

The Service may contract with the Tribes for resource personnel or services as needed. The Service will conduct the planning process providing the Tribes, as well as other governments, agencies, organizations, and the public with an opportunity to participate in the scoping and public comment process.

The Service is requesting input for concerns, ideas, and suggestions for the future management of the National Bison Range Complex. Anyone interested in providing input is invited to respond to the following three questions.

(1) What makes the National Bison Range Complex (or any specific unit) special or unique for you?

(2) What problems or issues do you want to see addressed in the Comprehensive Conservation Plan?

(3) What improvements would you recommend for the National Bison Range Complex (or any specific unit)?

The Service has provided the above questions for your optional use. There is no requirement to provide information to the Service. The Planning Team developed these questions to facilitate finding out more information about individual issues and ideas concerning the National Bison Range Complex. Comments received by the Planning Team will be used as part of the planning process, individual comments will not be reference in our reports or directly responded to.

There will also be an opportunity to provide input at open houses scheduled for late January 1998 to scope issues and concerns (schedule can be obtained from the National Bison Range at above address). All information provided voluntarily by mail, phone, or at public meetings becomes part of the official public record (e.g., names, addresses, letters of comment, input recorded during meetings). If requested under the Freedom of Information Act by a private citizen or organization, the Service may provide copies of such information.

The environmental review of this project will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), NEPA Regulations (40 CFR 1500–1508), other appropriate Federal laws and regulations, Executive Order 12996, the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, and Service policies and procedures for compliance with those regulations.

We estimate that the draft environmental document will be available for review in June 1999.

Dated: November 26, 1997.

**Ralph O. Morgenweck,**

*Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Geological Survey

#### Technology Transfer Act of 1986

**AGENCY:** United States Geological Survey, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice to accept contribution from private sources.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Geological Survey (USGS) is accepting a \$25,000 contribution per year for two years from Amoco Overseas Exploration Company to support the World Energy Project.

**ADDRESSES:** If any other parties are interested in making contributions for the same or similar purposes, please contact Mr. Vito Nuccio of the U.S. Geological Survey, Central Region Energy Resources Team, Mail Stop 939, Denver Colorado 80225–0046; telephone (303) 236–1654; e-mail [vnuccio@usgs.gov](mailto:vnuccio@usgs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is to meet the USGS requirement stipulated in the Survey Manual.

Dated: November 21, 1997.

**P. Patrick Leahy,**

*Chief, Geologic Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Committees, Establishment, Renewal, Termination, etc: Alaska Resource Advisory Council; Nominations

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Call for Nominations for Alaska Resource Advisory Council.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, is soliciting nominations for the Alaska Resource Advisory Council. The council provides advice and recommendations to BLM on land use planning and

management of 90 million acres of public lands in Alaska. Public nominations will be considered for 30 days after the publication date of this notice.

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve the public in planning and issues related to management of lands administered by BLM. Section 309 of FLPMA directs the Secretary to select 10–15 member citizen-based advisory councils as established and authorized under the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Council members represent the various interests concerned with the management of the public lands in Alaska. These include three categories:

- Category One—Representatives of energy and mining development, timber industry, off-road vehicle use and developed recreation.
- Category Two—Representatives of environmental and resource conservation organizations and archaeological or historic interests.
- Category Three—Representatives of state and local government, Alaska Natives, academicians involved in natural sciences, and the public-at-large.

BLM is currently seeking nominations to fill vacancies in categories one and two.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Nominees must be residents of the State of Alaska, and will be evaluated on the basis of education, training, experience of the issues, and knowledge of Alaska's public lands. Nominees should have a demonstrated commitment to collaborative resource decision making. All nominations must be accompanied by letters of reference from represented interests or organizations and a completed nomination form.

**ADDRESSES:** To request a nomination package, contact External Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, 222 W. 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, AK 99513–7599.

**DATES:** All nominations should be received on or before January 7, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Teresa McPherson, Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, (907) 271–5555.

Dated: November 24, 1997.

**Tom Allen,**

*State Director.*

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