Native Allotments & Townsite Lots are under the Administrative Jurisdiction of the Federal Government and are considered **PRIVATE PROPERTY**

**TRESPASS:**

- Structures placed on the Native Allotment/Townsite Lot without consent from Owner.
- Removal of Natural Resources (Timber, firewood, gravel, sand, Gold or other minerals).
- Easements: roads, trails, footpaths, telephone lines, electric lines, pipelines, water & sewer and other utilities.
- Excavating, Dredging or Filling: this includes depositing fill in marshes, lakes, rivers, etc. or dumping garbage, used cars, refuse of any kind on restricted lands.
- Using personal property of the restricted landowner without permission.
- Removing Artifacts—Mammoth, Ivory
- Disturbing graves.
- ATV’s, Trucks, Cars, 4-wheelers, Argo’s (6-wheelers) anything that damages the surface of the tundra.

**ANY DAMAGE TO THE NATIVE ALLOTMENT or TOWNSITE LOT**

If you are a Native Allotment Owner or Restricted Townsite Owner, and if any of the above is happening without your consent, you may call our office to report a Trespass. It is a FEDERAL OFFENSE to tamper or move any Native Allotment Monument (BLM survey in the ground).

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**Alaska Native Vietnam Veterans**

If you have served in the military, or know a family member that has served anytime between the dates of **August 5, 1964 – December 31, 1971**; and have not applied for a Native Allotment; or were previously denied an Allotment; please contact Kawerak Land Management Services so that we may start gathering information for the application process. Family Members may apply for deceased Veterans.

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**PROBATES**

Native Allotments are **Federal Property**. The Probate process for Native Allotments is separate from State Probate Cases.

When your loved one passes away, **please** contact Kawerak LMS Probate Department for Eva Dickson #907-443-4320 or Nora Brock #907-443-4326, even if you’re not sure whether or not they owned Restricted Native Allotment property.

Restricted Property **WILL NOT** get passed along unless a Federal Probate is done through our department.
The History of Restricted Native Lands

Alaska Native people acquired restricted lands through the 1906 Allotment Act, and the 1926 Town Site Act. In 1971 these acts were repealed with the passage of ANCSA, which meant that no one could apply for restricted lands after that date.

Since then, most of the applicants in the Bering Strait Region have received a Deed for their Native Allotment, Town Site Lot, or both. However, there are still some applicants waiting for the Deed to their land, because the process of receiving a Native Allotment can take years to complete. The leading agency in this process is the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). An applicant must prove use of the land along with proof of occupancy of the parcel. Until this is proved, the allotment is said to be in “Pending Status”. Afterward, the status changes to “Approved”.

The next step for the land owner is to wait for their land to be surveyed. Once the land is surveyed the owner or allottee receives the Deed for their land, issued by BLM. The land is then considered to be certified.

Preparing a Will

You may include whatever you wish in your Will other than Restricted property.

- Home/personal property/jewelry/boats/commercial fishing licenses/ATV’s/snowmobiles, etc.

After your Will is drafted, signed, and Notarized; the original can be stored in our Kawerak Land Management office safe until your estate is probated. A copy of the Will is sent to the applicant, and all Wills are CONFIDENTIAL until probated.

Changes to your Will can be made at any time.

Francine Johnson #443-4324 or Brian James #443-4323

May assist you over the phone to do your will, please call to set up an appointment.

Thank you!