

# Chugach selects timber, coal lands Outside

Native Land Claims Act selections made by Chugach Native Inc. recently include as one option thousands of timber and coal producing areas in the Lower 48 states.

CNI presented five withdrawal option selections for land due the corporation under the Alas-

ka Native Land Claims Act to the Chugach Region Study Commission this week. The commission met Tuesday to discuss the withdrawals but made no conclusion.

Under ANLCA, Chugach is entitled to 378,000 acres of land or a settlement of equal value.

Chugach has almost no land now and is seeking high-revenue lands. The region is able to select lands outside the traditional region because most land in the region is owned by the state or federal government or is on glaciers or mountain tops.

There already has been strong urging that CNI accept a cash settlement because much of the land in the traditional region is already taken.

Chugach President Edgar Blatchford said some of the land selections in the Outside were made because they are scheduled to be opened to development soon.

There are 157,000 acres of timber land in Washington and Oregon which are scheduled

to be opened to cutting and 56,000 acres of coal producing land listed as "Western coal land" which Blatchford said is scheduled to be opened for development soon.

Timberland in Southeast Alaska also was selected as one of the options.

The study group has until Oct. 19 to present a recommendation on what land to give CNI to President Ronald Reagan for action. The study group is composed of CNI, the federal Department of the Agriculture and the Interior and the State of Alaska.

Nominations options submitted by CNI, June 23, 1981

Option A: Out-of-State Option—

Oregon and Washington timber lands, 157,201 acres; Western coal lands (Option A), 33,430 acres; Southeast Alaska timber lands, 112,385 acres; Yakataga (state) timber, 63,776 acres; In-Region Prior Withdrawals, Icy Bay, 47,750 acres; Cape Yakataga, 1,078 acres; Copper River, 9,212; Total, 424,832 acres.

Option B: Modified Out-of-State Option - Western coal lands (Option B), 56,270 acres; Southeast Alaska timber lands, 112,385 acres; Yakataga (state) timber, 63,776 acres; Carbon

Mountain, 25,757 acres; Bering River coal field, 48,657 acres; State selected lands - Shotgun Cove, 100 acres; Glacier Island, 200 acres; Port Etches, 225 acres; Horseshoe Bay, 575 acres; Jack Bay, 500 acres; Small federal holdings, 3,901 acres; 14(h)(8) selections, 33,167 acres.

Option C: Out-of-Region (in-State) Option - Southeast Alaska timber lands, 112,385 acres; Yakataga (state) timber, 63,776 acres; In-Region Prior Withdrawals - same as Option A; Carbon Mountain, 25,757 acres; Bering River coal field, 48,657 acres; State selected lands - same as in Option B; Small federal holdings, 3,901 acres; 14(h)(8) selections, 33,167 acres; Martin River timber (surface only), 26,580 acres; Kushtaka Lake timber (surface only), 8,751 acres; Bremner River mouth (surface only), 13,549 acres; Katalla (plus additional 48,880 acres in lieu subsurface for Nos. 11, 12 and 13 above), 17,525; Total 413,688.

Option D: In-Region (including state lands) Option - Yakataga (state) land, 63,776; In-Region Prior Withdrawals, same as in option A; Carbon Mountain, 25,757 acres; Bering River coal field, 48,657 acres; (Continued on Page Eleven)

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State selected lands - Same as in Option B; Small federal holdings, 3,901 acres; 14(h)(8) selections, 33,167 acres; Martin River timber, 26,580 acres; Kushtaka Lake timber, 8,751 acres; Bremner River mouth, 13,549 acres; Katalla, 66,405 acres; 14(h)(8) overselections, 45,251 acres; Controller Bay, 10,174 acres; Icy Bay Addition, 12,868 acres; Total 418,476.

Option E: In-Region (federal lands only) Option - In-Region Prior Withdrawals - Same as in Option B; Carbon Mountain, 25,757 acres; Bering River coal field, 48,657 acres; State selected lands - same as in Option B; Small federal holdings, 3,901 acres; 14(h)(8) selections, 33,167 acres; Martin River timber, 26,580 acres; Kushtaka Lake timber, 8,751 acres; Bremner River mouth, 13,549 acres; Katalla, 66,405 acres; 14(h)(8) overselections, 45,251 acres; Controller Bay, 10,174 acres; Icy Bay addition, 12,868 acres; Nellie Juan - College Fjord Wilderness Study area - Culross Passage, 14,500 acres; Esther Passage, 7,785 acres; Long Channel, 4,276 acres; Miners Lake - Cannery Creek, 10,525 acres; Coghill Lake, 15,650 acres; Point Pakenham, 10,164 acres; Olsen Cove, 610; Exit Glacier - Resurrection River, 6,480 acres; Snow River, 960 acres; Kings Bay, 6,850 acres; Nellie Juan Light, 1,465 acres; Hidden Bay - Culross Island, 1,535 acres; Port Chalmers - Montague Island, 960 acres; Zaikof Bay, 4,075 acres; Total 440,535.