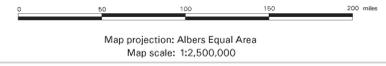


STATE OF ALASKA LAND SELECTION PROJECT OVERVIEW OF PRIORITIES FOR OWNERSHIP

For the General Grant Casetype
As of August 29, 1995



Ownership Priority Group	Primary Resource Type				Total Acres (Thousands)
	Oil & Gas	Minerals	Surface	Corridors	
1 High Priority	3,428	4,730	2,484*	877	11,519
2 Medium Priority	1,046	891	2,384	1,180	5,501
3 Low Priority		2,589	1,034		3,623
Total acres (Thousands)	4,474	8,210	5,902	2,057	20,643

* The Surface Group 1 lands include approximately 275,000 acres of additional High Priority Group 1 lands identified by DNR's Division of Land through the Conveyance Priority List (CPL) process.

General Land Status

- State patented or tentatively approved land
- State selected under General Grant (GS) but not in the top three ownership priority groups
- State selected or topped under grants other than General Grant (GS), and therefore not subject to this ranking process.
- National parks, preserves, refuges, and other major federal withdrawals
- Native land or federal vacant, unappropriated, and unreserved land

Explanation of Priorities

The U.S. Congress granted the State of Alaska a total of over 105 million acres in the 1958 Alaska Statehood Act. Alaska has received patent or tentative approval of patent to over 89 million acres, leaving 16 million acres to fulfill the entitlement. The majority of the remaining state land will come from the selections (about 20.3 million acres) shown on this map. The selections are ranked independent of conflicting land status. In some cases, the lands are also selected by native corporations, in other cases they are presently not available due to federal withdrawals.

During FY92-94, the Department of Natural Resources led a multi-agency effort to review approximately 39 million acres of land available for state selection. The goal was to identify the top 20 million acres of land, as valued by their oil and gas, subsurface (mineral), surface, and corridor potentials. After the land was selected, the General Grant (GS) lands were divided into seven broad classifications for ownership. Groups 1, 2, and 3 combined are approximately equal to the amount of Alaska's remaining entitlement plus 25% (total of 20.3 million acres) and are the state's top priorities for ownership. All land the state wants to acquire under the General Grant are in these three categories. Selections ranked lower than Group 3 may not become state owned.

Lands depicted on this Resource Priority map are from Groups 1, 2, and 3 only. The areas illustrated on this map were consistently shown to be most valuable with respect to interactions with oil and gas, subsurface (mineral), and surface potentials. Lands designated for acquisition of corridors may also overlap with high interest for oil and gas, subsurface (mineral), or surface potential.

To communicate the first priority resource values for these selections, the ranking information by resource type is mutually exclusive and hierarchical. For example, Group 1 land was entirely shaded before Group 2 land, and Group 2 entirely shaded before Group 3. Within each group, the hierarchy was Oil & Gas, Minerals, Surface, and Corridors. Thus, the many areas of resource overlap are not distinguished on this map, but the major resource types for pending selections are clearly stated. Please refer to the companion map, "Corridor Priorities for State Ownership," for more details on the corridor priorities.

Sources

Corridors were identified during FY92 Land Selections Project by the State Pipeline Coordinators Office (SPCO). They were further evaluated by State of Alaska's Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT/PP) during FY95 Land Selections Project, and were prioritized for ownership through an inter-agency process that evaluated and ranked all selected lands. State land status provided by the State of Alaska's Land Administration System (LAS) as of July 31, 1995. Native land status provided by the Bureau of Land Management's files as of January, 1994. Federal land status (parks, preserves, refuges, and other withdrawals) last updated by DNR during May, 1995.



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