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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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Dear Alaska Native Vietnam era Veteran, or heir:

The Bureau of Indian Affairs Alaska Region is working in conjunction with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to implement Section 1119 of Public Law 116-9, the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act, also known as the Alaska Native Vietnam era Veterans Allotment program of 2019 (ANVVA), which passed on March 12, 2019. The ANVVA will give eligible individuals the opportunity to apply for an allotment of up to 160 acres of land.

An individual is eligible for an allotment under this Act, if s/he has:

1. Served in the armed forces between August 5, 1964 and December 31, 1971
2. Met the definition of Alaska Native, pursuant to 43 U.S.C. 1602
3. Has not received a land allotment from one of the previous Acts:
 - a. The Alaska Native Allotment Act of May 17, 1906 (34 Stat. 197, chapter 2469) (as in effect on December 17, 1971)
 - b. Section 14(h)(5) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C.1613(h)(5)); or
 - c. Section 41 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1629g).

The Department of the Interior projects the application period for the program to open in September of 2020. In the meantime, we are reaching out to encourage anyone who believes they may be eligible for this program to update their contact information with the BIA Alaska Regional Office so that we or the BLM will be able to contact you in the coming months with updates regarding the program, and details on the application process.

If the eligible individual is deceased, a Personal Representative appointed by the Alaska State Court may apply on their behalf. If you need further information regarding that process, please visit the State Court's probate website at <http://www.courts.alaska.gov/shc/probate/probate.htm>.

To update contact information, the Alaska Native Vietnam War era veterans or their heirs should contact Sarah Walker, Tribal Operations Specialist at (907) 271-4506, sarah.walker@bia.gov. For questions related to the Veterans Allotment process, please contact Jennifer Miller, Realty Specialist at (907) 271-1743, jennifer.miller@bia.gov or Cyril Andrews, Regional Realty Officer at (907) 271-4104, cyril.andrews@bia.gov.

Sincerely,

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