U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management

Alaska Native Veteran Program of 2019

John D. Dingell, Jr., Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act of 2019

SEPTEMBER 2020 UPDATE | The BLM mailed 1,975 eligibility notices between July and September, with about 270 records still pending eligibility determination by the VA. Final rules are being developed based on comments received in August. This means the application period could begin as early as December, 60 days after final regulations are published. Virtual public meetings were held in July, and a recording is available to view. BIA still suspects it has outdated mailing addresses for many of those eligible and is asking for your help ensuring potentially eligible veterans and their heirs know about the program. Get the latest updates, a map of available lands for selection, and answers to frequently asked questions about the program: at www.blm.gov/alaska/2019AKNativeVetsLand. More information on back.

Are You an Alaska Native Vietnam-era Vet?



Contact the BLM Native Allotment Section with questions at (907) 271-5998 or <u>CGrimes@blm.gov</u>.

Update your information with

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Enrollment Verification: (907) 271-4506 Realty: (800) 645-8465

BIA Realty Tribal Service Providers: www.bia.gov/regional-offices/alaska/realestate-services/tribal-service-providers

Department of Veterans Affairs

www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits (800) 827-1000

Your Local Tribal Organization

Your Personal Representative

Appoint a personal representative for eligible individuals who are deceased or their heirs: courts.alaska.gov/shc/probate/probate.htm

Alaska Legal Services Corporation (ALSC) may be able to provide assistance with coordinating personal representatives. You can find them online at <u>www.alsc-law.org/</u>.

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Program Status

March 12, 2019 | Dingell Act passes

VA & DoD provide BIA list of Vietnam Veterans

March 6, 2020 BLM identifies lands initially available

BIA reviews 10 mil Vietnam vets' to determine AK Native status

BLM reviews BIA list of vets to determine prior allotment status

July 2020

Eligibility Notification Begins

Rules Published

Application Period Opens 60 Days Later

Application Period Opens

Applications mailed & available online

Applications Submitted & Land Titles Issued

End of application period (5 years after rules published)

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