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Ms. Heather Richter
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Dear Ms. Richter:

Thank you for your letter received January 10, 2013, to Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar requesting conveyance of lands to Sealaska Corporation. You correctly assert that in 2008, Sealaska requested that BLM delay conveyance pending the outcome of proposed legislation.

As the entity that will receive the land entitlement pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA), as amended, Sealaska Corporation has expressed their desire the BLM continue to delay conveyance pending legislation.

On February 14, 2013, S. 340 and HR 740 were introduced in the Senate and House of Representatives respectively. Section 2 of the ANCSA provides the Act will be carried out with maximum participation by the Alaska Native entities. Therefore, we will continue to work with Sealaska on the priorities and at the pace agreeable to the corporation.

BLM in Alaska continues to work with other ANCSA corporations, the State of Alaska and individuals to balance remaining workload and available resources to meet entitlements and claims at an accelerated pace.

Sincerely,

Bud C. Cribley
State Director