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To provide for the recognition of certain Alaska Native communities and the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes.

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Mr. BEGICH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on January 3, 2025]

A BILL

To provide for the recognition of certain Alaska Native communities and the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Unrecognized Southeast*
5 *Alaska Native Communities Recognition and Compensation*
6 *Act”.*

7 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE.**

8 *The purpose of this Act is to redress the omission of*
9 *the southeastern Alaska communities of Haines, Ketchikan,*
10 *Petersburg, Tenakee, and Wrangell from eligibility under*
11 *the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601*
12 *et seq.) by authorizing the Alaska Natives enrolled in the*
13 *communities—*

14 *(1) to form Urban Corporations for the commu-*
15 *nities of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, and*
16 *Wrangell under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement*
17 *Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.); and*

18 *(2) to receive certain settlement land pursuant to*
19 *that Act.*

20 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL NATIVE COR-**
21 **PORATIONS.**

22 *Section 16 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act*
23 *(43 U.S.C. 1615) is amended by adding at the end the fol-*
24 *lowing:*

1 “(e) *NATIVE VILLAGES OF HAINES, KETCHIKAN, PE-*
 2 *TERSBURG, TENAKEE, AND WRANGELL, ALASKA.*—

3 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Native residents of each*
 4 *of the Native Villages of Haines, Ketchikan, Peters-*
 5 *burg, Tenakee, and Wrangell, Alaska, may organize*
 6 *as Urban Corporations.*

7 “(2) *EFFECT ON ENTITLEMENT TO LAND.*—*Noth-*
 8 *ing in this subsection affects any entitlement to land*
 9 *of any Native Corporation established before the date*
 10 *of enactment of this subsection pursuant to this Act*
 11 *or any other provision of law.”.*

12 **SEC. 4. SHAREHOLDER ELIGIBILITY.**

13 *Section 8 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act*
 14 *(43 U.S.C. 1607) is amended by adding at the end the fol-*
 15 *lowing:*

16 “(d) *NATIVE VILLAGES OF HAINES, KETCHIKAN, PE-*
 17 *TERSBURG, TENAKEE, AND WRANGELL.*—

18 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary shall enroll to*
 19 *each of the Urban Corporations for Haines, Ketch-*
 20 *ikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, or Wrangell those indi-*
 21 *vidual Natives who enrolled under this Act to the Na-*
 22 *tive Villages of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg,*
 23 *Tenakee, or Wrangell, respectively.*

24 “(2) *NUMBER OF SHARES.*—*Each Native who is*
 25 *enrolled to an Urban Corporation for Haines, Ketch-*

1 *ikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, or Wrangell pursuant to*
 2 *paragraph (1) and who was enrolled as a shareholder*
 3 *of the Regional Corporation for Southeast Alaska*
 4 *shall receive 100 shares of Settlement Common Stock*
 5 *in the respective Urban Corporation.*

6 “(3) *NATIVES RECEIVING SHARES THROUGH IN-*
 7 *HERITANCE.—If a Native received shares of stock in*
 8 *the Regional Corporation for Southeast Alaska*
 9 *through inheritance from a decedent Native who*
 10 *originally enrolled to the Native Village of Haines,*
 11 *Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, or Wrangell and the*
 12 *decedent Native was not a shareholder in a Village*
 13 *Corporation or Urban Corporation, the Native shall*
 14 *receive the identical number of shares of Settlement*
 15 *Common Stock in the Urban Corporation for Haines,*
 16 *Ketchikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, or Wrangell as the*
 17 *number of shares inherited by that Native from the*
 18 *decedent Native who would have been eligible to be en-*
 19 *rolled to the respective Urban Corporation.*

20 “(4) *EFFECT ON ENTITLEMENT TO LAND.—Noth-*
 21 *ing in this subsection affects any previous or future*
 22 *allocation of acreage to any Regional Corporation*
 23 *pursuant to section 12(b) or 14(h)(8).”.*

1 **SEC. 5. DISTRIBUTION RIGHTS.**

2 *Section 7 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act*
 3 *(43 U.S.C. 1606) is amended—*

4 *(1) in subsection (j)—*

5 *(A) in the third sentence, by striking “In*
 6 *the case” and inserting the following:*

7 *“(3) THIRTEENTH REGIONAL CORPORATION.—In*
 8 *the case”;*

9 *(B) in the second sentence, by striking “Not*
 10 *less” and inserting the following:*

11 *“(2) MINIMUM ALLOCATION.—Not less”;*

12 *(C) by striking “(j) During” and inserting*
 13 *the following:*

14 *“(j) DISTRIBUTION OF CORPORATE FUNDS AND*
 15 *OTHER NET INCOME.—*

16 *“(1) IN GENERAL.—During”; and*

17 *(D) by adding at the end the following:*

18 *“(4) NATIVE VILLAGES OF HAINES, KETCHIKAN,*
 19 *PETERSBURG, TENAKEE, AND WRANGELL.—Native*
 20 *members of the Native Villages of Haines, Ketchikan,*
 21 *Petersburg, Tenakee, and Wrangell who become share-*
 22 *holders in an Urban Corporation for such a Native*
 23 *Village shall continue to be eligible to receive distribu-*
 24 *tions under this subsection as at-large shareholders of*
 25 *the Regional Corporation for Southeast Alaska.”; and*

26 *(2) by adding at the end the following:*

1 “(s) *EFFECT OF AMENDATORY ACT.*—*The Unrecog-*
 2 *nized Southeast Alaska Native Communities Recognition*
 3 *and Compensation Act and the amendments made by that*
 4 *Act shall not affect—*

5 “(1) *the ratio for determination of revenue dis-*
 6 *tribution among Native Corporations under this sec-*
 7 *tion; or*

8 “(2) *the settlement agreement among Regional*
 9 *Corporations or Village Corporations or other provi-*
 10 *sions of subsection (i) or (j).”.*

11 **SEC. 6. COMPENSATION.**

12 *The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C.*
 13 *1601 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:*

14 **“SEC. 43. URBAN CORPORATIONS FOR HAINES, KETCHIKAN,**
 15 **PETERSBURG, TENAKEE, AND WRANGELL.**

16 “(a) *DEFINITION OF URBAN CORPORATION.*—*In this*
 17 *section, the term ‘Urban Corporation’ means each of the*
 18 *Urban Corporations for Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg,*
 19 *Tenakee, and Wrangell.*

20 “(b) *CONVEYANCES OF LAND.*—

21 “(1) *AUTHORIZATION.*—

22 “(A) *CONVEYANCES TO URBAN CORPORA-*
 23 *TIONS.*—

1 “(i) *IN GENERAL.*—Subject to valid ex-
2 isting rights and paragraphs (3), (4), (5),
3 and (6), the Secretary shall convey—

4 “(I) to the Urban Corporation for
5 Haines, in accordance with clause (ii),
6 the surface estate in 13 parcels of Fed-
7 eral land comprising approximately
8 23,040 acres, as generally depicted on
9 the maps entitled ‘Haines Selections’,
10 numbered 1 through 3, and dated June
11 27, 2025;

12 “(II) to the Urban Corporation
13 for Ketchikan, the surface estate in 8
14 parcels of Federal land comprising ap-
15 proximately 23,040 acres, as generally
16 depicted on the maps entitled ‘Ketch-
17 ikan Selections’, numbered 1 through
18 4, and dated June 27, 2025 (except the
19 mining claim AA-91521 in Sec. 4, T.
20 78 S., R. 88 E., Copper River Merid-
21 ian, as generally depicted on the map
22 entitled ‘Kitkun Cove’, numbered 1 of
23 4);

24 “(III) to the Urban Corporation
25 for Petersburg, the surface estate in 12

1 *parcels of Federal land comprising ap-*
2 *proximately 23,040 acres, as generally*
3 *depicted on the maps entitled ‘Peters-*
4 *burg Selections’, numbered 1 through*
5 *3, and dated June 27, 2025 (except the*
6 *Lighthouse withdrawals USS Nos.*
7 *1710 and 1711, in Sec. 15, 16, and 22,*
8 *T. 56 S., R. 76 E., Copper River Me-*
9 *ridian, as generally depicted on the*
10 *map entitled ‘Portage Bay East’, num-*
11 *bered 1 of 3);*

12 “(IV) to the Urban Corporation
13 *for Tenakee, the surface estate in 15*
14 *parcels of Federal land comprising ap-*
15 *proximately 23,040 acres, as generally*
16 *depicted on the maps entitled ‘Tenakee*
17 *Selections’, numbered 1 through 3, and*
18 *dated June 27, 2025; and*

19 “(V) to the Urban Corporation for
20 *Wrangell, the surface estate in 13 par-*
21 *cels of Federal land comprising ap-*
22 *proximately 23,040 acres, as generally*
23 *depicted on the maps entitled*
24 *‘Wrangell Selections’, numbered 1*
25 *through 5, and dated June 27, 2025.*

1 “(ii) *HAINES PHASES; CONDITIONS.*—

2 “(I) *CONVEYANCE PHASES.*—*The*
 3 *conveyance to the Urban Corporation*
 4 *for Haines under clause (i)(I) in the*
 5 *selection area at Slate Creek, Berners*
 6 *Bay, as generally depicted on the map*
 7 *entitled ‘Haines Selections’, map 2 of*
 8 *3, and dated June 27, 2025 (referred to*
 9 *in this subclause as the ‘Map’), shall be*
 10 *completed in the following 2 phases:*

11 “(aa) *PHASE 1.*—*The Sec-*
 12 *retary shall convey to the Urban*
 13 *Corporation for Haines the parcel*
 14 *of Federal land comprising ap-*
 15 *proximately 81 acres, as generally*
 16 *depicted on the Map as ‘Slate Ck.*
 17 *West Shore’.*

18 “(bb) *PHASE 2.*—*Subject to*
 19 *the conditions described in sub-*
 20 *clause (II), and on an application*
 21 *for conveyance by the Urban Cor-*
 22 *poration for Haines, the Secretary*
 23 *shall convey to the Urban Cor-*
 24 *poration for Haines—*

1 “(AA) the parcel of Fed-
2 eral land comprising ap-
3 proximately 37 acres, as gen-
4 erally depicted on the Map
5 as ‘Slate Ck. West Shore
6 North’; and

7 “(BB) the parcel of Fed-
8 eral land comprising ap-
9 proximately 55 acres, as gen-
10 erally depicted on the Map
11 as ‘Slate Ck. East Shore’.

12 “(II) PHASE 2 CONDITIONS.—The
13 phase 2 conveyance described in sub-
14 clause (I)(bb) shall occur on the ear-
15 liest of the date on which—

16 “(aa) the Federal mining
17 claims underlying the Federal
18 land described in that subclause
19 are relinquished;

20 “(bb) the Federal mining
21 claims underlying the Federal
22 land described in that subclause
23 are abandoned, on a determina-
24 tion by the Secretary that the

1 *Federal mining claims are void*
2 *and forfeited; and*

3 “(cc) *Coeur Alaska Inc. (or a*
4 *successor in interest) consents that*
5 *the Federal land described in that*
6 *subclause can be conveyed prior to*
7 *any relinquishment or abandon-*
8 *ment of the Federal mining*
9 *claims underlying that land.*

10 “(B) *CONVEYANCES TO REGIONAL CORPORA-*
11 *TION FOR SOUTHEAST ALASKA.—Subject to valid*
12 *existing rights, on the applicable date on which*
13 *the surface estate in land is conveyed to an*
14 *Urban Corporation under subparagraph (A)(i),*
15 *the Secretary shall convey to the Regional Cor-*
16 *poration for Southeast Alaska the subsurface es-*
17 *tate for that land.*

18 “(C) *CONGRESSIONAL INTENT.—*

19 “(i) *IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause*
20 *(ii), it is the intent of Congress that the*
21 *Secretary complete the interim conveyance*
22 *of the surface estate in land to an Urban*
23 *Corporation under subparagraph (A)(i) not*
24 *later than the date that is 2 years after the*

1 *applicable date of incorporation of the*
2 *Urban Corporation under section 16(e)(1).*

3 “(ii) *EXCEPTION.—As the Secretary*
4 *determines to be necessary, the Secretary*
5 *may extend the 2-year deadline established*
6 *by clause (i) by not more than 1 year for*
7 *any individual parcel of land to allow for*
8 *the conclusion of any pending appeal of a*
9 *public easement decision for the applicable*
10 *parcel pursuant to section 17(b), subject to*
11 *the requirement that the final conveyance of*
12 *the surface estate with respect to the appli-*
13 *cable parcel shall be completed as soon as*
14 *practicable after the date on which the ap-*
15 *peal is concluded.*

16 “(D) *FINALIZATION OF ENTITLEMENT.—The*
17 *conveyances under subparagraph (A)(i) of ap-*
18 *proximately 23,040 acres of land to each Urban*
19 *Corporation shall be considered to be the full and*
20 *final satisfaction of the entitlement of the south-*
21 *eastern Alaska communities of Haines, Ketch-*
22 *ikan, Petersburg, Tenakee, and Wrangell under*
23 *this Act, notwithstanding whether the surveyed*
24 *acreage of the parcels of land described in sub-*
25 *clauses (I) through (V) of that subparagraph is*

1 *less than or more than 23,040 acres in the case*
 2 *of each Urban Corporation.*

3 “(2) *WITHDRAWAL.*—

4 “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—*Subject to valid exist-*
 5 *ing rights, the Federal land described in para-*
 6 *graph (1) is withdrawn from all forms of—*

7 “(i) *entry, appropriation, or disposal*
 8 *under the public land laws;*

9 “(ii) *location, entry, and patent under*
 10 *the mining laws; and*

11 “(iii) *disposition under all laws per-*
 12 *taining to mineral and geothermal leasing*
 13 *or mineral materials.*

14 “(B) *TERMINATION.*—*The withdrawal*
 15 *under subparagraph (A) shall remain in effect*
 16 *until the date on which the Federal land is con-*
 17 *veyed under paragraph (1).*

18 “(3) *TREATMENT OF LAND CONVEYED.*—*Except*
 19 *as otherwise provided in this section, any land con-*
 20 *veyed to an Urban Corporation under paragraph*
 21 *(1)(A)(i)—*

22 “(A)(i) *shall be considered to be land con-*
 23 *veyed by the Secretary under paragraph (3) of*
 24 *section 14(h); but*

1 “(ii) shall not be subject to the requirements
2 under that section that the land be vacant, unap-
3 propriated, and unreserved; and

4 “(B) shall be subject to all laws (including
5 regulations) applicable to entitlements under sec-
6 tion 14(h)(3), including section 907(d) of the
7 Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act
8 (43 U.S.C. 1636(d)).

9 “(4) PUBLIC EASEMENTS.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
11 graph (C), the conveyance and patents for the
12 land under paragraph (1)(A)(i) shall be subject
13 to the reservation before the conveyance of public
14 easements under section 17(b).

15 “(B) TERMINATION.—No public easement
16 reserved on land conveyed under paragraph
17 (1)(A)(i) shall be terminated by the Secretary
18 without publication of notice of the proposed ter-
19 mination in the Federal Register.

20 “(C) RESERVATION OF EASEMENTS.—In the
21 conveyance and patent for any parcel of land
22 under paragraph (1)(A)(i) for which the ease-
23 ment reservation process has not been completed
24 by the date that is 2 years after the applicable
25 date of incorporation of the Urban Corporation

1 *under section 16(e)(1), or, in the case of an ap-*
 2 *peal of a public easement under section 17(b), by*
 3 *the date that is 3 years after the applicable date*
 4 *of incorporation, the Secretary shall—*

5 *“(i) convey the parcel of land; and*

6 *“(ii) as part of the conveyance and*
 7 *patent for the parcel of land under clause*
 8 *(i), reserve the right of the Secretary to*
 9 *amend the conveyance and patent to include*
 10 *reservations of public easements under sec-*
 11 *tion 17(b) until the date of completion of*
 12 *the easement reservation process.*

13 *“(D) STATE OF ALASKA EASEMENTS.—*
 14 *Nothing in this Act modifies, changes, or termi-*
 15 *nates the rights-of-way granted to the State*
 16 *under—*

17 *“(i) section 4407 of the SAFETEA-LU*
 18 *(Public Law 109–59; 119 Stat. 1777); or*

19 *“(ii) the 2006 memorandum of under-*
 20 *standing between the State and the Forest*
 21 *Service to implement that section.*

22 *“(5) HUNTING, FISHING, RECREATION, AND AC-*
 23 *CESS.—*

24 *“(A) IN GENERAL.—Any land conveyed*
 25 *under paragraph (1)(A)(i), including access to*

1 *the land through roadways, trails, and forest*
2 *roads, shall remain open and available to sub-*
3 *sistence uses, noncommercial recreational hunt-*
4 *ing and fishing, and other noncommercial rec-*
5 *reational uses by the public under applicable*
6 *law—*

7 *“(i) without liability on the part of the*
8 *Urban Corporation, except for willful acts*
9 *of the Urban Corporation, to any user as a*
10 *result of the use; and*

11 *“(ii) subject to—*

12 *“(I) any reasonable restrictions*
13 *that may be imposed by the Urban*
14 *Corporation on the public use—*

15 *“(aa) to ensure public safety;*

16 *“(bb) to minimize conflicts*
17 *between recreational and commer-*
18 *cial uses;*

19 *“(cc) to protect cultural re-*
20 *sources;*

21 *“(dd) to conduct scientific re-*
22 *search; or*

23 *“(ee) to provide environ-*
24 *mental protection; and*

1 “(II) *the condition that the Urban*
 2 *Corporation post on any applicable*
 3 *property, in accordance with State*
 4 *law, notices of the restrictions on use.*

5 “(B) *EFFECT.—Access provided to any in-*
 6 *dividual or entity under subparagraph (A) shall*
 7 *not—*

8 “(i) *create an interest in any third*
 9 *party in the land conveyed under para-*
 10 *graph (1)(A)(i); or*

11 “(ii) *provide standing to any third*
 12 *party in any review of, or challenge to, any*
 13 *determination by the Urban Corporation*
 14 *with respect to the management or develop-*
 15 *ment of the land conveyed under paragraph*
 16 *(1)(A)(i), except as against the Urban Cor-*
 17 *poration for the management of public ac-*
 18 *cess under subparagraph (A).*

19 “(6) *MISCELLANEOUS.—*

20 “(A) *SPECIAL USE AUTHORIZATIONS.—*

21 “(i) *IN GENERAL.—On the conveyance*
 22 *of land to an Urban Corporation under*
 23 *paragraph (1)(A)(i)—*

24 “(I) *any guiding or outfitting*
 25 *special use authorization issued by the*

1 *Forest Service for the use of the con-*
2 *veyed land shall terminate; and*

3 *“(II) as a condition of the convey-*
4 *ance and consistent with section 14(g),*
5 *the Urban Corporation shall issue the*
6 *holder of the special use authorization*
7 *terminated under subclause (I) an au-*
8 *thorization to continue the authorized*
9 *use, subject to the terms and conditions*
10 *that were in the special use authoriza-*
11 *tion issued by the Forest Service, for—*

12 *“(aa) the remainder of the*
13 *term of the authorization; and*

14 *“(bb) 1 additional consec-*
15 *utive 10-year renewal period.*

16 *“(ii) NOTICE OF COMMERCIAL ACTIVI-*
17 *TIES.—The Urban Corporation, and any*
18 *holder of a guiding or outfitting authoriza-*
19 *tion under this subparagraph, shall have a*
20 *mutual obligation, subject to the guiding or*
21 *outfitting authorization, to inform the other*
22 *party of any commercial activities prior to*
23 *engaging in the activities on the land con-*
24 *veyed to the Urban Corporation under*
25 *paragraph (1)(A)(i).*

1 “(iii) *NEGOTIATION OF NEW TERMS.*—
 2 *Nothing in this paragraph precludes the*
 3 *Urban Corporation and the holder of a*
 4 *guiding or outfitting authorization from ne-*
 5 *gotiating a new mutually agreeable guiding*
 6 *or outfitting authorization.*

7 “(iv) *LIABILITY.*—*Neither the Urban*
 8 *Corporation nor the United States shall*
 9 *bear any liability, except for willful acts of*
 10 *the Urban Corporation or the United*
 11 *States, regarding the use and occupancy of*
 12 *any land conveyed to the Urban Corpora-*
 13 *tion under paragraph (1)(A)(i), as provided*
 14 *in any outfitting or guiding authorization*
 15 *under this paragraph.*

16 “(B) *MUTUAL USE AGREEMENT FOR ROADS*
 17 *AND FACILITIES.*—

18 “(i) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary of*
 19 *Agriculture shall seek to enter into a bind-*
 20 *ing mutual use agreement for—*

21 “(I) *the use of National Forest*
 22 *System roads and related transpor-*
 23 *tation facilities (including marine ac-*
 24 *cess facilities, log transfer facilities,*
 25 *sort yards, and associated log rafting*

and storage areas) in the Tongass National Forest by the Urban Corporation and designees of the Urban Corporation; and

“(II) the use of the roads and related transportation facilities (including marine access facilities, log transfer facilities, sort yards, and associated log rafting and storage areas) of the Urban Corporation by the Forest Service and designees of the Forest Service.

“(ii) *TERMS AND CONDITIONS.*—The binding mutual use agreement under clause (i)—

“(I) shall provide that the use of road and transportation facilities infrastructure by a third party shall not begin until the date on which the third party signs a mutual use agreement entered into with the Urban Corporation;

“(II) shall provide that the State (including entities and designees of the State) shall be authorized to use the roads and related transportation facilities

1 *ties of the Urban Corporation on sub-*
2 *stantially similar terms as are pro-*
3 *vided by the Urban Corporation to the*
4 *Forest Service;*

5 “(III) shall include restrictions
6 on, and fees for, the use of the National
7 Forest System roads and related trans-
8 portation facilities in existence as of
9 the date of enactment of this section, as
10 necessary, that are reasonable and
11 comparable to the restrictions and fees
12 imposed by the Forest Service for the
13 use of the roads and related transpor-
14 tation facilities;

15 “(IV) shall not restrict or limit
16 any access to the roads and related
17 transportation facilities of the Urban
18 Corporation or the Forest Service that
19 may be otherwise provided by valid ex-
20 isting rights and agreements in exist-
21 ence as of the date of enactment of this
22 section; and

23 “(V) shall provide for periodic up-
24 dates to the mutual use agreement if
25 the terms and conditions of the up-

1 *dated mutual use agreement are con-*
2 *sistent with the terms and conditions*
3 *described in subclauses (I) through*
4 *(IV).*

5 “(iii) *INTENT OF CONGRESS.—It is the*
6 *intent of Congress that the mutual use*
7 *agreement under clause (i) shall be entered*
8 *into as soon as practicable after the date of*
9 *enactment of this section and in any case*
10 *by not later than 1 year after the date of*
11 *incorporation of the Urban Corporation.*

12 “(iv) *CONTINUED ACCESS.—Beginning*
13 *on the date on which the land is conveyed*
14 *to the Urban Corporation under paragraph*
15 *(1)(A)(i) and ending on the effective date of*
16 *a binding mutual use agreement entered*
17 *into under clause (i), the Urban Corpora-*
18 *tion shall provide and allow administrative*
19 *access to roads and related transportation*
20 *facilities on the land under substantially*
21 *similar terms as are provided by the Forest*
22 *Service as of the date of enactment of this*
23 *section.*

24 “(C) *EFFECT ON OTHER LAWS.—*

1 “(i) *IN GENERAL*.—Nothing in this sec-
 2 tion delays the duty of the Secretary to con-
 3 vey land to—

4 “(I) *the State under Public Law*
 5 85–508 (commonly known as the ‘Alas-
 6 ka Statehood Act’) (48 U.S.C. note
 7 prec. 21); or

8 “(II) *a Native Corporation*
 9 under—

10 “(aa) *this Act; or*

11 “(bb) *the Alaska Land*
 12 *Transfer Acceleration Act* (43
 13 U.S.C. 1611 note; *Public Law*
 14 108–452).

15 “(ii) *STATEHOOD ENTITLEMENT*.—

16 “(I) *IN GENERAL*.—Statehood se-
 17 lections under *Public Law 85–508*
 18 (commonly known as the ‘Alaska
 19 Statehood Act’) (48 U.S.C. note prec.
 20 21) are not displaced by the parcels of
 21 land described in subclauses (I)
 22 through (V) of paragraph (1)(A)(i).

23 “(II) *BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS*.—
 24 In the event of a dispute between an
 25 area selected as a Statehood selection

1 *and a parcel of land referred to in sub-*
 2 *clause (I), the Secretary shall work*
 3 *with the Urban Corporation and the*
 4 *State in good faith to adjust the*
 5 *boundary of the parcel to exclude any*
 6 *area selected as a Statehood selection.*

7 “(iii) CONVEYANCES.—*The Secretary*
 8 *shall promptly proceed with the conveyance*
 9 *of all land necessary to fulfill the final enti-*
 10 *tlement of all Native Corporations in ac-*
 11 *cordance with—*

12 “(I) *this Act; and*

13 “(II) *the Alaska Land Transfer*
 14 *Acceleration Act (43 U.S.C. 1611 note;*
 15 *Public Law 108–452).*

16 “(iv) FISH AND WILDLIFE.—*Nothing*
 17 *in this section enlarges or diminishes the re-*
 18 *sponsibility and authority of the State with*
 19 *respect to the management of fish and wild-*
 20 *life on public land in the State.*

21 “(D) MAPS.—

22 “(i) AVAILABILITY.—*Each map re-*
 23 *ferred to in paragraph (1)(A)(i) shall be*
 24 *available in the appropriate offices of the*
 25 *Secretary and the Secretary of Agriculture.*

1 “(ii) *CORRECTIONS.*—*The Secretary,*
 2 *in consultation with the Secretary of Agri-*
 3 *culture, may make any necessary correction*
 4 *to a clerical or typographical error in a*
 5 *map referred to in paragraph (1)(A)(i).*

6 “(7) *ESCROW FUNDS.*—*Beginning on the date of*
 7 *enactment of this section, the escrow requirements of*
 8 *section 2 of Public Law 94–204 (43 U.S.C. 1613 note)*
 9 *shall apply to proceeds (including interest) derived*
 10 *from the land withdrawn under paragraph (2).*

11 “(c) *CONVEYANCE OF ROADS, TRAILS, LOG TRANSFER*
 12 *FACILITIES, LEASES, AND APPURTENANCES.*—

13 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The land conveyed to an*
 14 *Urban Corporation under subsection (b)(1)(A)(i) shall*
 15 *include all right, title, and interest of the United*
 16 *States in all roads, trails, log transfer facilities,*
 17 *leases, and appurtenances on or related to the land*
 18 *conveyed to the Urban Corporation.*

19 “(2) *CONDITIONS.*—*The land conveyed to an*
 20 *Urban Corporation under subsection (b)(1)(A)(i) shall*
 21 *be subject to all valid existing rights in accordance*
 22 *with section 14(g), including any reciprocal rights-of-*
 23 *way, easements, or agreements for the use of the*
 24 *roads, trails, log transfer facilities, leases, and appur-*
 25 *tenances conveyed under subsection (b)(1)(A)(i).*

1 “(3) *CONTINUATION OF AGREEMENTS.*—

2 “(A) *IN GENERAL.*—On or before the date
3 on which land is conveyed to an Urban Corpora-
4 tion under subsection (b)(1)(A)(i), the Secretary
5 of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior
6 shall provide to the Urban Corporation notice of
7 all reciprocal rights-of-way, easements, and
8 agreements for use of the roads, trails, log trans-
9 fer facilities, leases, and appurtenances on or re-
10 lated to the land in existence as of the date of
11 enactment of this section.

12 “(B) *REQUIREMENT.*—In accordance with
13 section 14(g), any right-of-way, easement, or
14 agreement described in subparagraph (A) shall
15 continue unless the right-of-way, easement, or
16 agreement—

17 “(i) expires under its own terms; or

18 “(ii) is mutually renegotiated.

19 “(d) *SETTLEMENT TRUST.*—

20 “(1) *IN GENERAL.*—Each Urban Corporation
21 may establish a settlement trust in accordance with
22 section 39 for the purposes of promoting the health,
23 education, and welfare of the trust beneficiaries, and
24 preserving the Native heritage and culture, of the

1 *community of Haines, Ketchikan, Petersburg,*
2 *Tenakee, or Wrangell, as applicable.*

3 “(2) *PROCEEDS AND INCOME.*—*The proceeds and*
4 *income from the principal of a trust established under*
5 *paragraph (1) shall—*

6 “(A) *first be applied to the support of those*
7 *enrollees, and the descendants of the enrollees,*
8 *who are elders or minor children; and*

9 “(B) *thereafter to the support of all other*
10 *enrollees.*”.

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