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# S. 3802

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 26, 2024

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

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## A BILL

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

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 “Alaska Native Vietnam  
5 Era Veterans Land Allotment Extension and Fulfillment  
6 Act of 2024”.

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

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

7 **SEC. 3. MAKING ADDITIONAL LAND AVAILABLE FOR SELEC-**  
 8 **TION UNDER THE ALASKA NATIVE VIETNAM**  
 9 **ERA VETERANS LAND ALLOTMENT PROGRAM.**

10 (a) DEFINITION OF AVAILABLE FEDERAL LAND.—  
 11 Section 1119(a)(1)(B) of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Con-  
 12 servation, Management, and Recreation Act (43 U.S.C.  
 13 1629g–1(a)(1)(B)) is amended—

14 (1) by striking clause (v); and

15 (2) by redesignating clauses (vi) through (x) as  
 16 clauses (v) through (ix), respectively.

17 (b) IDENTIFICATION OF FEDERAL LAND.—Section  
 18 1119 of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Manage-  
 19 ment, and Recreation Act (43 U.S.C. 1629g–1) is amend-  
 20 ed by adding at the end the following:

21 “(e) IDENTIFICATION OF FEDERAL LAND ADMINIS-  
 22 TERED BY THE FOREST SERVICE.—

23 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after  
 24 the date of enactment of this subsection, the Sec-  
 25 retary of Agriculture, in consultation with the Sec-  
 26 retary, the State, Regional Corporations, and Village

1 Corporations, shall identify available Federal land  
2 within units of the National Forest System in the  
3 State that should be made available for allotment se-  
4 lection by eligible individuals.

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

11 “(A) the conveyance of which, independ-  
12 ently or as part of a group of allotments,  
13 could—

14 “(i) significantly interfere with bio-  
15 logical, physical, cultural, scenic, rec-  
16 reational, or subsistence values; or

17 “(ii) interfere with the management  
18 plan of the unit;

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

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

23 “(D) that is designated by Congress as wil-  
24 derness.

1           “(3) AVAILABILITY OF LAND.—All available  
2 Federal land identified as suitable for allotment se-  
3 lection under this subsection shall be made imme-  
4 diately available for selection in accordance with this  
5 section.”.

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