

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 3903
OFFERED BY MR. BEGICH OF ALASKA

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Chugach Alaska Land
3 Exchange Oil Spill Recovery Act of 2025”.

4 SEC. 2. PURPOSES.

5 The purposes of this Act are—

6 (1) to authorize, direct, and expedite the ex-
7 change of land and interests in land between Chu-
8 gach Alaska and the United States; and

9 (2) to consolidate Federal ownership of the sur-
10 face and subsurface estate of Federal land and in-
11 terests acquired under the Program.

12 SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

13 In this Act:

14 (1) ANSCA TERMS.—The terms “Native Cor-
15 poration”, “Regional Corporation”, and “Village
16 Corporation” have the meanings given those terms
17 in section 3 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement
18 Act (43 U.S.C. 1602).

1 (2) CHUGACH ALASKA.—The term “Chugach
2 Alaska” means the Chugach Alaska Corporation, a
3 Regional Corporation.

4 (3) CHUGACH REGION LAND STUDY REPORT.—
5 The term “Chugach Region Land Study Report”
6 means the report and recommendations submitted to
7 Congress by the Secretary pursuant to section 1113
8 of the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Manage-
9 ment, and Recreation Act (Public Law 116–9; 133
10 Stat. 614).

11 (4) FEDERAL EXCHANGE LAND.—The term
12 “Federal exchange land” means the approximately
13 65,374 acres of fee simple land located in the Chu-
14 gach Region as described in section 4(e).

15 (5) NON-FEDERAL LAND.—The term “non-Fed-
16 eral land” means the parcels of subsurface land
17 comprising approximately 231,000 acres—

18 (A) owned by Chugach Alaska and con-
19 veyed to Chugach Alaska pursuant to the Alas-
20 ka Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C.
21 1601 et seq.);

22 (B) described in section 4(f); and

23 (C) for which—

24 (i) the United States has acquired fee
25 title to the surface estate or a conservation

1 easement on the surface estate pursuant to
2 the Program; or

3 (ii) the State has acquired fee title to,
4 and the United States has acquired a con-
5 servation easement in, the surface estate
6 pursuant to the Program.

7 (6) PROGRAM.—The term “Program” means
8 the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Habitat Protection and
9 Acquisition Program of the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill
10 Trustee Council.

11 (7) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
12 the Secretary of the Interior.

13 (8) STATE.—The term “State” means the State
14 of Alaska.

15 **SEC. 4. LAND EXCHANGE.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
17 date of enactment of this Act, if Chugach Alaska offers
18 to convey to the Secretary all right, title, and interest in
19 and to the non-Federal land, the Secretary shall accept
20 the offer and convey, pursuant to section 22(j)(1) of the
21 Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C.
22 1621(j)(1)), all right, title, and interest of the Federal
23 Government in and to the Federal exchange land subject
24 to the reservation of public easements required under sec-

tion 17(b) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1616(b)).

(b) CONDITION ON ACCEPTANCE.—Title to the non-Federal land exchanged in subsection (a) shall be in a form that is acceptable to the Secretary.

(c) TREATMENT OF LAND CONVEYED.—Except as otherwise provided, any land conveyed to Chugach Alaska under subsection (a) shall be considered to be land conveyed by the Secretary under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.).

(d) VALID EXISTING RIGHTS.—The conveyances under subsection (a) shall be subject to any valid existing rights, reservations, rights-of-way, or other encumbrances of third parties in, to, or on the Federal exchange land or the non-Federal land as of the date of enactment of this Act.

(e) CONVEYANCE OF FEDERAL EXCHANGE LAND.—The Secretary shall, as soon as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, convey to Chugach Alaska—

(1) all right, title, and interest in and to the National Forest System land of the Forest Service identified in the Chugach Regional Land Study and Report, comprising approximately 63,414 total acres, comprising—

1 (A) T. 3 N., R. 10 E., Seward Meridian,
2 Drier Bay Parcel, comprising approximately
3 2,996 acres of surface estate;

4 (B) T. 17 and 18 S., R. 7 and 8 E., Cop-
5 per River Meridian, Kushtaka Lake Parcel,
6 comprising approximately 7,876 acres of sur-
7 face and subsurface estate;

8 (C) T. 2 N., R. 1 and 2 E., Seward Merid-
9 ian, Snow River Parcel, comprising approxi-
10 mately 11,462 acres of surface and subsurface
11 estate;

12 (D) T. 17 and 18 S., R. 8 W., Copper
13 River Meridian, Hinchinbrook Island Parcel,
14 comprising approximately 2,617 acres of sur-
15 face and subsurface estate;

16 (E) T. 17 S., R. 7 E., secs. 5, 8, 18, 19,
17 and 30 through 33, Copper River Meridian,
18 Kushtaka Lake Parcel, comprising approxi-
19 mately 6,375 acres of surface and subsurface
20 estate;

21 (F) T. 18 S., R. 7 E., secs. 6 and 7, Cop-
22 per River Meridian, Kushtaka Lake Parcel,
23 comprising approximately 1,280 acres of sur-
24 face and subsurface estate;

1 (G) T. 16 S., R. 5 E., secs. 24 through 26
2 and 36, Copper River Meridian, Martin River
3 Parcel, comprising approximately 2,240 acres of
4 surface and subsurface estate;

5 (H) T. 16, S., R. 6 E., secs. 16, 19
6 through 21, and 25 through 36, Copper River
7 Meridian, Martin River Parcel, comprising ap-
8 proximately 8,305 acres of surface and sub-
9 surface estate;

10 (I) T. 17 S., R. 6 E., secs. 1 through 4,
11 and 10, Copper River Meridian, Martin River
12 Parcel, comprising approximately 3,170 acres of
13 surface and subsurface estate;

14 (J) T. 16 S., R. 4 E., secs. 1 through 4,
15 9 through 13, and 24, Copper River Meridian,
16 Johnson River Parcel, comprising approxi-
17 mately 5,200 acres of surface and subsurface
18 estate;

19 (K) T. 16 S., R. 5 E., secs. 5 through 9,
20 and 15 through 22, Copper River Meridian,
21 Johnson River Parcel, comprising approxi-
22 mately 6,165 acres of surface and subsurface
23 estate; and

24 (L) T. 19 S., R. 15 E., secs. 12 through
25 14, 23, 24, 26, 27, 33, and 34, Copper River

1 Meridian, Robinson Mountains Parcel, com-
2 prising approximately 5,728 acres of surface
3 and subsurface estate; and

4 (2) all right, title, and interest in and to the
5 Federal land administered by the Bureau of Land
6 Management and National Park Service identified in
7 the Chugach Regional Land Study and Report, com-
8 prising approximately 1,960 total acres, com-
9 prising—

10 (A) T. 21 S., R. 24 E., Copper River Me-
11 ridian, Taan Fjord Parcel, comprising approxi-
12 mately 450 acres of surface and subsurface es-
13 tate;

14 (B) T. 21 and 22 S., R. 24 E., Copper
15 River Meridian, Kageet Point Parcel, com-
16 prising approximately 310 acres of surface and
17 subsurface estate; and

18 (C) T. 9 S., R. 2 W., secs. 5 and 6, Cop-
19 per River Meridian, Thompson Pass Parcel,
20 comprising 1,200 acres of surface and sub-
21 surface estate.

22 (f) CONVEYANCE OF NON-FEDERAL LAND.—

23 (1) CONVEYANCE.—The non-Federal land to
24 which Chugach Alaska may convey to the Secretary

1 all right, title, and interest, that the Secretary deter-
2 mines to be applicable, includes—

3 (A) the approximately 130,469.93 sub-
4 surface acres, which comprises—

5 (i) T. 13 S., R. 1 W., sec. 19, Copper
6 River Meridian, comprising approximately
7 467 acres;

8 (ii) T. 13 S., R. 2 W., secs. 23
9 through 27, Copper River Meridian, com-
10 prising approximately 2,627 acres;

11 (iii) T. 15 S., R. 2 W., secs. 3
12 through 9, 17 through 19, and 29 through
13 33, Copper River Meridian, comprising ap-
14 proximately 8,277.36 acres;

15 (iv) T. 16 S., R. 2 W., secs. 1 through
16 4, and 6, Copper River Meridian, com-
17 prising approximately 2,373.34 acres;

18 (v) T. 14 S., R. 3 W., secs. 32 and
19 33, Copper River Meridian, comprising ap-
20 proximately 240 acres;

21 (vi) T. 15 S., R. 3 W., secs. 3 through
22 7, portions of secs. 8 and 9, and secs. 12,
23 13, 18, 19, 24, 25, 35, and 36, Copper
24 River Meridian, comprising approximately
25 3,486.36 acres;

1 (vii) T. 16 S., R. 3 W., secs. 1, 11,
2 and 15, Copper River Meridian, comprising
3 approximately 962 acres;

4 (viii) T. 13 S., R. 4 W., secs. 26, 27,
5 and 32 through 34, Copper River Merid-
6 ian, comprising approximately 2,494.05
7 acres;

8 (ix) T. 14 S., R. 4 W., secs. 1 through
9 11, 15 through 21, 25, 30, and 31, Copper
10 River Meridian, comprising approximately
11 6,750.98 acres;

12 (x) T. 15 S., R. 4 W., secs. 8 through
13 12, 16 through 22, and 24, Copper River
14 Meridian, comprising approximately
15 5,839.15 acres;

16 (xi) T. 13 S., R. 5 W., secs. 3, 9
17 through 11, 14 through 20, a portion of
18 sec. 21, and secs. 31 and 36, Copper River
19 Meridian, comprising approximately
20 4,216.36 acres;

21 (xii) T. 14 S., R. 5 W., sec. 1, a por-
22 tion of sec. 2, secs. 6 through 12, 14
23 through 21, 29, and 30, Copper River Me-
24 ridian, comprising approximately 9,057.6
25 acres;

1 (xiii) T. 15 S., R. 5 W., secs. 23 and
2 24, Copper River Meridian, comprising ap-
3 proximately 292.97 acres;

4 (xiv) T. 12 S., R. 6 W., secs. 11, 13,
5 14, 23, and 24, Copper River Meridian,
6 comprising approximately 1,980.69 acres;

7 (xv) T. 12 S., R. 7 W., secs. 32, 34,
8 35, and 36, Copper River Meridian, com-
9 prising approximately 343 acres;

10 (xvi) T. 13 S., R. 7 W., secs. 1
11 through 22, 24, 25, and 27 through 36,
12 Copper River Meridian, comprising ap-
13 proximately 17,234.88 acres;

14 (xvii) T. 14 S., R. 7 W., secs. 2, 3,
15 and 6, Copper River Meridian, comprising
16 approximately 203 acres;

17 (xviii) T. 13 S., R. 8 W., secs. 1, 9
18 through 11, 13 through 29, and 32
19 through 36, Copper River Meridian, com-
20 prising approximately 9,282.25 acres;

21 (xix) T. 14 S., R. 8 W., secs. 1
22 through 5, Copper River Meridian, com-
23 prising approximately 629.25 acres;

1 (xx) T. 13 S., R. 9 W., sec. 24, Cop-
2 per River Meridian, comprising approxi-
3 mately 10 acres;

4 (xxi) T. 10 S., R. 10 W., sec. 32,
5 Copper River Meridian, comprising ap-
6 proximately 1.19 acres;

7 (xxii) T. 3 N., R. 7 E., secs. 1
8 through 4, 8 through 17, 20, 22, 23, 24,
9 26, 27, and 29, Seward Meridian, com-
10 prising approximately 9,314 acres;

11 (xxiii) T. 4 N., R. 7 E., secs. 11, 14,
12 15, 21 through 28, and 33 through 36,
13 Seward Meridian, comprising approxi-
14 mately 8,684.96 acres;

15 (xxiv) T. 3 N., R. 8 E., secs. 4
16 through 7, 18, and 19, Seward Meridian,
17 comprising approximately 1,120.50 acres;

18 (xxv) T. 4 N., R. 8 E., secs. 29
19 through 32, and 36, Seward Meridian,
20 comprising approximately 1,404.25 acres;

21 (xxvi) T. 1 N., R. 10 E., secs. 5 and
22 8, Seward Meridian, comprising approxi-
23 mately 743 acres;

1 (xxvii) T. 3 S., R. 2 W., secs. 22, 23,
2 25, 26, 33, 35, and 36, Seward Meridian,
3 comprising approximately 2,125 acres;

4 (xxviii) T. 4 S., R. 2 W., secs. 2, 3,
5 4, and 11, Seward Meridian, comprising
6 approximately 1,225 acres;

7 (xxix) T. 5 S., R. 3 W., secs. 18, 19,
8 20, 23, 26 through 29, and 32 through 36,
9 Seward Meridian, comprising approxi-
10 mately 3,670 acres;

11 (xxx) T. 5 S., R. 4 W., sec. 13, Sew-
12 ard Meridian, comprising approximately
13 380 acres;

14 (xxxi) T. 6 S., R. 4 W., sec. 7, Sew-
15 ard Meridian, comprising approximately
16 613 acres;

17 (xxxii) T. 5 S., R. 5 W., sec. 33, Sew-
18 ard Meridian, comprising approximately
19 620 acres;

20 (xxxiii) T. 6 S., R. 5 W., secs. 4, 9,
21 28, 29, 32, and 33, Seward Meridian, com-
22 prising approximately 3,205 acres;

23 (xxxiv) T. 7 S., R. 5 W., sec. 4, Sew-
24 ard Meridian, comprising approximately
25 230 acres;

1 (xxxv) T. 8 S., R. 6 W., secs. 7
2 through 12, 14 through 22, and 27
3 through 34, Seward Meridian, comprising
4 approximately 6,797.39 acres;

5 (xxxvi) T. 7 S., R. 7 W., secs. 1, 2,
6 5, 6, 8, 9, 11 through 14, 16, 17, 23, and
7 24, Seward Meridian, comprising approxi-
8 mately 6,031.78 acres;

9 (xxxvii) T. 8 S., R. 7 W., secs. 24, 25,
10 35, and 36, Seward Meridian, comprising
11 approximately 705.65 acres; and

12 (xxxviii) T. 7 S., R. 8 W., secs. 1, 5,
13 8, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 20, 21, 23, 26 (lots
14 1 through 4), 27, 28, and 29, Seward Me-
15 ridian, comprising approximately 6,831.97
16 acres;

17 (B) the approximately 24,911.65 sub-
18 surface acres in which the fee title to the sur-
19 face estate has been acquired by the State, and
20 a conservation easement in the surface estate
21 has been acquired by the United States, pursu-
22 ant to the Program, which comprises—

23 (i) T. 16 S., R. 4 W., sec. 6, Copper
24 River Meridian, comprising approximately
25 157.49 acres;

1 (ii) T. 15 S., R. 5 W., secs. 35 and
2 36, Copper River Meridian, comprising ap-
3 proximately 1,280 acres;

4 (iii) T. 16 S., R. 5 W., secs. 3, 4, 10,
5 11, and 12, Copper River Meridian, com-
6 prising approximately 1,479 acres;

7 (iv) T. 11 S., R. 8 W., secs. 4 and 9,
8 Copper River Meridian, comprising ap-
9 proximately 579 acres;

10 (v) T. 12 S., R. 8 W., sec. 1, Copper
11 River Meridian, comprising approximately
12 130 acres;

13 (vi) T. 9 S., R. 9 W., secs. 26, 27, 33,
14 34, and 35, Copper River Meridian, com-
15 prising approximately 1,524.26 acres;

16 (vii) T. 10 S., R. 10 W., secs. 15, 16,
17 22, 23, 27, 28, 32, and 33, Copper River
18 Meridian, comprising approximately
19 2,183.65 acres;

20 (viii) T. 4 N., R. 7 E., secs. 12 and
21 13, Seward Meridian, comprising approxi-
22 mately 1,145 acres;

23 (ix) T. 3 N., R. 8 E., secs. 12 and 13,
24 Seward Meridian, comprising approxi-
25 mately 304 acres;

1 (x) T. 4 N., R. 8 E., secs. 1 through
2 5, 7 through 30, and 33 through 35, Sew-
3 ard Meridian, comprising approximately
4 14,712.25 acres; and

5 (xi) T. 4 N., R. 9 E., secs. 6, 7, 17,
6 18, and 19, Seward Meridian, comprising
7 approximately 1,417 acres; and

8 (C) the approximately 75,655.4 subsurface
9 acres in which a conservation easement in the
10 surface estate has been acquired by the United
11 States pursuant to the Program, which com-
12 prises—

13 (i) T. 13 S., R. 2 W., secs. 33 and 34,
14 Copper River Meridian, comprising ap-
15 proximately 1,131.75 acres;

16 (ii) T. 14 S., R. 2 W., secs. 4 through
17 8, and 31, Copper River Meridian, com-
18 prising approximately 2,104.92 acres;

19 (iii) T. 14 S., R. 3 W., secs. 12
20 through 16, 21 through 23, and 28
21 through 31, Copper River Meridian, com-
22 prising approximately 5,319.37 acres;

23 (iv) T. 14 S., R. 3 W., secs. 6 through
24 8, and 17 through 20, Copper River Merid-

1 ian, comprising approximately 3,899.44
2 acres;

3 (v) T. 15 S., R. 3 W., secs. 8 and 9,
4 and the southern part of sec. 13, Copper
5 River Meridian, comprising approximately
6 125 acres;

7 (vi) T. 16 S., R. 3 W., secs. 1, 11, 12,
8 14, and 15, Copper River Meridian, com-
9 prising approximately 506 acres;

10 (vii) T. 14 S., R. 4 W., secs. 28 and
11 29, Copper River Meridian, comprising ap-
12 proximately 660.15 acres;

13 (viii) T. 14 S., R. 4 W., secs. 1, 5
14 through 8, 10 through 15, 22 through 27,
15 and 34 through 36, Copper River Merid-
16 ian, comprising approximately 3,516 acres;

17 (ix) T. 15 S., R. 5 W., secs. 27, 28,
18 33, and 34, Copper River Meridian, com-
19 prising approximately 1,455.63 acres;

20 (x) T. 11 S., R. 6 W., secs. 25, 26,
21 and 34 through 36, Copper River Merid-
22 ian, comprising approximately 2,088.26
23 acres;

24 (xi) T. 12 S., R. 6 W., secs. 1 through
25 3, 8 through 10, and 16 through 19, Cop-

1 per River Meridian, comprising approxi-
2 mately 2,777.5 acres;

3 (xii) T. 11 S., R. 7 W., sec. 31, Cop-
4 per River Meridian, comprising approxi-
5 mately 577.8 acres;

6 (xiii) T. 12 S., R. 7 W., sec. 5
7 through 7, 10 through 15, and 18 through
8 24, Copper River Meridian, comprising ap-
9 proximately 6,596.93 acres;

10 (xiv) T. 13 S., R. 7 W., secs. 18 and
11 19, Copper River Meridian, comprising ap-
12 proximately 700 acres;

13 (xv) T. 10 S., R. 8 W., secs. 33 and
14 34, Copper River Meridian, comprising ap-
15 proximately 1,197 acres;

16 (xvi) T. 11 S., R. 8 W., secs. 1
17 through 4, 10 through 16, 21 through 26,
18 31, 35, and 36, Copper River Meridian,
19 comprising approximately 7,647.41 acres;

20 (xvii) T. 12 S., R. 8 W., secs. 1, 12
21 through 14, and 24, Copper River Merid-
22 ian, comprising approximately 591.75
23 acres;

24 (xviii) T. 12 S., R. 8 W., secs. 1
25 through 3, 10, 11, 14 through 16, 21 and

1 22, Copper River Meridian, comprising ap-
2 proximately 2,112 acres;

3 (xix) T. 12 S., R. 8 W., secs. 5
4 through 8, 18, and 19, Copper River Me-
5 ridian, comprising approximately 1,220.5
6 acres;

7 (xx) T. 13 S., R. 8 W., secs. 13, 14,
8 17, 19 through 21, 23, 24, and 28 through
9 30, Copper River Meridian, comprising ap-
10 proximately 1,400 acres;

11 (xxi) T. 11 S., R. 9 W., secs. 22, 23,
12 25, 26, 27, 34, 35, and 36, Copper River
13 Meridian, comprising approximately
14 1,157.75 acres;

15 (xxii) T. 12 S., R. 9 W., secs. 1
16 through 4, 9 through 15, 22, 23, 24, 26,
17 and 27, Copper River Meridian, comprising
18 approximately 6,445.71 acres;

19 (xxiii) T. 13 S., R. 9 W., secs. 24 and
20 25, Copper River Meridian, comprising ap-
21 proximately 345.33 acres;

22 (xxiv) T. 2 N., R. 7 E., sec. 1, Seward
23 Meridian, comprising approximately 64.16
24 acres;

1 (xxv) T. 3 N., R. 7 E., secs. 24, 25,
2 and 36, Seward Meridian, comprising ap-
3 proximately 385.75 acres;

4 (xxvi) T. 1 N., R. 8 E., secs. 11, 14,
5 15, 22, 23, 26, and 27, Seward Meridian,
6 comprising approximately 1,667.65 acres;

7 (xxvii) T. 2 N., R. 8 E., secs. 2
8 through 11, 26, 30, 31, 32, and 35, Sew-
9 ard Meridian, comprising approximately
10 4,339.84 acres;

11 (xxviii) T. 3 N., R. 8 E., secs. 1
12 through 4, 8 through 11, 14 through 17,
13 19 through 23, and 26 through 35, Seward
14 Meridian, comprising approximately
15 11,339.4 acres;

16 (xxix) T. 4 N., R. 8 E., sec. 35, Sew-
17 ard Meridian, comprising approximately
18 1.5 acres;

19 (xxx) T. 1 N., R. 9 E., secs. 1, 2, 11
20 through 14, and 24, Seward Meridian,
21 comprising approximately 1,560.25 acres;
22 and

23 (xxxi) T. 1 N., R. 10 E., secs. 6, 7,
24 17 through 20, 29 and 30, Seward Merid-

1 ian, comprising approximately 2,720.65
2 acres.

3 (2) MANAGEMENT.—Land acquired by the Sec-
4 retary under this subsection shall—

5 (A) become part of the unit of Federal
6 land in which the land acquired by the Sec-
7 retary is located; and

8 (B) be administered in accordance with
9 that unit of Federal land.

10 (3) EXCLUSION OF VILLAGE CORPORATION DE-
11 VELOPMENT AND SHAREHOLDER SITES.—Notwith-
12 standing paragraph (1), Chugach Alaska shall ex-
13 clude from the conveyance of non-Federal land all
14 right, title, and interest in any land, not to exceed
15 a total of 209 acres, that—

16 (A) a Village Corporation has retained de-
17 velopment rights, other than timber develop-
18 ment rights; or

19 (B) has been designated for a shareholder
20 homesite program.

21 **SEC. 5. MAPS, ESTIMATES, AND DESCRIPTIONS.**

22 (a) MINOR ERRORS.—The Secretary and Chugach
23 Alaska may correct, by mutual agreement, any minor er-
24 rors in any map, acreage estimate, or description of any
25 land conveyed or exchanged under this Act.

1 (b) CONFLICT.—If there is a conflict between a map,
2 an acreage estimate, or a description of land in this Act,
3 the map shall control unless the Secretary and Chugach
4 Alaska mutually agree otherwise.

