

# BLM Annual Equipment Rental Meeting

The Bureau of Land Management will be holding its annual equipment rental meeting at the Alaska Auditorium on April 23, 1973 at 1 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting

will be to inform the community of those types of equipment which the BLM may need to rent for its Fire Control and other field programs.

Additionally, the procedures

for doing equipment rental business with the BLM will be discussed. Offer forms and conditions of rental will be available.

Types of equipment which

have been rented in past years include crawler tractors, buses, tractors with lowboys and highboys, flatbed trucks, fuel and water tankers, off-the-road vehicles, volume pumps, welders, field lavatories, forklifts, storage vans, and other less predictable items.

Similar meetings will be held in Delta Junction on April 19 at 10 a.m. and in Tok on April 18 at 1 p.m.

Questions regarding these meetings may be directed to Bill Ward at 456-6687.


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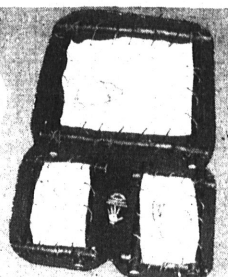


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## EDA Grants to Alaska Native Associations

Representative Don Young announced that the Economic Development Administration is continuing its series of grants to Alaskan Native Associations for planning economic growth and new jobs in rural Alaska.

Young said that the EDA has awarded two \$50,000 grants to Arctic Slope Native Associations in Barrow and another to the Bristol Bay Native Association in Dillingham to help both groups conduct planning and development programs for one year.

"I am very happy that the Associations themselves are contributing to help their own region. In Bristol Bay the Association is providing \$17,000 and in Barrow \$18,000 to the program," Young said.

He noted that several regional associations have already been awarded these planning grants to promote new jobs and continued economic development in remote areas.

"Bethel, for example, received \$50,000 last week," Young noted.

"Coupled with the passage of a new Rural Electric Act by a vote of 317 to 92 in the House on April 3, these grants can go a long way toward helping provide new employment in the Bush.

"The REA act, if it passes the Senate as I hope it will, will again make it possible for remote communities to obtain low interest loans to build and operate electric generation power facilities," Young stated.

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