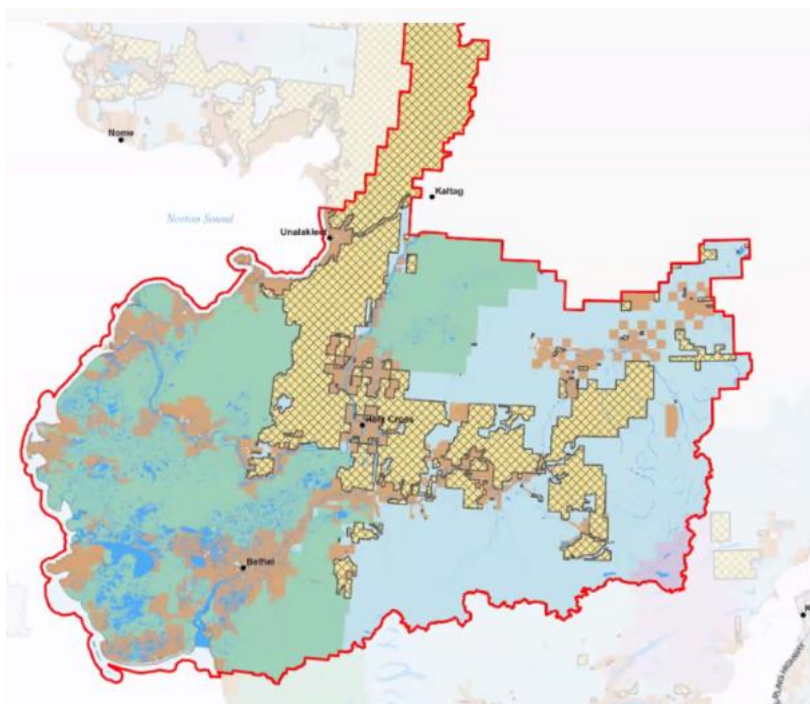


D-1 Lands in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Region

What AVCP Members should know about D-1 Land Withdrawals



Legend: *The hash marked areas are where D1 lands are at risk in our region*

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1. What are D-1 Lands in Alaska?

In 1971, when Congress passed ANCSA, it also set aside certain public lands in Alaska and said that these designated lands cannot be opened for mining, oil and gas leasing, or state land claims unless the government decides otherwise later. Under ANCSA's Section 17(d)(1), those protected lands are called "D-1 lands."

2. What is at stake?

Revoking D-1 land withdrawals, which is an *active priority* under the current federal administration, will mean opening these lands up to development- and to state selection, and removes the current rural subsistence priority afforded to these areas by federal statute. These are traditional fishing areas, hunting and trapping areas, and our spawning rivers.

Notably, because of ANILCA passed by Congress in 1980, D-1 lands with revoked status cannot be restored later without full Congressional approval. So, if these lands lose D-1 status, it may be permanent.

3. When is this happening?

D-1 Land revocations are under consideration right now by the Bureau of Land Management. BLM has a timeline of wrapping up tribal consultations by August 31st. AVCP have engaged in consultation to ensure our voices are heard. That means starting this upcoming winter, we may see formal notices for D-1 land withdrawals to be removed, and state selection land transfers from the federal government to the state of Alaska.

4. Will this affect my community?

Risk of D-1 Land revocation is subjective, combining risk factors of how close D-1 lands are to your community, whether these D-1 lands are under state land selection (IE. considered to be removed from D-1 withdrawal status), and whether these D-1 land revocations overlap with subsistence use areas. Additionally, some of these possible D-1 land revocations are likely to overlap with salmon spawning, breeding or nesting habitat, so risk does not necessarily have to do with distance, but rather if it risks subsistence resources and access.

AVCP Tribes at **Medium to High Risk**

Red Devil	Stony River	Iqumiut (Russian Mission)
Sleetmute	Lower Kalskag	Ohogamiut
Crooked Creek	Upper Kalskag	Lime Village
Georgetown	Aniak	Tuluksak
Napaimute	Chuathbaluk	

Marshall

Pilot Station

Impact

These communities on this list are very close to D-1 lands that are listed as *priority conveyance* of state selection once D-1 withdrawal status is revoked. For these communities, D-1 lands are within 0-50 miles of the community, and 400 acres or more of those D-1 lands are selected by the state, directly putting those lands at risk of loss of subsistence priority.

If your community is on this list, please consider looking deeper into these state land selections to see if they overlap with important subsistence areas. D-1 land revocation could put your subsistence use at risk. Additionally, please share any knowledge you have with AVCP staff, and advocate on behalf of your community to the Bureau of Land Management that these lands have important uses to your community.

AVCP Tribes at Subsistence Use Risk

Akiachak

Kasigluk

Oscarville

Akiak

Kwethluk

Tuntutuliak

Atmautluak

Napakiak

Bethel

Napaskiak

Eek

Nunapitchuk

Impact

These communities on this list are close to D-1 lands, but lands nearby are only partially selected by the State of Alaska for land revocation. No direct state selection lies within 50 miles, but it is not entirely risk-free; they may still lie within important subsistence areas for your community, or D-1 status may be revisited on these lands nearby. It is worthwhile for community members to seek more information from the Bureau of Land management to *confirm* impact that D-1 land revocation would have on your community.

AVCP Tribes at Undefined Risk

Alakanuk	Kipnuk	Paimiut
Algaaciq	Kongiganak	Pitka's Point
Andreafsky	Kotlik	Platinum
Bill Moore's Slough	Kwigillingok	Quinhagak
Chefornak	Mekoryuk	Scammon Bay
Chevak	Mountain Village	St. Mary's
Chuloonawick	Newtok	Tununak
Emmonak	Nightmute	Umkumiut
Goodnews Bay	Nunakauyak	
Hamilton	(Toksook Bay)	
Hooper Bay	Nunam Iqua	

Impact

These communities are nearby D-1 lands, but there are no state land selections overlaying within 50 miles. It is not entirely risk-free; they may still lie within important subsistence areas for your community, or D-1 status may be revisited on these lands nearby. Advocacy within these communities is still important, as D-1 lands revocation may still impact your subsistence resources, whether it is through species migration, land and water quality impact, or other risks. Please consider reaching out to Bureau of Land Management for more information, talk to AVCP staff, and consider which subsistence areas near your community are important to you.

Additional risk considerations:

Subsistence impacts and community relocation concerns

D-1 Land withdrawals and removal of this status can have impacts on our subsistence, including opening habitat to mining and development, interrupting important spawning habitat, closure of subsistence areas through state selection, and reduction of tribal sovereignty over lands. It can also put our communities already at risk of relocation due to climate change under more pressure and limitation.

FAQs

1. **My subsistence area isn't on any of the three risk lists. Does that mean we're safe?**

Not necessarily. The lists are based on available data and may not include every area of concern. If you don't see your area listed, contact AVCP staff.

2. **What's the difference between "D-1 withdrawn," "state selected," and "priority conveyance"?**

D-1 withdrawn land is federally protected. State-selected land is land Alaska has applied to receive. Priority conveyance land is both D-1 withdrawn and state selected, making it most at risk of transfer if D-1 protections are removed.

3. **If D-1 status is revoked, will mining or development start right away?**

Not necessarily. Additional approvals would still be needed, but the protections that have limited development for decades would be removed.

4. **Can this decision be undone later if we don't speak up now?**

Probably not. Restoring D-1 protections would likely require an act of Congress, which is why participation now is important.

5. **What is the timeline? When do I need to act?**

BLM plans to complete Tribal consultations by 31 August 2026, with formal notices expected by the end of the calendar year. Now is the time to stay informed and engaged.

What can our Tribal Council or leadership do?

- Formally request government-to-government consultation with BLM if your Tribe hasn't already. BLM has said it will consult, but only on request.
- Pass a Tribal resolution stating your position on D-1 withdrawals in your community.
- Let AVCP know your Tribe's priorities so they can be included in regional advocacy.
- Collect and share statements from Elders and active subsistence users about how specific areas are used; this kind of testimony carries impact in the federal consultation process. These are helpful not only for D-1 land discussions but all forms of AVCP advocacy.

Have more questions?

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