

Application Process

Eligible veterans and heirs can select up to 160 acres of land until Dec. 29, 2025 under the Dingell Act's 5-year-long Alaska Native Veterans Land Allotment Program of 2019.

Here's the process for applications we receive:

6 Steps | application to Certificate of Allotment

1 Application Received & Reviewed

If application is incomplete, then the applicant is notified of missing information. The application processed when missing information is received.

2 Selection Recorded & Applicant Notified

- ▶ Applicant's allotment selection is noted on the live Available Lands Map, Master Title Plat & Historical Record
- ▶ Applicant is notified that selection is noted to the record

3 Draft Survey Conducted & Applicant Notified

- ▶ A survey plan is drafted based on the applicant's allotment selection.
- ▶ The draft survey and a Notice of Plan to Survey are sent to applicant, who has 60 days to disagree or change the original selection in writing.
- ▶ This is the last opportunity applicants have to change the original selection.

4 Survey requested after 60 days if no change or response from applicant

- ▶ The survey is ordered automatically after 60 days if no change request or response is received from the applicant.
- ▶ Land selection cannot be changed after survey is ordered.
- ▶ Surveying can take some time based on Alaska's limited field season and roads, but BLM anticipates the first surveys beginning by late 2021.

5 Survey completed and Notice of Survey sent to applicant.

The applicant has 60 days to agree or disagree in writing.

6 Certificate of Allotment issued

A certificate is issued to the applicant 60 days after the Notice of Survey if no response or change request is received.



Alaska Native Tribes

Significant in understanding the culture and history of our State

Alaska is not only larger in land mass than the lower 48, it also has more federally recognized tribes with unique legislation governing everything from conveying lands out of federal ownership to consulting with tribes, villages, and corporations.

ALASKA NATIVE CULTURES

9 Major Alaska Native Cultural Regions

22 Alaska Native Languages



ALASKA POPULATION



LOWER 48

U.S.

ALASKA

245

Federally recognized tribes in Lower 48

325

Indian Reservations in Lower 48

279

Federally recognized tribes in Alaska

1

Indian Reservation in Alaska

FACT: The Metlakatla Indian Community is Alaska's only Indian Reservation.

The reason that not all Alaska Natives live in the reservation system is because of the **1971 ALASKA NATIVE CLAIMS SETTLEMENT ACT**

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH ALASKA NATIVES

The BLM in Alaska consults with not only tribes, but Alaska Native regional and village corporations, on policies and land management decisions that might effect them.

12
REGIONAL CORPORATIONS

198
VILLAGE CORPORATIONS
(some merged over the years)

279
FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES

3X
THE AMOUNT OF TRIBAL CONSULTATION

