

700,000 Acres of Land Patented By State In Past Month

Burton W. Silcock, state director for the Bureau of Land Management, announced that almost 700,000 acres were patented to the State of Alaska during the past month.

Over 3.7 million acres have been patented since 1959. Prior to July 1, 1964 BLM had patented 1.5 million acres. Since then another 2.2 million acres have been patented.

The State has selected over 17 million acres out of the total of 104 million acres

granted by the Statehood Act.

In addition to the patented land, the State has been given approval by BLM to manage almost 10 million acres of the 17 million acres selected.

This includes disposal of surface and mineral resources and the issuance of long term leases.