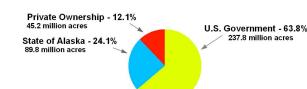
Tanana Chiefs Conferece

Who Owns/Manages Alaska?



R ussian traders arrived in Alaska in the mid-1700's and established small, scattered trading posts and settlements. Alaska Natives (the Eskimo, Indian, and Aleut peoples) continued as the primary landowners during this period of Russian occupation. On October 18, 1867, Russia sold Alaska to the United States government. As a result, the federal government owned the Alaska Territory, approximately 373 million acres - about one-fifth the size of the rest of the U.S.



State of Alaska - 89.8 million acres

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Under the terms of the Alaska Statehood Act of 1959, the federal government granted the new state 28% ownership of its total area. Approximately 103,350,000 acres were to be elected under three types of grants:

1) Community - 400,000 acres

2) National Forest Community - 400,000 acres

3) General - 102,550,000 acres

Additional territorial grants for schools, university and mental health trust lands, totaling 1.2 million acres were confirmed with statehood.

All grants combined gave the State of Alaska approximately 105 million acres. To date, 89.9 million acres has been granted with the balance expected to be granted by 2009.

ANCSA Native Corporation (Private) 39.3 million acres

On December 18, 1971, P. L. 92-203, the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act was signed into law. The purpose of ANCSA was to legislate the terms by which Alaska Natives could acquire title to their lands. This claim had been unersolved for more than 100 years since the United States purchased Alaska from Russia in 1867.

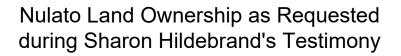
Native lands are private lands. ANCSA mandated the creation of regional and village Native corporations to manage 44 million acres and payment of one billion dollars. Thirteen regional corporations were created for the distribution of ANSCA land and money. Tweve of those shared in selection of 16 million acres, the thirteenth corporation, based in Seattle, received a cash settlement only 224 village corporations, of 25 or more residents, shared 26 million acres. The remaining acres, which include historical sites and existing Nativeowned lands, went into a land pool to provide land to small villages of less than 25 people. To date, 333 million acres here then transferred to ANCSA corporations.

Non-ANCSA Private & Local Government - 5.9 million acres

Land in private ownership (other than Native land) comprises less than one percent of the total land in Alaska. Much of the best land for development around Alaska's communities is, or will be, privatel yowned. Private land development meets people's needs by providing places to live, work, shop and recreate. It also provides a tax base for citles and communities to help support public services.

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Because local governments in Alaska have individual methods of transfering land into private ownership, land currently owned by them is grouped into this catagory.



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Alaska is one-fifth the size of the conterminous 48 states.



Bureau of Land Management - 82.5 million acres In Alaska, BLM's focus is conveying land, wildland fire management, overseeing the Jant Pipeline Office (a pathership with the state and other federal agencies with oversight responsibility of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline), and responding to the public demand for use of the land they manage.

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service - 78.8 million acres The USFWS manages 16 wildlife refuges in Alaska. The two largest are the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge and much storied Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), both of which are approximately 19 millon acres.

National Park Service - 52.4 million acres There are eight national parks in Alaska, including the five largest in the national park system: Wrangell-St. Elias National Park & Preserve - 13,175,901 acres Gates of the Arctic National Park & Preserve - 8,472,506 acres Denail National Park & Preserve - 8,472,506 acres Denail National Park & Preserve - 8,072,00 acres

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U.S. Forest Service - 22.3 million acres

The USFS manages two National Forests in Alaska. The Tongass NF, 16.8 million acres, and the Chugach NF, 5.5 million acres are the two largest national forests in the U.S. The USFS manages these lands for a wide range of goods and services while conserving and protecting them.

Department of Defense - 1.7 million acres

Dept. of Defense lands in Alaska provide for a unique training environment, most notably at the Northern Warfare Training Center in the Tanana Valley in the Interior.

🔪 Highway

- Alaska Marine Highway System (state ferry) Route
- Town, population more than 2500

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