

## Public Law 96-487

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## An Act

To provide for the designation and conservation of certain public lands in the State of Alaska, including the designation of units of the National Park, National Wildlife Refuge, National Forest, National Wild and Scenic Rivers, and National Wilderness Preservation Systems, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
SECTION 1. This Act, may be cited as the "Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act".

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constitute the bed or bank, or are within an area extending two miles from the bank of the river channel on both sides of the river segments referred to in paragraphs (77) through (88) of section 5(a), are hereby withdrawn, subject to valid existing rights, from all forms of appropriation under the mining laws and from operation of the mineral leasing laws including, in both cases, amendments thereto, during the periods specified in section 7(b) of this Act."

(c) Section 8(b) of such Act is amended by adding the following at the end thereof: "Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this subsection or any other provision of this Act, subject only to valid existing rights, including valid Native selection rights under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, all public lands which constitute the bed or bank, or are within an area extending two miles from the bank of the river channel on both sides of the river segments referred to in paragraphs (77) through (88) of section 5(a) are hereby withdrawn from entry, sale, State selection or other disposition under the public land laws of the United States for the periods specified in section 7(b) of this Act."

## TITLE VII - NATIONAL WILDERNESS PRESERVATION SYSTEM

### *DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS WITHIN NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM*

**SEC. 701.** In accordance with subsection 3(c) of the Wilderness Act (78 Stat. 892), the public lands within the boundaries depicted as "Proposed Wilderness" on the maps referred to in sections 201 and 202 of this Act are hereby designated as wilderness, with the nomenclature and approximate acreage as indicated below:

- (1) Denali Wilderness of approximately one million nine hundred thousand acres,
- (2) Gates of the Arctic Wilderness of approximately seven million and fifty-two thousand acres;
- (3) Glacier Bay Wilderness of approximately two million seven hundred and seventy thousand acres,
- (4) Katmai Wilderness of approximately three million four hundred and seventy-three thousand acres,
- (5) Kobuk Valley Wilderness of approximately one hundred and ninety thousand acres,
- (6) Lake Clark Wilderness of approximately two million four hundred and seventy thousand acres,
- (7) Noatak Wilderness of approximately five million eight hundred thousand acres, and
- (8) Wrangell-Saint Elias Wilderness of approximately eight million seven hundred thousand acres.

### *DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS WITHIN NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM*

**SEC. 702.** In accordance with subsection 3(c) of the Wilderness Act (78 Stat. 892), the public lands within the boundaries depicted as "Proposed Wilderness" on the maps referred to in sections 302 and 303 of this Act or the maps specified below are hereby designated as wilderness, with the nomenclature and approximate acreage as indicated below:

- (1) Aleutian Islands Wilderness of approximately one million three hundred thousand acres as generally depicted on a map entitled "Aleutian Islands Wilderness", dated October 1978;

- (2) Andreafsky Wilderness of approximately one million three hundred thousand acres as generally depicted on a map entitled "Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge" dated April 1980
- (3) Arctic Wildlife Refuge Wilderness of approximately eight million acres as generally depicted on a map entitled "Arctic National Wildlife Refuge" dated August 1980;
- (4) Becharof Wilderness of approximately four hundred thousand acres as generally depicted on a map entitled "Becharof National Wildlife Refuge" dated July 1980;
- (5) Innoko Wilderness of approximately one million two hundred and forty thousand acres as generally depicted on a map entitled "Innoko National Wildlife Refuge", dated October 1978;
- (6) Izembek Wilderness of approximately three hundred thousand acres as generally depicted on a map entitled "Izembek Wilderness", dated October 1978;
- (7) Kenai Wilderness of approximately one million three hundred and fifty thousand acres as generally depicted on a map entitled "Kenai National Wildlife Refuge", dated October 1978;
- (8) Koyukuk Wilderness of approximately four hundred thousand acres as generally depicted on a map entitled "Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge", dated 1980;
- (9) Nunivak Wilderness of approximately six hundred thousand acres as generally depicted on a map entitled "Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge", dated July 1980;
- (10) Togiak Wilderness of approximately two million two hundred and seventy thousand acres as generally depicted on a map entitled "Togiak National Wildlife Refuge", dated July 1980;
- (11) Semidi Wilderness of approximately two hundred and fifty thousand acres as generally depicted on a map entitled "Semidi Wilderness", dated October 1978;
- (12) Selawik Wilderness of approximately two hundred and forty thousand acres as generally depicted on a map entitled "Selawik Wildlife Refuge", dated July 1980; and
- (13) Unimak Wilderness of approximately nine hundred and ten thousand acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Unimak Wilderness", dated October 1978.

#### *DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS WITHIN NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM*

**SEC. 703. (a)** In accordance with subsection 3(c), of the Wilderness Act (78 Stat 892), the public lands within the Tongass National Forest within the boundaries depicted as Proposed Wilderness" on the maps referred to in the following paragraphs are hereby designated as wilderness, with the nomenclature and approximate acreage as indicated below:

- (1) Admiralty Island National Monument Wilderness of approximately nine hundred thousand acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Admiralty Island Wilderness", dated July 1980;
- (2) Coronation Island Wilderness of approximately nineteen thousand one hundred and twenty-two acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Coronation-Warren-Maurille Islands Wilderness", dated October 1978
- (3) Endicott River Wilderness of approximately ninetyfour thousand acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Endicott River Wilderness", dated October 1978;

- (4) Maurille Islands Wilderness of approximately four thousand four hundred and twenty-four acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Coronation-Warren-Maurille Islands Wilderness", dated October 1978;
  - (5) Misty Fjords National Monument Wilderness of approximately two million one hundred and thirty-six thousand acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Misty Fjords Wilderness", dated July 1980;
  - (6) Petersburg Creek-Duncan Salt Chuck Wilderness of approximately fifty thousand acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Petersburg Creek-Duncan Salt Chuck Wilderness", dated October 1978;
  - (7) Russell Fjord Wilderness of approximately three hundred and seven thousand acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Russell Fjord Wilderness", dated July 1980;
  - (8) South Baranof Wilderness of approximately three hundred and fourteen thousand acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "South Baranof Wilderness", dated October 1978;
  - (9) South Prince of Wales Wilderness of approximately ninety-seven thousand acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "South Prince of Wales Wilderness", dated October 1978;
  - (10) Stikine-LeConte Wilderness of approximately four hundred and forty-three thousand acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Stikine-LeConte Wilderness", dated October 1978;
  - (11) Tebenkof Bay Wilderness of approximately sixty-five thousand acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Tebenkof Bay Wilderness", dated October 1978;
  - (12) Tracy Arm-Fords Terror Wilderness of approximately six hundred and fiftysix thousand acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "Tracy Arm-Fords Terror Wilderness", dated January 1979;
  - (13) Warren Island Wilderness of approximately eleven thousand three hundred and fifty-three acres, as generally depicted in a map entitled "Coronation-Warren-Maurelle Islands Wilderness", dated October 1978, and
  - (14) West Chichagof-Yakobi Wilderness of approximately two hundred and sixty-five thousand acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled "West Chichagof-Yakobi Wilderness", dated October 1978.
- (b) Existing mechanized portage equipment located at the head of Semour Canal on Admiralty Island may continue to be used.

#### ***DESIGNATION OF WILDERNESS STUDY AREA WITHIN NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM***

SEC. 704. In furtherance of the purposes of the Wilderness Act the Secretary of Agriculture shall review the public lands depicted as "Wilderness Study" on the following described map and within three years report to the President and the Congress in accordance with section 3 (c) and (d) of the Wilderness Act, his recommendations as to the suitability or unsuitability of all areas within such wilderness study boundaries for preservation of wilderness: Nellie Juan-College Fiord, Chugach National Forest as generally depicted on a map entitled "Nellie Juan-College Fiord Study Area", dated October 1978.