

**Calendar No. 608**118<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION**S. 3790**

To make additional Federal public land available for selection under the Alaska Native Vietnam era veterans land allotment program, and for other purposes.

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**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES**

FEBRUARY 8 (legislative day, FEBRUARY 7), 2024

Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

NOVEMBER 21, 2024

Reported by Mr. MANCHIN, with an amendment and an amendment to the title

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

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**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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Alaska Native Vietnam  
3 Era Veterans Land Allotment Extension and Fulfillment  
4 Act of 2024”.

5 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF THE ALASKA NATIVE VIETNAM ERA**  
6 **VETERANS LAND ALLOTMENT PROGRAM.**

7 Section 1119(b)(3)(B) of the John D. Dingell, Jr.  
8 Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act (43  
9 U.S.C. 1629g-1(b)(3)(B)) is amended by striking “5-year  
10 period” and inserting “10-year period”.

11 **SEC. 3. MAKING ADDITIONAL LAND AVAILABLE FOR SELEC-**  
12 **TION UNDER THE ALASKA NATIVE VIETNAM**  
13 **ERA VETERANS LAND ALLOTMENT PROGRAM.**

14 (a) **WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM LAND.**—All Federal  
15 land identified as suitable for allotment selection in the  
16 report under subsection (e)(1) of section 1119 of the John  
17 D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recre-  
18 ation Act (43 U.S.C. 1629g-1), and published by the  
19 United States Fish and Wildlife Service in the report enti-  
20 tled “Identification of National Wildlife Refuge System  
21 Lands in Alaska That Should Be Made Available for Allot-  
22 ment Selection by Eligible Alaska Native Vietnam Era  
23 Veterans” (November 2020), shall be made immediately  
24 available by the Secretary of the Interior for selection in  
25 accordance with that section.

1 (b) FEDERAL LAND MANAGED BY THE FOREST  
2 SERVICE.—

3 (1) DEFINITION OF AVAILABLE FEDERAL  
4 LAND.—Section 1119(a)(1)(B) of the John D. Din-  
5 gell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation  
6 Act (~~43 U.S.C. 1629g-1(a)(1)(B)~~) is amended—

7 (A) by striking clause (v); and

8 (B) by redesignating clauses (vi) through  
9 (x) as clauses (v) through (ix), respectively.

10 (2) IDENTIFICATION OF FEDERAL LAND.—Sec-  
11 tion 1119 of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation,  
12 Management, and Recreation Act (~~43 U.S.C.~~  
13 ~~1629g-1~~) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
14 lowing:

15 “(c) IDENTIFICATION OF FEDERAL LAND ADMINIS-  
16 TERED BY THE FOREST SERVICE.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after  
18 the date of enactment of this subsection, the Sec-  
19 retary of Agriculture, in consultation with the Sec-  
20 retary, the State, Regional Corporations, and Village  
21 Corporations, shall identify available Federal land  
22 within units of the National Forest System in the  
23 State that should be made available for allotment se-  
24 lection by eligible individuals.

1           “(2) EXCLUSIONS.—In identifying available  
 2 Federal land within units of the National Forest  
 3 System in the State that should be made available  
 4 for allotment selection under paragraph (1), the Sec-  
 5 retary shall not identify any available Federal land  
 6 in a unit of the National Forest System—

7           “(A) the conveyance of which, independ-  
 8 ently or as part of a group of allotments,  
 9 could—

10           “(i) significantly interfere with bio-  
 11 logical, physical, cultural, scenic, rec-  
 12 reational, or subsistence values; or

13           “(ii) interfere with the management  
 14 plan of the unit;

15           “(B) that is located within 300 feet from  
 16 the shore of a navigable body of water;

17           “(C) that is not consistent with the pur-  
 18 poses for which the unit was established; or

19           “(D) that is designated by Congress as wil-  
 20 derness.

21           “(3) AVAILABILITY OF LAND.—All available  
 22 Federal land identified as suitable for allotment se-  
 23 lection under this subsection shall be made imme-  
 24 diately available for selection in accordance with this  
 25 section.”.

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       *This Act may be cited as the “Alaska Native Vietnam*  
3 *Era Veterans Land Allotment Extension Act of 2024”.*

4 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF THE ALASKA NATIVE VIETNAM ERA**  
5 **VETERANS LAND ALLOTMENT PROGRAM.**

6       *Section 1119(b)(3)(B) of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Con-*  
7 *servation, Management, and Recreation Act (43 U.S.C.*  
8 *1629g–1(b)(3)(B)) is amended by striking “5-year period”*  
9 *and inserting “10-year period”.*

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to extend the Alaska Native Vietnam era veterans land allotment program, and for other purposes.”.

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