

ERRATA AND ADDENDA

Section

Revision

An Overview

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Area in Millions of Acres

| <u>Unit</u>                        | <u>Type of Withdrawals (PL 92-203)</u> |                                  |                          | <u>Total</u> |
|------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
|                                    | <u>Public Interest Lands</u>           | <u>Conservation System Lands</u> | <u>Pipeline Corridor</u> |              |
| Wrangell Mountains National Forest | 2.6                                    | 8.8                              |                          | 11.4         |
| Fortymile National Forest          | 3.2                                    | 1.6                              |                          | 4.8          |
| Porcupine National Forest          | 0.4                                    | 5.1                              |                          | 5.5          |
| Koyukuk National Forest            | 0.9                                    | 0.9                              | 0.9                      | 2.7          |
| Yukon National Forest              | 3.4                                    | 4.3                              |                          | 7.7          |
| Kuskokwim National Forest          | 3.6                                    |                                  |                          | 3.6          |
| Lake Clark National Forest         | .5                                     | 3.2                              |                          | 3.7          |
| New National Forests               | 14.6                                   | 23.9                             | .9                       | 39.4         |
| Tongass/Chugach NF Extensions      | 1.2                                    | 1.4                              |                          | 2.6          |
| Total                              | 15.8                                   | 25.3                             | .9                       | 42.0         |

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REPLY TO: 5510 Modification

July 21, 1972

SUBJECT: Creation of New National Forests in Alaska

TO: Don Bauer, Forest Supervisor, San Bernardino N.F., R-5

On December 18, 1971, P.L. 92-203, titled the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA), was approved. This Act provides for settlement of Alaska Native claims. In addition it provided a basis for selecting areas within Alaska best suited for permanent reservation in Federal ownership as National Forests, National Parks, Wildlife Refuges and Wild and Scenic Rivers. Toward this latter end, the Act empowered the Secretary of Interior to withdraw lands pending study to determine if they should be retained or disposed.

On March 16, 1972, Secretary Morton issued Public Land Orders designating a total of 127 million acres be set aside for more thorough review. The review period will be over on September 18 at which time Secretary Morton will announce the final withdrawals from which the Forests, Parks, Refuges and Wild and Scenic River selections will be made over the next 5 years.

A Forest Service planning team has reviewed available information to determine which of these withdrawn lands are suitable for inclusion in the National Forest System. The Secretary of Agriculture has endorsed the enclosed report and requested the Secretary of Interior to implement its recommendations.

We expect new National Forest creations in Alaska and believe the units we have proposed offer greater beneficial contributions to the Nation's well being through management under multiple-use National Forests than under any of the other National conservation systems.

We know that you and many of your people will want to become familiar with the report and its recommendations. Many individuals, organized groups and agencies of Government will be making their positions known during this next year. Every opportunity we have to make others aware of the public benefits from creating new National Forests in Alaska will be important.

The Alaska Region is coordinating this effort for the Service, and we intend to have members of the Alaska Planning Team contact many of the Regions during the next few months for a more complete briefing.

This is, perhaps, the last opportunity to create new National Forests. Service-wide support is essential. Call me if you have questions or suggestions.

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Regional Forester  
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Regards

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