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LEGAL NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS ALASKA

Applications for the determination of Eligibility of Unlisted Villages

This notice is published in exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Director, Juneau Area Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs by Subpart 2651.2(a) (6), (8), (9), and (10) of Subchapter B of Chapter II Title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations published on Pages 14223 of the May 30, 1973, issue of Federal Register.

The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971 (Public Law 92-203 92nd Congress, 85 Stat. 688-716), provides for the Settlement of certain land claims of Alaska Natives and for other purposes.

Accordingly, pursuant to the Authority contained in said Act of December 18, 1971, and Subpart 2651.2 of said regulations, notice is hereby given that the following is a list of Native villages not listed in Section 11 (b) of the Act who have filed applications with the Director, Juneau Area Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs for the determination of their eligibility for land benefits under the Act:

Name of Unlisted Native Village	Bureau of Land Management Serial Number
Aiaktalik	AA-8481
Alexander (Alexander Creek)	AA-8487
Attu	AA-8488
Anton Larsen Bay	AA-8460
Ayakulik	AA-8482
Bells Flats	AA-8459
Bettles Field (Evansville)	F-19328
Caswell	AA-8468
Chenega	AA-8483
Chickaloon	AA-8489
Chuloonawick (Chuloonavik)	F-19571
Council	F-19525
Eyak	AA-8484
Haycock	F-19578
Haines	AA-8465
Healy Lake	F-19329
Kasilof	AA-8464
King Island	F-19573
Knik	AA-8485
Litnik	AA-8490
Little Afognak	AA-8469
Montana Creek	AA-8495
Point Possession	AA-8462
Port William	AA-8461
Solomon	F-19570
Tenakee	AA-8491
Uganik	AA-8492
Umkumute (Umkumiute)	F-19558
Wiseman	F-19575
Woody Island	AA-8463

The foregoing applications were filed in duplicate with the Director, Juneau Area Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs prior to September 1, 1973. All of the above listed applications constituted prima facie evidence of compliance with the requirements of Subpart 2651.2(b) of the regulations. The Director, Juneau Area Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs has already filed the above listed applications with the appropriate office of the Bureau of Land Management and each application identifies the township or townships in which each Native village is located.

Pursuant to Subpart 2651.2(a)(8) of the regulations the Director, Juneau Area Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs is publishing a notice of the filing of the above listed applications in the Federal Register and in one or more newspapers of general circulation in Alaska and shall promptly review the statement contained in each application. He shall investigate and examine records and evidence that may have a bearing on the character of the village and its eligibility pursuant to this Subpart 2651, and thereafter make findings of fact as to the character of each village. No later than December 19, 1973, the Director, Juneau Area Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, shall make a determination as to the eligibility of each village as a Native village for land benefits under the Act and shall issue a decision. He shall publish his decision in the Federal Register and in one or more newspapers of general circulation in Alaska and shall make a copy of the decision to the representative or representatives of each village, all villages in the region in which the village is located, all regional corporations, and the State of Alaska.

Any interested party may protest a decision of the Director, Juneau Area Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, regarding the eligibility of a Native village for land benefits under the provisions of Section 11(b)(3)(A) and (B) of the Act by filing a notice of protest with the Director, Juneau Area Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, within thirty days from the date of publication of the decision in the Federal Register. A copy of the protest must be mailed to the representative or representatives of the village, all villages in the region in which the village is located, all regional corporations within Alaska, the State of Alaska, and any other parties of record. If no protest is received within the thirty-day period, the decision shall become final and the Director, Juneau Area Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, shall certify the record and the decision to the Secretary. No protest shall be considered which is not accompanied by supporting evidence. Anyone protesting a decision concerning the eligibility or ineligibility of any unlisted Native village shall have the burden of proof in establishing that the decision is incorrect. Such decision shall become final unless appealed to the Secretary by a notice filed with the Ad Hoc Board as established in Section 2651.2(a)(5) of the regulations within thirty days of its publication in the Federal Register.

This is the first and only notice of applications filed requesting the determination of eligibility of unlisted villages under the provisions of Section 11(b)(3) of the Act.

Morris Thompson
Director

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