



## Federal Land Management: Consideration of Proposed Alaska Land Exchanges Should Be Discontinued: Rced-88-179

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Bibliogov, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 246 x 189 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.In response to a congressional request, GAO evaluated proposed land exchanges between the Department of the Interior and six groups of Alaskan Native corporations to: (1) assess Interior's legal authority to conduct the proposed land exchanges; and (2) examine the processes, assumptions, and methods underlying the exchanges. GAO found that: (1) Interior had the legal authority to negotiate and administratively approve the proposed exchanges at the time it developed the proposals; (2) legislation passed in 1988 prohibited Interior from conveying interests in lands within the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) without prior legislative approval; (3) 76 percent of the lands that the government would acquire would provide limited wildlife and habitat protection benefits; and (4) about 279,000 acres were low priority or unsuitable for acquisition, about 349,000 acres were already protected from uses inconsistent with wildlife refuge purposes, and Interior would not acquire about 53,000 acres most threatened by subsurface mineral development. GAO also found that Interior: (1) appraised the fair market value of the proposed exchanges at \$90 million, but negotiated a...



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