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S. 1154

To reverse the designation by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture of certain communities in the State of Alaska as nonrural.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. MURKOWSKI introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Subsistence Access
5 Management Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF SECRETARIES.**

7 In this Act, the term “Secretaries” means the Sec-
8 retary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture.

1 **SEC. 3. REDESIGNATION NOT AUTHORIZED.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
3 sion of law, including any regulation, order, or policy, for
4 purposes of administering the Federal Subsistence Man-
5 agement Program on public lands within the State of Alas-
6 ka pursuant to the Alaska National Interest Lands Con-
7 servation Act (16 U.S.C. 3101 et seq.), with respect to
8 a community or area designated as rural by the Secre-
9 taries by regulation effective on or before May 6, 2007,
10 the Secretaries may not, except pursuant to Act of Con-
11 gress—

12 (1) redesignate the community or area as
13 nonrural; or

14 (2) adjust the boundaries of a community or
15 area to render some or all of that community or
16 area nonrural.

17 (b) REINSTATEMENT OF LIST.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The list of communities and
19 areas designated rural (including the boundaries of
20 those communities and areas) in effect on May 6,
21 2007, is reinstated.

22 (2) EFFECT.—Except as modified by Act of
23 Congress, with respect to those communities and
24 areas designated as rural, the list described in para-
25 graph (1) shall be in effect as if the final rule enti-
26 tled “Subsistence Management Regulations for Pub-

1 lic Lands in Alaska, Subpart C; Nonrural Deter-
2 minations” (72 Fed. Reg. 25688 (May 7, 2007))
3 had not been issued.

4 **SEC. 4. EFFECT.**

5 Nothing in this Act prohibits the Secretaries from de-
6 termining that, in accordance with regulations duly pro-
7 mulgated by the Secretaries—

8 (1) a community or area designated nonrural
9 by the Secretaries should be redesignated as rural;
10 or

11 (2) the boundaries of a community or area des-
12 ignated nonrural should be adjusted by the Secre-
13 taries to render some or all of that community or
14 area rural.

15 **SEC. 5. PUBLICATION OF INTERIM FINAL RULE, LIST.**

16 (a) PUBLICATION OF INTERIM FINAL RULE.—Not
17 later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act,
18 the Secretaries shall publish an interim final rule amend-
19 ing any regulations inconsistent with this Act.

20 (b) PUBLICATION OF LIST.—Once each year after the
21 publication under subsection (a), the Secretaries shall
22 publish in the Federal Register a list of communities and
23 areas (including the boundaries of those communities and

- 1 areas) designated rural and nonrural in accordance with
- 2 this Act.

