

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 211

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to complete a land exchange with the Chugach Regional Alaska Native Corporation, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 3, 2017

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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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 “Chugach Region Lands
5 Study Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CHUGACH ALASKA CORPORATION LAND EXCHANGE**

7 **POOL ACT.**

8 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this Act:

1 (1) CAC.—The term “CAC” means Chugach
2 Alaska Corporation.

3 (2) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
4 of Alaska.

5 (3) CAC LANDS.—The term “CAC Lands”
6 means lands conveyed to CAC pursuant to the Alas-
7 ka Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et
8 seq.) in which—

9 (A) both the surface estate and the sub-
10 surface estate were conveyed to CAC; or

11 (B) the subsurface estate was conveyed to
12 CAC and the surface estate or a conservation
13 easement in the surface estate was acquired by
14 the State or by the United States as part of the
15 Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council Habitat
16 Protection and Acquisition Program.

17 (b) IDENTIFICATION OF FEDERAL LANDS.—Not
18 later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this
19 Act, the Secretary of the Interior, in coordination with the
20 Secretary of Agriculture and in consultation with Chugach
21 Alaska Corporation (CAC), shall identify not less than
22 500,000 acres of economically viable Federal land in or
23 outside the State of Alaska that can be made available
24 to CAC in exchange for any CAC Lands identified by CAC
25 as available to the United States for exchange. Any such

1 exchange shall be pursuant to mutual agreement of CAC
2 and the United States and consummated in accordance
3 with all applicable legal authorizations, except that any
4 acre-for-acre exchange of such Federal lands for such CAC
5 Lands shall be conclusively deemed to be in the public in-
6 terest.

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