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[Public Land Order 4582]

ALASKA**Withdrawal of Unreserved Lands**

By virtue of the authority vested in the President by section 1 of the act of June 25, 1910 (36 Stat. 347, 43 U.S.C. 141), as amended, and pursuant to Executive Order No. 10355 of May 26, 1952 (17 F.R. 4831), it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, and subject to the conditions hereinafter set forth, all public lands in Alaska which are unreserved or which would otherwise become unreserved prior to the expiration of this order, are hereby withdrawn from all forms of appropriation and disposition under the public land laws (except locations for metalliferous minerals), including selection by the State of Alaska pursuant to the Alaska Statehood Act (72 Stat. 339), and from leasing under the Mineral Leasing Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 437; 30 U.S.C. 181, et seq.), as amended, and reserved under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior for the determination and protection of the rights of the native Aleuts, Eskimos, and Indians of Alaska. The withdrawal and reservation created by this order shall expire at 12 (midnight), A.s.t., December 31, 1970.

2. Unless otherwise required by law, all applications for leases, licenses, permits, or land title transfers which were pending before the Department of the Interior on the effective date of this order, will be given the same status and consideration beginning at 12 (noon) A.s.t., on April 2, 1971, as though there had been no intervening period, unless previously recalled by the applicant.

3. From January 1, 1971, until 12 (noon) A.s.t., on April 2, 1971, the State of Alaska shall, subject to the provisions of paragraph 2 of this order, have a preferred right of selection as provided by section 6(g) of the Alaska Statehood Act of July 7, 1958 (72 Stat. 341). Any public lands not selected by the State and not otherwise reserved shall at 12 (noon) A.s.t., on April 2, 1971, become subject to appropriation under the public land laws, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals and the requirements of applicable law.

4. Applications filed by the State of Alaska before January 4, 1969, to select unreserved public lands under the Statehood Act, which at the time of such filings were embraced in leases, licenses, permits, or contracts issued pursuant to the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 supra, or the Alaska Coal Leasing Act of 1914 (38 Stat. 741, as amended, 49 U.S.C. 122), and applications filed by the State of Alaska before December 13, 1968, to select other unreserved lands under the Statehood Act, shall be processed in accordance with the policies and procedures of this Department designed to protect the rights of the native Aleuts, Eskimos, and Indians of Alaska, which were in effect on the date of this order.

5. This order may be modified or amended by the Secretary of the Interior or his delegate upon the filing of an application which demonstrates that such modification or amendment is required for the construction of public or economic facilities in the public interest. Applications for such modification or amendment should be filed in the land office of the Bureau of Land Management, Anchorage, Alaska.

STEWART L. UDALL,
Secretary of the Interior.

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