



Remote Recreational Sites; Sales; Permits

Senate Resources Committee

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WHAT'S IN SB133 – OVERVIEW

- Repeals existing RRCS program and reenacts the Remote Recreational Sites (RRS) program
- Establishes the ability for individuals to purchase, lease or permit RRS
- Provides for Commissioner to identify areas where land is properly classified and offer those lands for staking of RRS
- Provides for Alaskans to nominate lands for inclusion
- Identifies who is eligible to participate in the program
- Establishes that a 10-acre parcel size may be staked
- Process for handling conflicting staked parcels
- Directs the Commissioner to establish regulations to implement the program

WHAT'S IN SB133

LEASING AND SALE

- Establishes process for staking, leasing, and/or purchasing a piece of state land
 - Stake parcel, submit a sketch, and an application to lease
- Process for leasing a remote recreational site
 - Initial 10-year leasing period
 - Two additional 10-year lease renewal periods
 - Restricts assignment of a lease
 - Termination of lease for non-compliance
 - Establishes timeframe for surveying and appraising
 - Requirement for marking of parcel boundaries
- Process for purchase of state land for RRS
 - Sale price is fair market value
 - Applicant must survey and appraise the site



WHAT'S IN SB133 - PERMITS

- Establishes process for permitting an RRS
 - 25-year term
 - Revocable at will
 - May not be assigned or renewed
 - May be terminated for any reason, including failure to use the permitted land as required by the terms of the permit
- Permit holder may apply to lease or purchase the permitted site

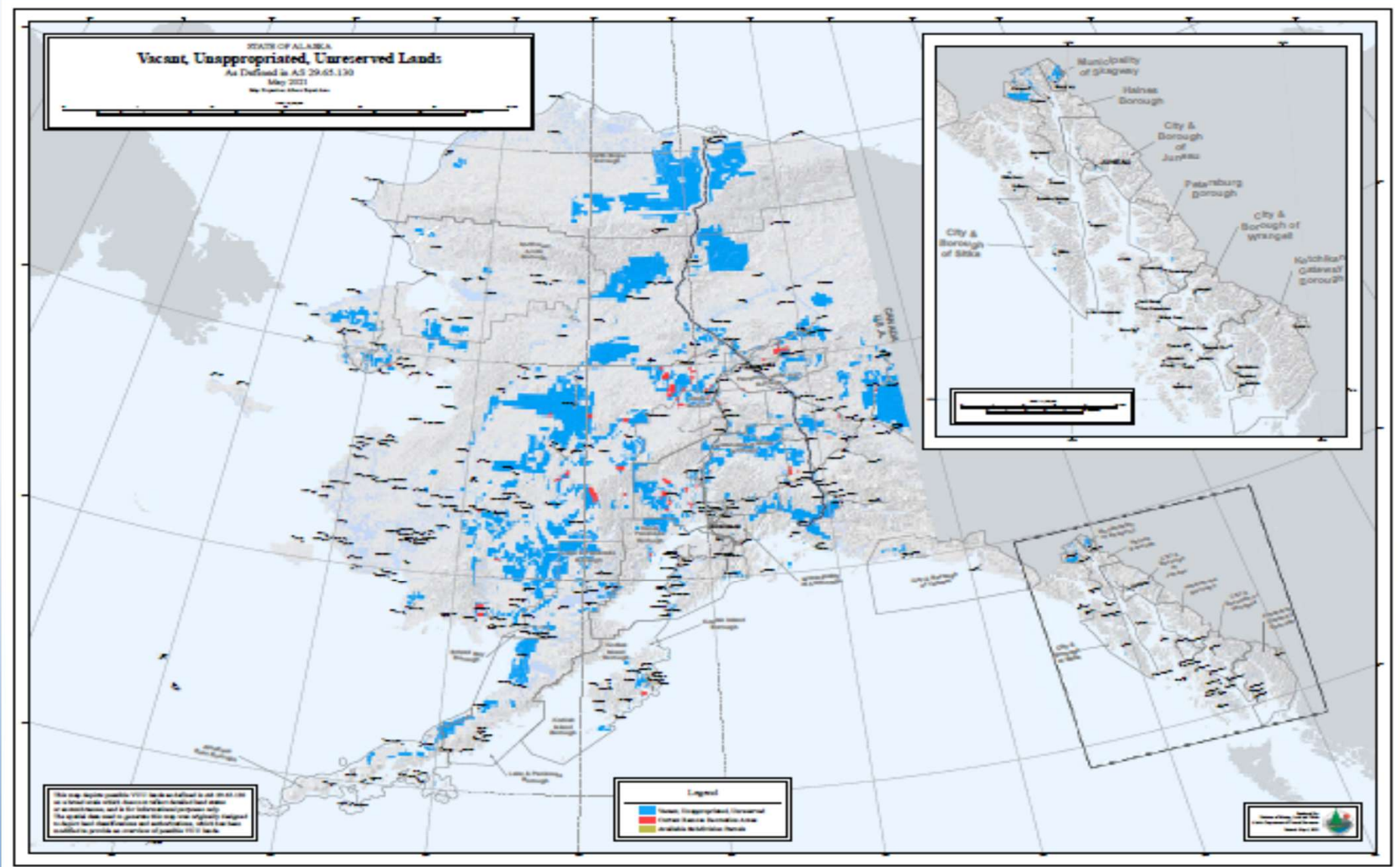


SB 133 PROVIDES MULTIPLE WAYS FOR ALASKANS TO PROCURE A PIECE OF ALASKA

- The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will maintain a list of lands available for Remote Recreational Sites (RRS)
- The State will identify areas where land is properly classified for settlement and may be staked for RRS
- Individuals can nominate open state land not included in the annual state offering for RRS
- Multiple ways to procure a site:
 - Purchase
 - Lease
 - Permit



STATEWIDE VUU MAP



CONCLUSION

THANK YOU, ANY QUESTIONS?



Addendum

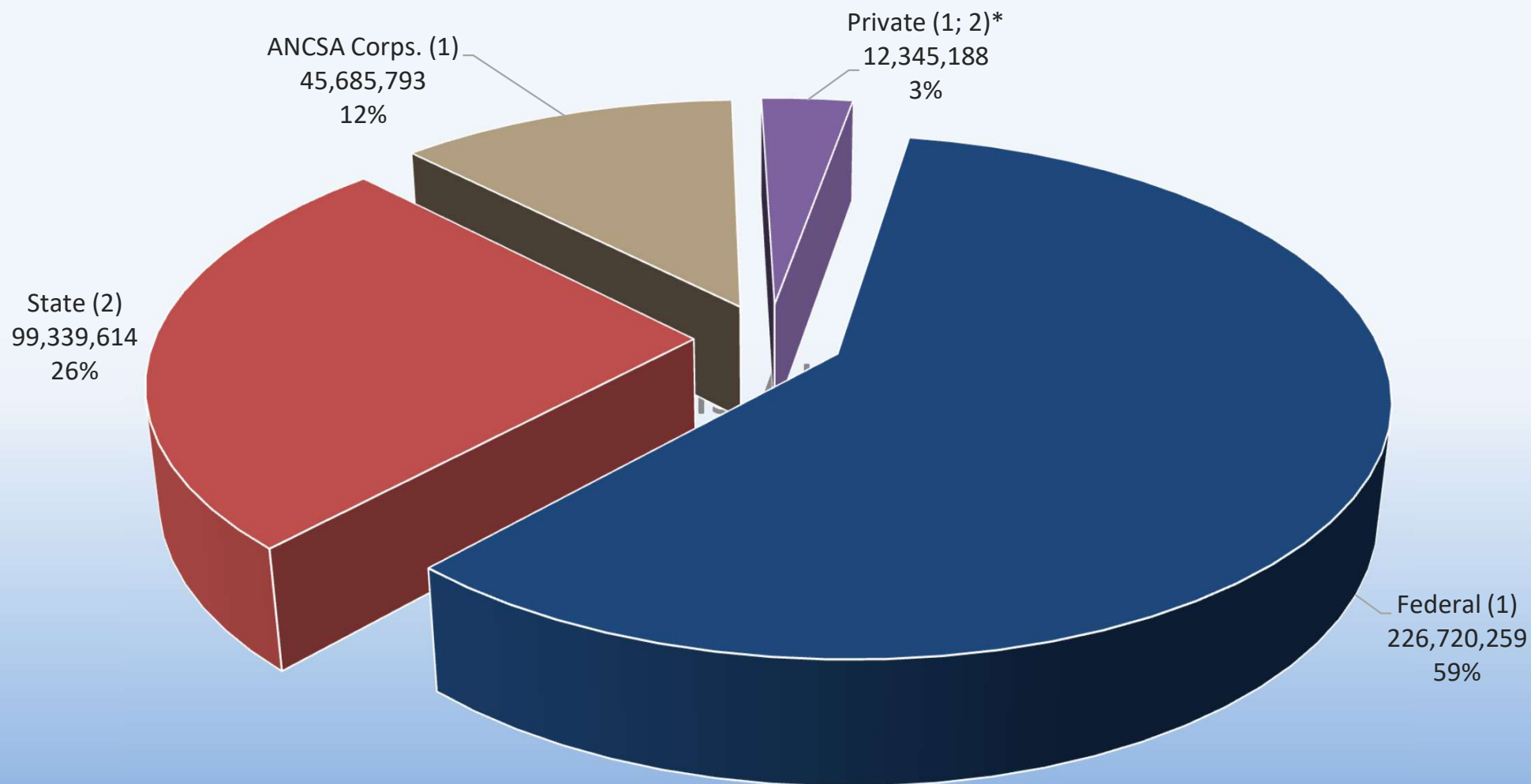
FULFILLING OUR CONSTITUTIONAL INTENT

Article VIII, Section 1 of the Alaska Constitution states:

It is the policy of the State to encourage the settlement of its land and the development of its resources by making them available for maximum use consistent with the public interest.

- In a state where less than 3% of the state's land is owned by individuals, SB 133 will provide Alaskans with an opportunity settle the land and increase the amount of Alaska owned by individual Alaskans
- The bill aligns with the Governor's priority to put Alaska land into Alaskan hands and allows Alaskans' the ability to enjoy the state to the fullest extent, and to use state land and resources

WHO OWNS ALASKA



HISTORY OF THE CURRENT REMOTE RECREATIONAL CABIN SITE PROGRAM

- 1997 – Remote Recreational Cabin Sites (RRCS) program created (AS 38.05.600)
- Replaced remote cabin permit program
- The current RRCS is open to residents only, no "prove-up" requirements, DNR completes the survey and appraisal
- Not intended for commercial use
- Offerings began in 2001 and DNR has had 14 offerings with 81 staking areas – 807 parcels totaling 50,462 acres sold

CURRENT REMOTE RECREATIONAL CABIN SITE PROGRAM

- Identify and Develop Staking Areas
 - DMLW identifies areas suitable, i.e. classified “Settlement” for RRCS offerings and completes a best interest finding (BIF) for each RRCS staking area
- Offering and Drawing for Staking
 - Staking area identified for the RRCS land offering; RRCS publishes brochure; conducts drawing period open for Alaskan residents only and holds the drawing to choose authorized stakers
- Staking, Leasing and Purchase
 - Staking period is opened for several months
 - Parcels are surveyed and appraised by DNR
 - Stakers can enter into a purchase contract with the state or pay the full purchase price and receive patent



PREVIOUS RRCS OFFERINGS



East Fork Pass: 16,350 Acres
60 Staking Authorizations



Tatalina II: 6,100 Acres
31 Staking Authorizations



Far Mountain: 44,800 Acres
50 Staking Authorization



Mount Ryan II: 35,700 Acres
30 Staking Authorizations



Lake Louise East: 39,840 Acres
35 Staking Authorizations

HISTORY OF CURRENT RRCS PROGRAM STAKING AREAS 2001-2021 MAP

