Timeline March 12, 2019 – April 2026

September

Bureau of Land Management deadline - Regulations into Federal Register
(18 mo)
Applications will be accepted upon Effective data

March

Dingell Act passes 12 March

2021

Application Period

2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025

September

Dept of Defense/Veterans Affairs deadline
Provide list of eligible applicants (180 d)

March

1) Lands identified for selection – deadline
2) Maps submitted to Congress and Federal Register
3) National Wildlife Refuge availability report to Congress (1 yr)

2025

End of application period (5 yrs after rule promulgation)
Where we are

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2) VA Delivers names of veterans to BIA

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July–Aug
30-day Formal Comment Period for Proposed Rules

2020
COMPLETED MILESTONE

30-day Formal Comment Period for Proposed Rules

July- Aug
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
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

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

• 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

Goodnews Bay

Fortymile

Bering Glacier
Areas with PLOs
Revoked
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

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