM Explains Realignment

Burton W. Silcock, Alaska State Director for the Bureau of Land Management, announced this week the plan for realignment of the Fairbanks and Anchorage Land Offices in a planned move to improve operation of Land Office activities in Alaska.

In making the announcement, Mr. Silcock said that this plan will improve service to the public through a more efficient handling of requests from the public, State and Federal agencies.

Centralization of application processing—case files and adjudicative actions—in Anchorage will provide for a uniform interpretation of the public land laws and regulations for each claim or application.

Public information, filing of applications, and land status records will continue to be provided by the Fairbanks District and Land Office. The plan calls for the movement of three people from Fairbanks to Anchorage.

Mr. Silcock further stated that an additional fourteen positions have been allocated to the BLM program in Fairbanks to handle the surveillance of the departmental stipulations in connection with construction of the Trans Alaska Pipeline System.