

The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA)

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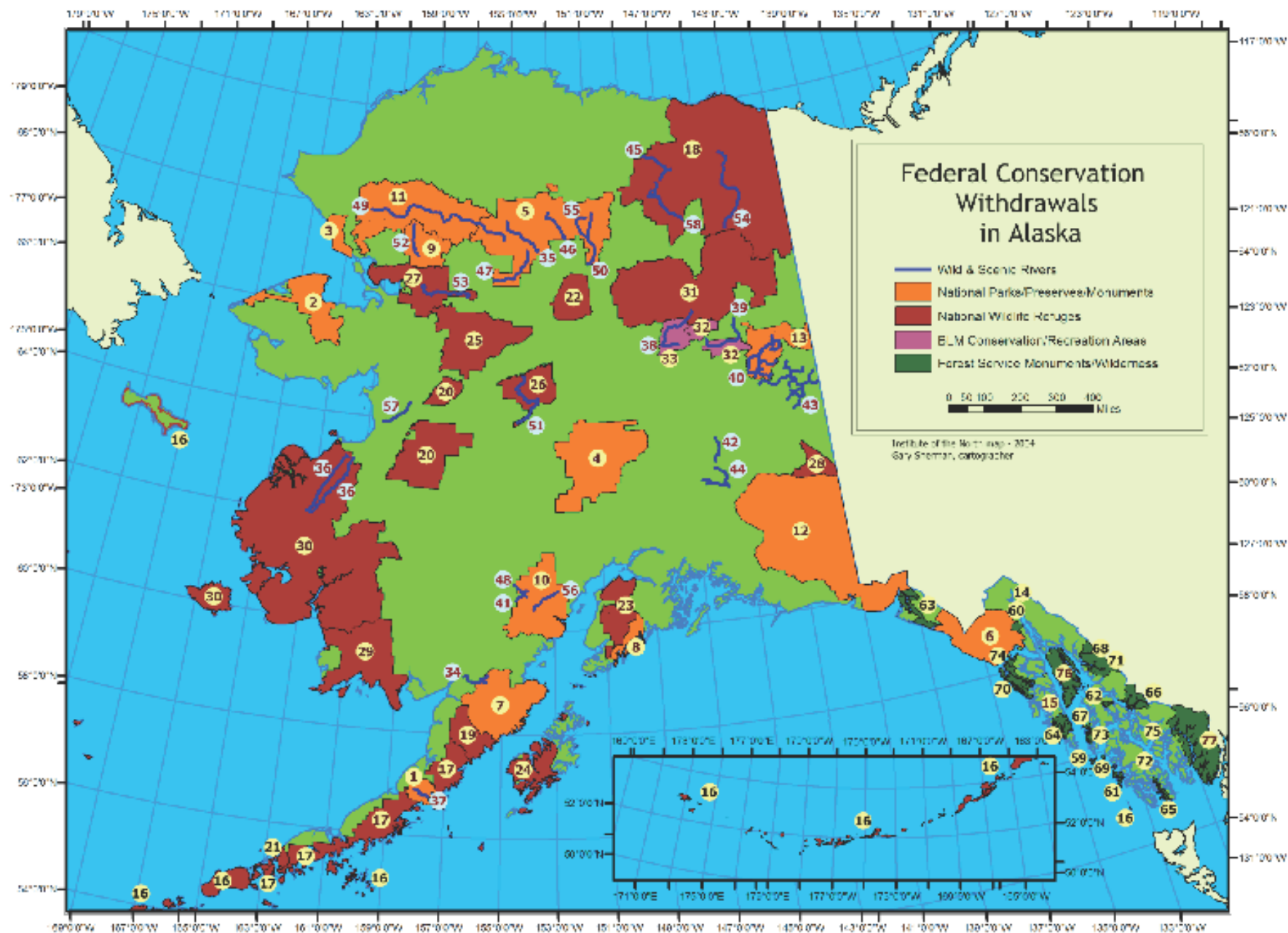
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Context Leading Up to the Passage of ANILCA

- 1958 Alaska Statehood Act
- 1971 Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act
- 1978 President Carter Invokes Antiquities Act
- 1979 State of Alaska 7 Consensus Points
- 1980 Passage of ANILCA

ANILCA - The Great Compromise

- Congressional Intent – balance the national interests with the social and economic needs of Alaska and its citizens
 - Designated over 100 million acres of new conservation system units at an unprecedented scale
 - Authorized unprecedented management provisions to account for unique conditions in Alaska
- Managed by the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, USDA Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management



Selected Key ANILCA Provisions

- “No more” Clauses
- Access Provisions
 - Methods of access for subsistence activities
 - “Open until closed” access for traditional activities
 - Guaranteed inholder access for economic and other purposes
 - Transportation and utility system process across CSUs
- Confirms State management of fish and wildlife on all lands
- Federal-State Cooperation; requires consultation with the State
- Many ANILCA Amendments, e.g. Tongass Timber Reform Act, Submerged Lands Act

Implementation Challenges

Protect Alaska's interests embodied in the unique provisions to avoid incremental erosion of the ANILCA balance:

- Pursue “meaningful” consultation – effective coordination during decision-making process reduces conflicts and litigation.
- Monitor national policies and regulations to assure recognition of ANILCA's statutory guidance and Alaska's unique context.
- Address Federal and State agencies' knowledge of ANILCA affected by continual turnover impacting multiple state agencies' and communities' interests.