

1 cost to the owner: *Provided*, That when there are revenues  
2 the owner may contract for forest fire protection services  
3 with the United States so long as the fee remains exempt  
4 from such taxes.

5 **§ 218. Rights of certain occupants**

6 (a) In the disposal of any land by a native group the  
7 group (or trustee therefor) shall give a preference right to  
8 the occupant thereof. The Commission shall prepare a roll  
9 of persons eligible to be granted lots in a village under this  
10 section.

11 (b) The title to land conveyed to a native under this  
12 section shall, at his election, be subject to the provisions of  
13 section 1 of the Act of May 25, 1926 (44 Stat. 629; 48  
14 U.S.C. 355a), for a period of not to exceed twenty-five years  
15 with respect to lands conveyed to Indians, Aleuts, or Eski-  
16 mos in townsites established under section 11 of the Act of  
17 March 3, 1891 (26 Stat. 1099; 48 U.S.C. 355), as supple-  
18 mented by the Act of February 26, 1948 (62 Stat. 35; 48  
19 U.S.C. 355 (e)).

20 (c) A village group (or trustee therefor) may convey  
21 land granted under this Act, after receiving a patent, with-  
22 out compensation to a private religious, charitable, or educa-  
23 tional institution occupying such land with buildings or facili-  
24 ties owned by it on the date of the patent.