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ALASKA NATIVE VETERANS ALLOTMENT PROGRAM of 2019

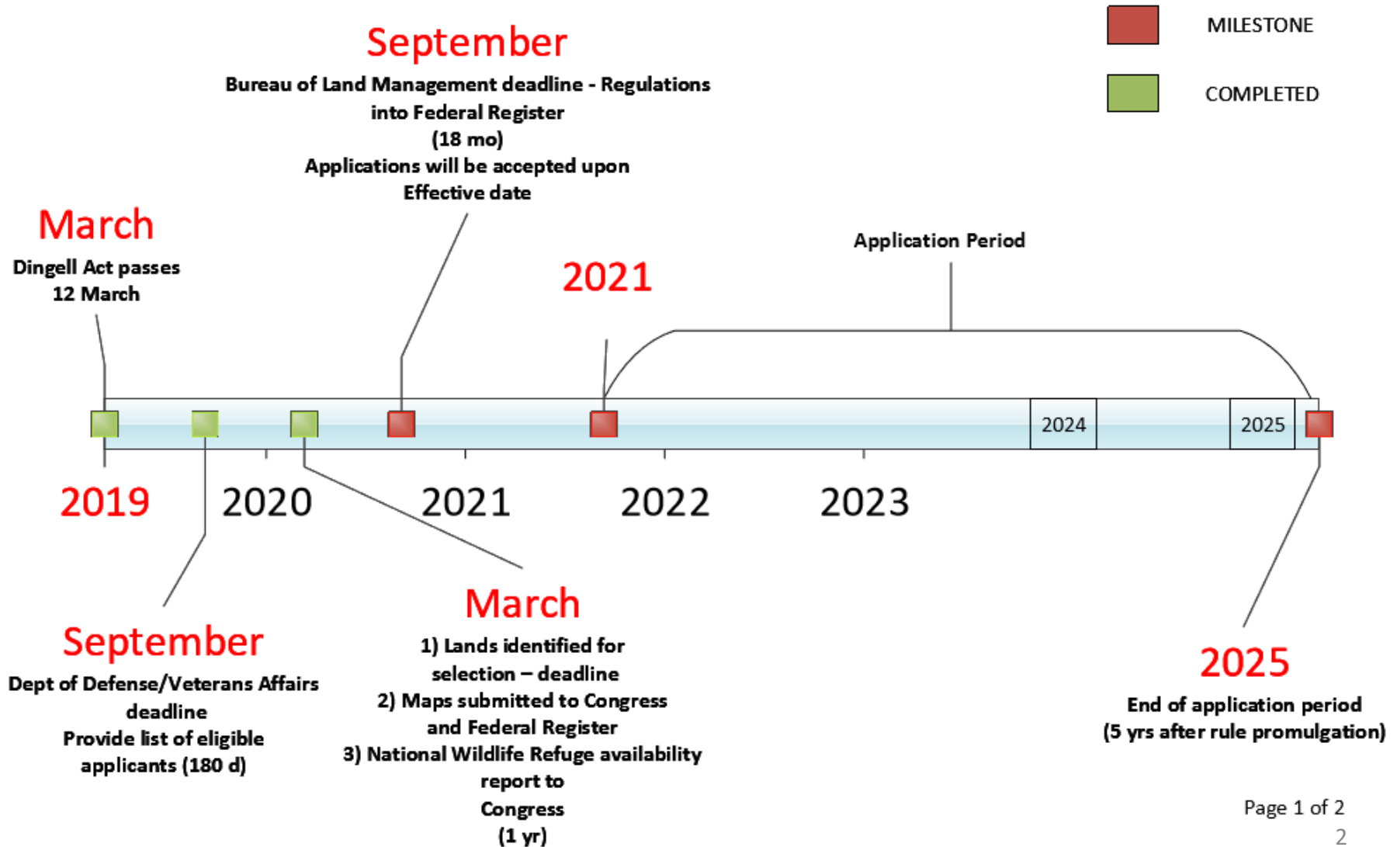
Section 1119 of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act, of March 12, 2019, Pub. L 116-9, codified at 43 U.S.C. 1629g-1



July, 2020

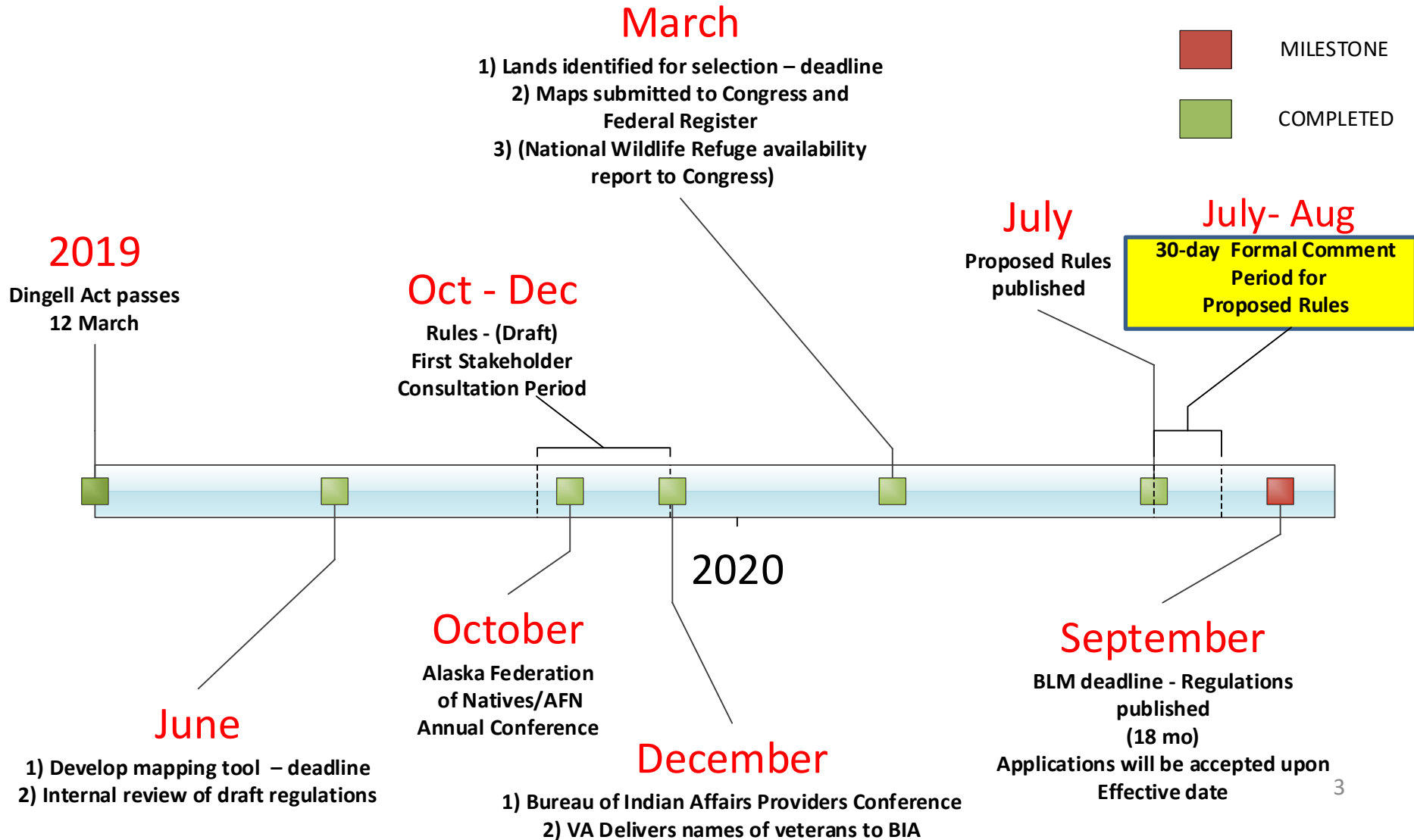


Timeline March 12, 2019 – April 2026





Where we are





Eligibility Notification

DoD and VA

DoD and VA - Compile data of Veterans who served between 8/5/64 – 12/31/71



(Reviewing status of discharge)

BIA

Compares lists - Determines whether individual is an Alaska Native per Law



BLM

Determines if eligible Native Veterans have previously received an allotment pursuant to Law



Eligible Individual

Eligible Native Veteran receives notification from BLM



Eligibility Notification Letters



United States Department of the Interior



BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Alaska State Office
222 West Seventh Avenue, #13
Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504
www.blm.gov/alaska

In Reply Refer To:
Alaska Native Veteran Allotment Program (2569)
(944)

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Dear [Redacted Name] or Heir:

You / [Redacted Name] have has been identified as a potentially eligible individual for the Alaska Native Veteran Allotment Program!¹ This program will permit you/the personal representative of [Redacted Name]'s [estate to select a parcel of land containing not less than 2.5 acres and not more than 160 acres. You will receive a second notification with an application form once the final rules are published. The Bureau of Land Management will accept applications once the final rules are published in the *Federal Register*, which is expected by end of September 2020.

An Eligible Individual is an Alaska Native² Veteran³ who served in the Armed Forces during the period between August 5, 1964, and December 31, 1971 and does not have a pending application or has not already received an allotment under the Alaska Native Allotment Act,⁴ the Alaska Native Veteran Allotment Act of 1998,⁵ or a Permanent Place or Residence under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.⁶

The Federal government will keep you/the personal representative updated on the process via mail. Please make sure you/the personal representative keep(s) the following agencies updated with your most current contact information.

¹ Section 1119 of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act of March 12, 2019¹ allows eligible individuals to receive an allotment of a single parcel of available Federal lands in Alaska of up to 160 acres. Pub. L. 116-9; 43 U.S.C. 1629g-1.

² Section 3(b) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1602(b))

³ Defined as meeting the qualifications listed in 38 U.S.C. 101(2).

⁴ Act of May 17, 1906 (34 Stat. 197, chapter 2467) (as in effect on December 17, 1971)

⁵ Section 41 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. §1629g)

⁶ Section 14(b)(5) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. §1613(b)(5))

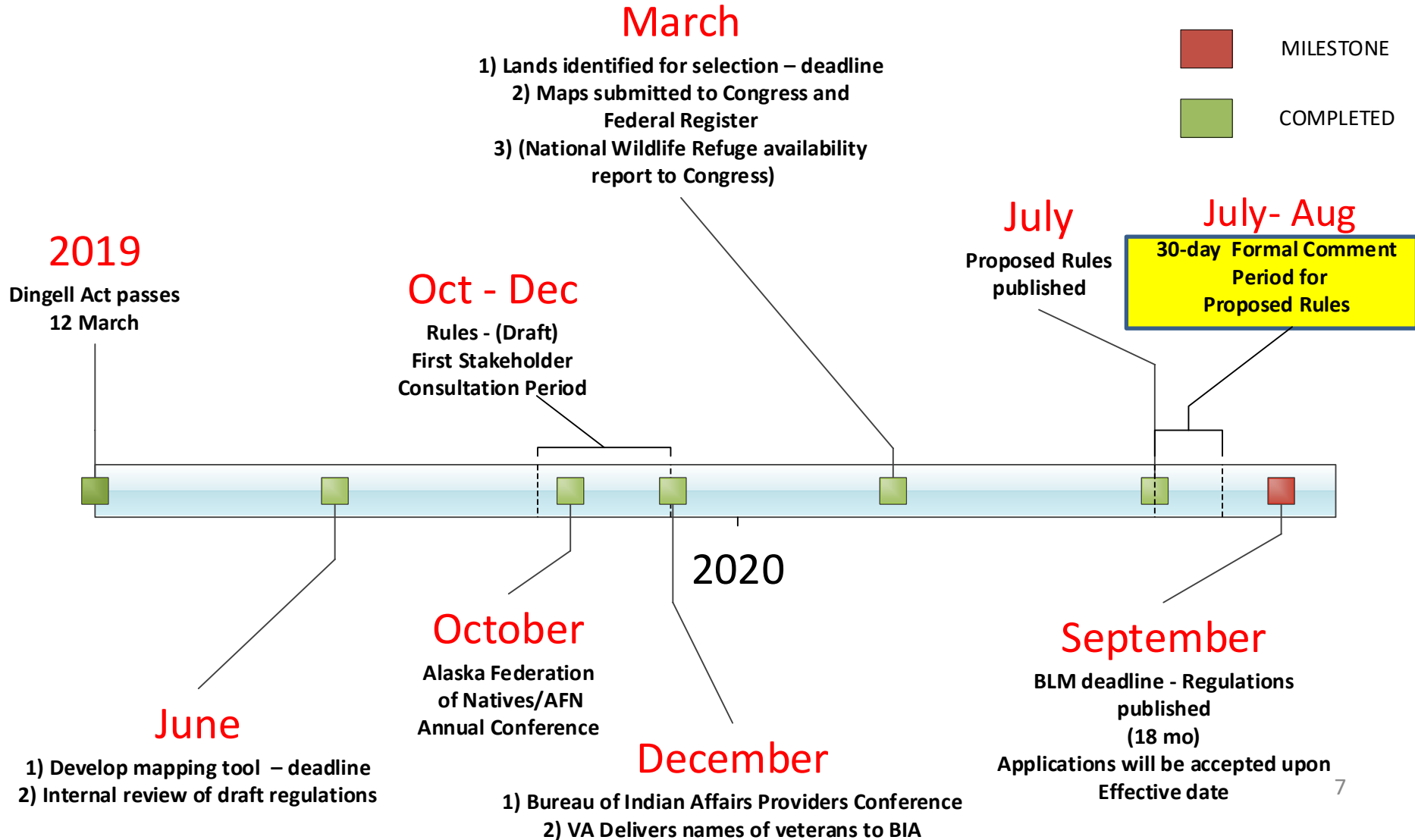


Potential Eligible Individual

- Receives outreach from VA/BLM via news (TV, written, web, BIA Service Providers)
- Contacts appropriate certification agency (DoD, BIA) with update information
- Submits updated certification documents to BLM for final eligibility determination



Where we are - Rules






Proposed Rules

<https://www.blm.gov/alaska/2019AKNativeVetsLand>

Due to COVID-19, BLM is temporarily restricting in-person public access to visitor centers and public rooms in some of our Alaska offices. [LEARN MORE](#)>

Are You an Alaska Native Vietnam-era Vet?



You may be entitled to a Native allotment selection, if you:

- are an Alaska Native Vietnam veteran who served between 1964 and 1971
- and have not received a Native allotment
- or are an heir to someone who meets the above criteria

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QUICK LINKS

[FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS >](#)

[AVAILABLE LANDS MAP >](#)
Instructions for Available Lands Map >

[DOWNLOAD 2020 INFO FLYER >](#)

RULES STATUS

The proposed rules to guide the program are slated for publication in the *Federal Register* in late June, which will also begin a 30-day formal public review and comment period. A draft of that notice is currently available to preview below. The final rules governing administration of the program, including actions for the submission and review of allotment applications, is expected to fall in 2020.

[PREVIEW PROPOSED RULES >](#)
(Not yet published in *Federal Register*)

PUBLIC MEETINGS

We encourage and look forward to public input for the anticipated upcoming open comment period. Following CDC guidelines to keep our communities and employees

ELIGIBLE ALASKA NATIVE VETERANS CAN GET UP TO 160 ACRES OF FEDERAL LAND

The Alaska Native Veterans Program of 2019 will provide the opportunity for eligible Vietnam-era veterans or their heirs to select 2.5 to 160 acres of Federal land in Alaska.

Act Now

Eligible veterans cannot apply yet, but they can **act now** to ensure they receive applications later this year:

1. Update your mailing address and phone number with your [BIA Realty Tribal Service Provider](#) and personal representative, (if applicable). *Enrollment Verification: (907) 271-4506 | BIA Realty: (800) 645-8465*

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management
43 CFR Part 2569
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RIN 1004-AE66

ALASKA NATIVE VIETNAM-ERA VETERANS ALLOTMENTS

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior

ACTION: Proposed Rule.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to issue regulations to enable certain Alaska Native Vietnam-era veterans to apply for land allotments under Section 1119 of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act of March 12, 2019 (Dingell Act). The Dingell Act requires the BLM to issue regulations to implement the Act's land allotment provisions. This proposed rule would enable certain Alaska Native Vietnam-era veterans who, because of their military service, were not able to apply for an allotment during the late 1960s and early 1970s to do so now.

DATES: Please submit comments on this proposed rule to the BLM on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]. The BLM is not obligated to consider any comments received after this date in making its decision on the final rule.

The proposed rule includes information collection activities that must be approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). If you wish to comment on the information collection requirements in this proposed rule, please note that the OMB is required to

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Commenting on Rules

**First comment period - Comments
(by December 13, 2019)**

**Second comment period – for 30 days after
Federal Register publication (est. June/July 2020)**

Email:

BLM_AK_Native_Vietnam_Allotment_Rule@blm.gov

Mail:

BLM – Native Vietnam Allotments Rule
222 W. 7th Ave. #13
Anchorage, AK 99513-7504

Outreach

Current

- Website:

<https://www.blm.gov/alaska/2019AKNativeVetsLand>

- Outreach meetings
- Regional Workshops (Train the trainer)

Future

- Multi-media
- Meetings on request



Up to 160 acres each for eligible Alaska Native veterans

Eligible Vietnam-era veterans cannot apply yet, but they can act now to ensure they receive applications for up to 160 acres of Federal land later this year under the Alaska Native Veteran Program of 2019.

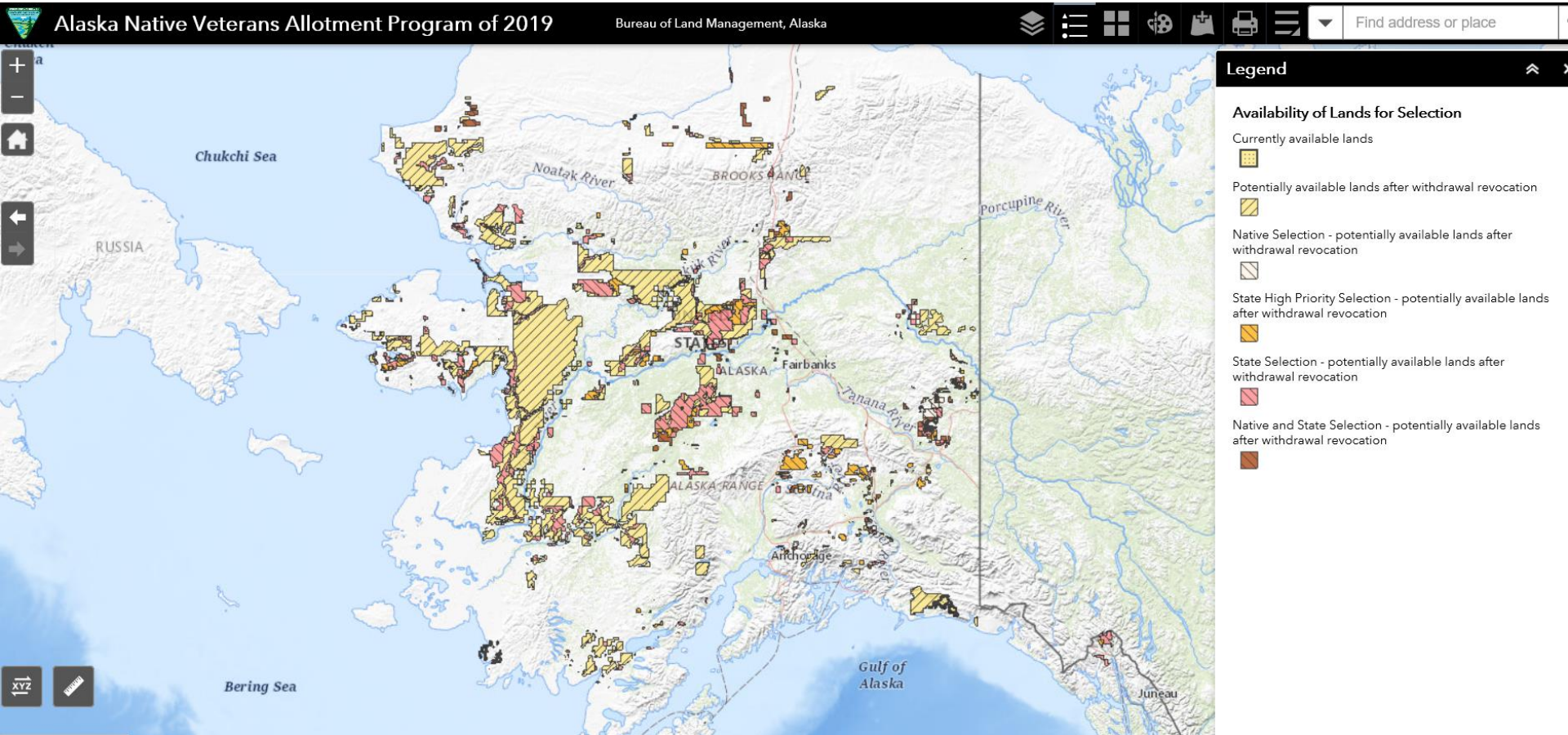


What can potential applicants do right now?

- Update contact information with local BIA or BIA Service Provider
 - BIA Enrollment (907)271-4506
 - BIA Realty (907) 271-4104
- DD214 (or DoD approved for deceased in action) – locate or obtain
- Appoint a personal representative for eligible individuals who are deceased:
<http://courts.Alaska.gov/shc/probate/probate.htm>
- Keep track on BLM website for updates



Where we are - Available Lands





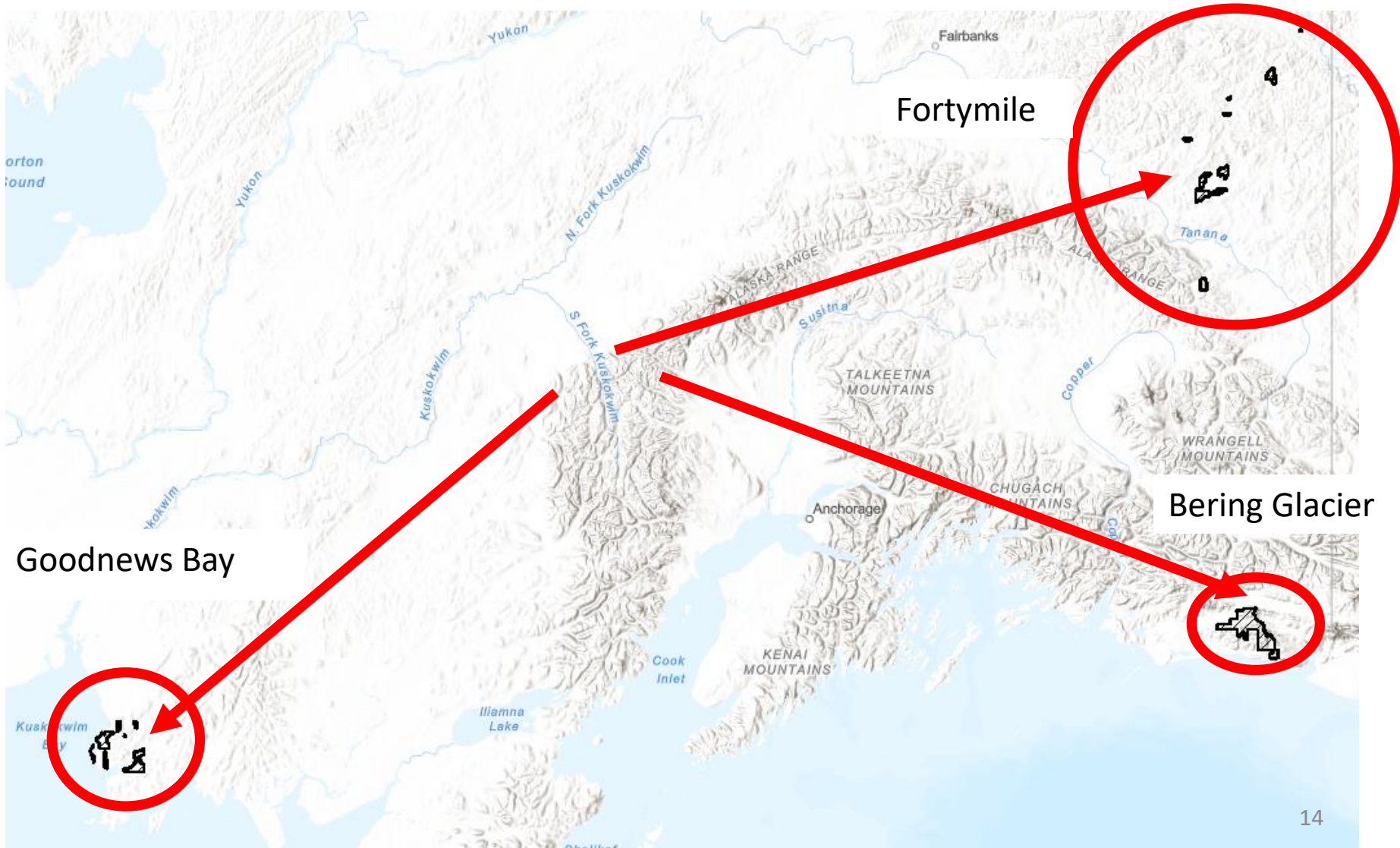
Available Lands Defined

vacant, unappropriated, and unreserved lands

means public domain lands that have never left Federal ownership and are not currently reserved, withdrawn, dedicated, or set aside for a specific purpose;



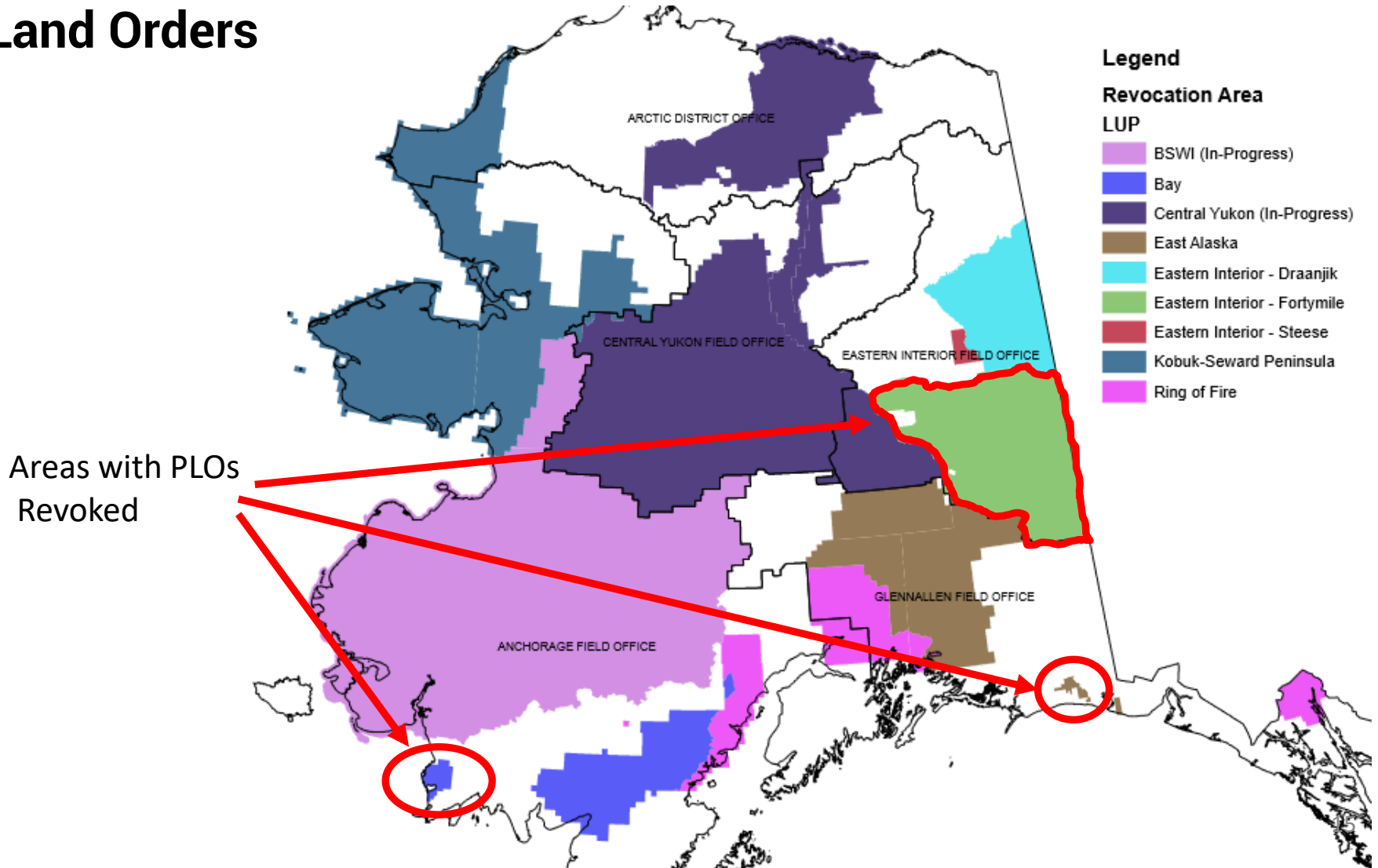
Currently Available Unreserved Lands





Potential Available Lands

Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act – Section 17(d)(1) Public Land Orders





Available Lands

43 USC 1629g-1(a)(1)

- (1) AVAILABLE FEDERAL LAND.—
 - (A) IN GENERAL.—The term “available Federal land” means Federal land in the State that—
 - (i) is vacant, unappropriated, and unreserved and is identified as available for selection under subsection (b)(5); or
 - (ii) has been **SELECTED BY, BUT NOT YET CONVEYED** to—
 - (I) the State, if the State agrees to voluntarily relinquish the selection of the Federal land for selection by an eligible individual; or
 - (II) a Regional Corporation or a Village Corporation, if the Regional Corporation or Village Corporation agrees to **VOLUNTARILY RELINQUISH** the selection of the Federal land for selection by an eligible individual.



Conditional Relinquishment Letter (Selected Lands)



Current Available Lands

Alaska Native Veterans Allotment Program of 2019 Map



Questions?

- Go to:
<https://www.blm.gov/alaska/2019AKNativeVetsLand>
- Contacts:
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