

BLM

Land Issues

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Question: Are state selected mental health lands available for selection by Native villages or regions?

Answer: The Bureau of Land Management has taken the position that state selected lands are not open to selection by villages. The state was granted the right to select one million acres of land to be used for mental health purposes in 1956. Within the 10-year selection period, the state did chose those lands and to date BLM has patented or tentatively approved title to 971,741 acres.

(Land questions may be submitted to BLM Land Issues (912) 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage, Ak. 99501.)