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To require a study and report identifying the impacts on Chugach Alaska Corporation land that resulted from changes in Federal law or Federal or State land acquisitions in the Chugach region, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 29, 2017

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

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 “ANCSA Chugach Alas-
5 ka Land Exchange Study Act of 2017”.

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

7 **POOL.**

8 (a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

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

3 (2) CAC LAND.—The term “CAC land” means
4 land conveyed to CAC pursuant to the Alaska Native
5 Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) in
6 which—

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

9 (B)(i) the subsurface estate was conveyed
10 to CAC; and

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

16 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
17 the Secretary of Agriculture.

18 (4) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
19 of Alaska.

20 (b) STUDY.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
22 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in
23 coordination with the Secretary of the Interior and
24 in consultation with CAC, shall conduct a study to
25 identify the impacts on CAC land that resulted from

1 changes in Federal law or Federal or State land ac-
2 quisitions in the Chugach region after December 1,
3 1980.

4 (2) STUDY REQUIREMENTS.—

5 (A) IN GENERAL.—The study described in
6 paragraph (1) shall—

7 (i) consider conflicts that have arisen
8 between the management of Federal land
9 in the Chugach region and CAC land;

10 (ii) include recommendations for a
11 land exchange, including land exchange op-
12 tions that could be offered to CAC as con-
13 sideration for the conveyance of existing
14 property rights of CAC in exchange for
15 other Federal land or property available
16 for exchange; and

17 (iii) identify not less than 500,000
18 acres of economically viable Federal land,
19 being managed by any Federal land man-
20 agement agency, in or outside the State
21 that can be made available to CAC in ex-
22 change for any CAC land identified by
23 CAC as available to the United States for
24 exchange.

1 (B) LAND EXCHANGE REQUIREMENTS.—

2 Any land exchange described in subparagraph
3 (A) shall be pursuant to mutual agreement of
4 CAC and the United States and consummated
5 in accordance with all applicable legal author-
6 izations, except that any acre-for-acre exchange
7 of such Federal land for such CAC land shall
8 be conclusively deemed to be in the public inter-
9 est.

10 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date
11 of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to
12 the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the
13 Senate and the Committee on Natural Resources of the
14 House of Representatives a report containing the results
15 of the study conducted under this section, the identifica-
16 tion of Federal land for exchange, and any other rec-
17 ommendations as identified by the Secretary of the Inte-
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