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All – Hope you are all preparing for Happy Holidays, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy (and very different) New Year.

I wanted to provide a quick summary of where things have ended up with the landless legislation that we have discussed. Thank you all again for engaging on the topic and taking the time to share your thoughts with us recently.

While the 116th Congress hasn't completely concluded its business just yet, the ANCSA Improvement Act, S. 4889, along with the Landless provisions contained in Section 7 of the bill, have not advanced out of Committee.

The current legislation will expire at the end of this year, and will have to be reintroduced if it is to move forward in the 117th Congress that begins next year.

While not yet confirmed, it is quite possible that Senator Murkowski will want to re-introduce this legislation early in the new Congress. I suspect there will also be a desire to continue to discuss the issues of access, recreation, developed sites, and other topics we mentioned to make sure the bill strikes the best balance possible. It seems the COVID-19 pandemic will still be with us for a bit still, but I believe there will also be an interest in additional public input and engagement. Lisa I know you said a number of tribal entities and landless constituents have reached out to you recently, and we hope that kind of engagement will continue to develop in all of your communities.

I will share more details early in the new year, but for now I hope you all enjoy your holidays and are safe and well.

Best,
John