

Additional information on this permit action may be requested by contacting the Colorado Field Office, 755 Parfet Street, Suite 361, Lakewood, Colorado 80215, telephone (303) 275-2370, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

Dated: February 28, 2003.

Ralph O. Morgenweck,

Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of approved Tribal-State compact.

SUMMARY: Under Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Public Law 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of the approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through her delegated authority, has approved the Class III gaming compact between the Burns-Paiute Tribe and the State of Oregon.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 18, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

Dated: February 14, 2003.

Aurene M. Martin,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK-931-1310-DP-NPRA]

Northwest National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska Draft Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management announces a 15-day

extension of the public comment period for the Northwest National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska Draft Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (IAP/EIS).

DATE: Written comments must be submitted or postmarked no later than April 2, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the document should be addressed to: NPR-A Planning Team, Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office (930), 222 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599. Comments can also be submitted at the project Web site at <http://www.ak.blm.gov/nwnpra> or sent via e-mail to nwnpr-acomment@ak.blm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Curtis Wilson (907-271-5546; CurtisWilson@ak.blm.gov) or Mike Kleven (907-474-2317; MikeKleven@ak.blm.gov). They can be reached by mail at the Bureau of Land Management (930), Alaska State Office, 222 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Bureau of Land Management published a Notice of Availability for the IAP/EIS on January 17, 2003. That notice indicates that the public comment period for the document ends March 18, 2003. The Bureau of Land Management received requests from the public that the comment period be extended. This extension to April 2, 2003, responds to those requests.

Dated: March 11, 2003.

Don Hinrichsen,

Acting State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK-050-02-1610-DO-085L]

Resource Management Plan; East Alaska Planning Area

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management; Glennallen Field Office, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare a Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the East Alaska planning area and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: This document provides notice that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) intends to prepare an RMP with an associated EIS for the Glennallen Field Office. This planning activity encompasses approximately 7.6 million acres of BLM-administered lands. The plan will fulfill the needs and obligations set forth by the National

Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), and BLM management policies. The BLM will work collaboratively with interested parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to local, regional, and national needs and concerns. The public scoping process will identify planning issues and develop planning criteria. The public is invited to nominate potential areas of critical environmental concern and potential special management areas during the planning process. The planning area is located from the southern slopes of the Alaska Range to the Chugach Mountains, from the Talkeetna Mountains to the Wrangell Mountains, and includes an extensive area of coastline in Prince William Sound.

DATES: The public scoping process will begin on the date of this publication in the **Federal Register** and will end after 90 days. Comments on issues and planning criteria can be submitted in writing to the address listed below. All public meetings will be announced through the local news media and the BLM Web site (<http://www.glennallen.ak.blm.gov>) at least 15 days prior to the event. The minutes and list of attendees for each meeting will be available to the public and open for 30 days to any participant who wishes to clarify the views they expressed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Public meetings will be held throughout the plan scoping and preparation period. In order to ensure local community participation and input, public meetings will be held in the communities of Anchorage, Fairbanks, Valdez, Delta Junction, Paxson, Glennallen, and Slana as well as the villages of Gulkana, Tazlina, Chitina, Cantwell, Chistochina, and Copper Center. Early participation is encouraged and will help determine the future management of BLM-administered lands within the planning area. In addition to the ongoing public participation process, formal opportunities for public participation will be provided through comment on the alternatives and upon publication of the BLM draft RMP/EIS.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to: East Alaska Resource Management Planning, Bureau of Land Management, Glennallen Field Office, P.O. Box 147, Glennallen, Alaska 99588; Fax (907)-822-3120. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Glennallen Field Office during regular business hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published

as part of the EIS. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials or organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Bruce Rogers, telephone (907) 822-3217.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Currently, a Management Framework Plan (MFP) completed in 1980 guides the use of these lands. A new RMP is necessary to respond to increasing tourism and recreational use in the area, and new issues that have developed since 1980. Preliminary issues and management concerns have been identified by BLM personnel, other agencies, and in meetings with individuals and user groups. They represent the BLM's knowledge to date on the existing issues and concerns with current management. The major issue themes that will be addressed in the plan effort include: How will people's uses and activities be managed; how to we protect and conserve lands having special critical or unique features or resource values; and how will the natural resources of the East Alaska planning area be managed and conserved? After gathering public comments on what issues the plan should address, the suggested issues will be placed in one of three categories: 1. Issued to be resolved in the plan; 2. Issues resolved through policy or administrative action; or 3. Issues beyond the scope of this plan.

Rationale will be provided in the plan for each issue placed in category two or three. In addition to these major issues, a number of management question and concerns will be addressed in the plan. The public is encouraged to help identify these questions and concerns during the scoping phase.

An interdisciplinary approach will be used to develop the plan in order to consider the variety of resource issues and concerns identified. Disciplines involved in the planning process will include specialists with expertise in outdoor recreation, minerals and geology, forestry, archaeology, paleontology, wildlife and fisheries,

lands and realty, hydrology, soils, vegetation, sociology and economics.

K. J. Mushovic,

Glennallen Field Office, Bureau of Land Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Renewal

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) is seeking a renewal of the following information collection:

Diversions, Return Flow, and Consumptive Use of Colorado River Water in the Lower Colorado River Basin, OMB No. 1006-0015.

Before submitting the information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget for approval, Reclamation is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the information collection.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 19, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to Nancy DiDonato, BCOO-4445, Bureau of Reclamation, P.O. Box 61470, Boulder City, Nevada 89006-1470. A copy of the information collection form can be obtained by writing to the above address or calling Nancy DiDonato at (702) 293-8532.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy DiDonato, Contracts and Repayment Specialist, (702) 293-8532.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of Reclamation's functions, including whether the information will have practical use; (b) the accuracy of Reclamation's estimated time and cost burdens of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, use, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of

automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from public disclosure, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold a respondent's identity from public disclosure, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Information on water diversions is reported on four different types of forms. The base form (Form LC-72) was developed for use by respondents in the State of Nevada and variations of the form have been used by other respondents. Some respondents choose to use their own format to report diversions and return flows. Water delivery contracts regulation some respondents to supply both monthly and annual reports on the same form.

Title: Diversions, Return Flow, and Consumptive Use of Colorado River Water in the Lower Colorado River Basin.

OMB No.: 1006-0015.

Abstract: Reclamation delivers Colorado River water to water users for diversion and beneficial consumptive use in the States of Arizona, California, and Nevada. Under Supreme Court order, the United States is required, at least annually, to prepare and maintain complete, detailed, and accurate records of diversions of water, return flow, and consumptive use. This information is needed to ensure that a State or a water user within a State does not exceed its authorized use of Colorado River water. Water users are obligated to provide information on diversions and return flows to Reclamation by provisions in their water delivery contracts. Reclamation determines the consumptive use by subtracting return flow from diversions or by other engineering means. Without the information collected, Reclamation could not comply with the order of the United States Supreme Court to prepare and maintain detailed and accurate records of diversions, return flow, and consumptive use.

Description of respondents: The Lower Basin States (Arizona, California, and Nevada), local and tribal entities,