

1 § 208. Preferred right of selection as to withdrawn lands

2 Upon the revocation of any order of withdrawal in
3 Alaska within the area claimed by such native group by
4 Indian title, the order or revocation shall provide for a
5 period of not less than ninety days before the date on which
6 it otherwise becomes effective during which period the native
7 group shall have a preferred right of selection, subject to the
8 requirements of this Act, except as against prior existing
9 valid rights or as against equitable claims subject to allow-
10 ance and confirmation by the Commission. Such preferred
11 right of selection shall have preference over the preferred
12 right of selection created by section 6 (g) of the Act of July
13 7, 1958 (72 Stat. 339) and over the preferred right of ap-
14 plication created by section 4 of the Act of September 27,
15 1955 (58 Stat. 748; 43 U.S.C. 282) as now or hereafter
16 amended, but not over other preference rights now conferred
17 by law. The native group shall be forthwith served with a
18 copy of the order and the Secretary of the Interior shall forth-
19 with advise the native group of its right of selection and the
20 method of exercising that right. If the native group is not so
21 served and advised the effective date of the order is thereby
22 suspended until sixty days after service is effected and the
23 advice given.

24 § 209. Surveys and patents

25 Where any lands desired by a native group are unsur-