

the proposed action and two alternatives may significantly restrict subsistence activities. In addition, all alternatives may significantly restrict subsistence in the cumulative case. Therefore, the BLM is holding public hearings on subsistence in conjunction with the public meetings discussed below.

DATES: Written comments on the DEIS will be accepted until March 1. Public meetings or hearings are scheduled for 7 to 9 p.m. at the following locations and dates:

Barrow, Alaska, February 9, 2004, North Slope Borough Assembly Chambers
Nuiqsut, Alaska, February 10, 2004, Kisik Community Center
Atkasuk, Alaska, February 12, 2004, Village Community Center
Anaktuvuk Pass, Alaska, February 17, 2004, Village Community Center
Fairbanks, Alaska, February 18, 2004, Noel Wein Public Library
Anchorage, Alaska, February 23, 2004, Wilda Marston Theater, Z.J. Loussac Library

An open house will precede each meeting at 5:30. The above meetings, any changes or rescheduling of the above meetings, and any additional public meetings will be announced through public notices, media news releases, and/or other mailings.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to: Alpine Satellite Development Plan EIS, Entrix Project Office, 3701 E. Tudor Road, Suite 208, Anchorage, Alaska, 99507; faxed to 907-563-0439; hand delivered to Entrix, Inc., 3701 E. Tudor Road, Suite 208, Anchorage, Alaska, or to the BLM Public Information Center in the Federal Building, 222 W. 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska; or forwarded electronically to the project Web site at <http://www.alpine-satellites-eis.com>. 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 of organizations or businesses will be available for public inspection in their entirety. The DEIS will be available in either hard copy or on compact disk at Entrix, Inc., 3701 E. Tudor Road, Suite 208, Anchorage, Alaska, 99507; and the Alaska State Office, Public Information Center at 222 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska, 99513-7599. Copies

of the DEIS will also be available for public review at the following locations: City of Anaktuvuk Pass, Anaktuvuk Pass, Alaska; Loussac Library and Alaska Resources Library and Information Service, Anchorage, Alaska; City of Atkasuk, Atkasuk, Alaska; Tuzzy Public Library, Barrow, Alaska; City of Nuiqsut, Nuiqsut, Alaska; and Noel Wein Library, Fairbanks, Alaska. The entire document can be reviewed at the project Web site at <http://www.alpine-satellites-eis.com>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Ducker, BLM Alaska State Office, 907-271-3130; e-mail Jim_Ducker@ak.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public participation has occurred throughout the period since the BLM published a Notice of Intent (NOI) in the **Federal Register** on February 18, 2003, announcing the intent to begin preparation of the Alpine Satellite Development Plan EIS. Public meetings were held in Anchorage, Barrow, Nuiqsut, and Fairbanks between March 6 and March 20, 2003. The BLM and four cooperating agencies—U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), and the State of Alaska have also conducted government-to-government consultation with three Native governments: the Native Village of Barrow, the Inupiaq Community of the Arctic Slope, and the Native Village of Nuiqsut, and have worked closely with the North Slope Borough, the local government of Nuiqsut, and other Federal agencies on the DEIS.

The development on Federal lands within NPR-A is subject to the management direction provided by the BLM's Record of Decision for the Northeast National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (Northeast NPR-A IAP/EIS). The Record of Decision for this development EIS may amend the Northeast NPR-A IAP/EIS. Any amendment, including exceptions to requirements to the Northeast NPR-A IAP/EIS, would be limited to those changes necessary for the development authorized by BLM following completion of the final EIS and will not constitute a general amendment of the Northeast NPR-A IAP/EIS.

EPA is a cooperating agency because it potentially has a permitting decision to make on the disposal of wastewater from camps under an NPDES permit. The alternatives presented in the DEIS discuss the use of a general permit or an individual permit. The USACE as a

cooperating agency will review the proposed project pursuant to relevant Federal jurisdiction.

Dated: December 8, 2003.

Henri R. Bisson,
State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting, Upper Snake River Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Upper Snake River Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held February 25 and 26, 2003, at the BLM Fire Warehouse, 3630 Overland Road in Burley, Idaho. The meeting will start February 25 at 9 a.m., with the public comment period beginning at approximately 1 p.m. The meeting will adjourn on February 26 at or before 5 p.m.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in the BLM Upper Snake River District (USRD), which covers south-central and southeast Idaho. At this meeting, topics we plan to discuss include:

Range Ecology training for new members.

Updates on major planning projects in the USRD, including coordination of subgroups.

BLM's Draft Environmental Impact Statement on proposed changes to Grazing Regulations.

An update on the Idaho BLM's proposed organizational refinements, and the potential changes to the RAC. Brief overview on the Abandoned Mine Lands program, for the education of the RAC.

Other items of interest raised by the Council.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written

comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, tour transportation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM as provided below.

Other meetings in 2004 will be held in Jerome, Idaho on May 19–20; in Idaho Falls, Idaho on September 8–9; and in Pocatello, Idaho on November 17–18. The exact location of these meetings will be announced through press releases to local media.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Howell, RAC Coordinator, Upper Snake River District, 1405 Hollipark Dr., Idaho Falls, ID 83401. Telephone (208) 524-7559.

Dated: January 27, 2004.

David O. Howell,

Public Affairs Specialist.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Final Supplementary Rules on Public Lands Within All Arizona and California Long-Term Visitor Areas

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Publication of supplementary rules for Long-Term Visitor Areas managed by the California Desert District Office, California and Yuma Field Office, Arizona.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Yuma Field Office, Palm Springs Field Office, and El Centro Field Office are publishing revised supplementary rules applying to the Long-Term Visitor Area (LTVA) Program. The program, which was instituted in 1983, established designated LTVAs and identified an annual long-term use season from September 15 to April 15. During the long-term season, visitors who wish to camp on public lands in one location for extended periods must stay in the designated LTVAs and purchase an LTVA permit. The revised supplementary rules are necessary to allow safe accommodation by BLM of increasing demand for long-term winter visitation and provide for protection of

natural resources through improved management.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 3, 2004.

ADDRESSES: You may direct inquiries or suggestions to the following: Internet e-mail: *Mark_Lowans@blm.gov*. Mail, personal, or messenger delivery: Yuma Field Office, 2555 Gila Ridge Road, Yuma, AZ 85365 (Attention: Mark Lowans); Palm Springs Field Office, P.O. Box 581260 (690 West Garnet Ave.), North Palm Springs, CA 92258 (Attention: Mona Daniels); or El Centro Field Office, 1661 South 4th Street, El Centro, CA 92243 (Attention: Dallas Meeks).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Lowans, Outdoor Recreation Planner, telephone (928) 317-3210; Mona Daniels, Outdoor Recreation Planner, telephone (760) 251-4800; or Dallas Meeks, Outdoor Recreation Planner, telephone (760) 337-4400; or by e-mail: *Mark_Lowans@blm.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The proposed supplementary rules were published in the **Federal Register** on December 12, 2002 (67 FR 76414), allowing 30 days for public comment. BLM received no public comments on the proposed supplementary rules. Therefore, we are publishing these supplementary rules in final form unchanged from the proposal.

II. Discussion of the Supplementary Rules

These supplementary rules apply to all lands within designated Long-Term Visitor Areas in Arizona and California. The BLM has determined these supplementary rules are necessary to protect the natural resources and to provide for safe public recreation and public health, to reduce the potential for damage to the environment, and to enhance the safety of visitors. The purpose of the LTVA program is to provide areas for long-term winter camping use. The sites designated as LTVAs are, in most cases, the traditional use areas of long-term visitors. Designated sites were selected using criteria developed during the land management planning process, and BLM wrote environmental assessments for each site location.

The program was established for safe and proper accommodation of the increasing demand for long-term winter visitation and for natural resource protection through improved management of this use. The designation of LTVAs ensures that specific locations are available for long-term use year after year, and that

inappropriate areas are not used for extended periods.

Visitors may camp without an LTVA permit outside LTVAs for up to 14 days in any 28-day period, on public lands not otherwise posted or closed to camping.

The authority for the designation of LTVAs is contained in 43 CFR 8372.0-3 and 8372.0-5(g). The authority for the establishment of an LTVA program is contained in 43 CFR 8372.1. The authority for the payment of fees is contained in 36 CFR 71. The authority for establishing supplementary rules is contained in 43 CFR 8365.1-6.

The LTVA supplementary rules have been developed to meet the goals of individual resource management plans. These rules are available in each local office having jurisdiction over the lands, sites, or facilities affected, and are posted near and/or within the lands, sites, or facilities affected.

Violations of supplementary rules are punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months, as provided in Section 303 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (43 U.S.C. 1733), and the Sentencing Reform Act (18 U.S.C. 3571).

Upon internal review of the proposed supplementary rules, we have made a few changes in the supplementary rules.

We have amended Section 1 to adjust the fees you must pay for LTVA permits. As a result of the increasing program costs each year for the LTVAs, we have raised the fees from \$125.00 to \$140.00 for the long-term permit and from \$25.00 to \$30.00 for the short-term permit and each 14-day renewal of a short-term permit.

We have amended Section 4, Permit Revocation, to include misconduct of your pets as grounds for revocation of your permit, in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of other visitors.

We have revised Section 12, Livestock, to read "No boarding or keeping livestock (horses, cattle, sheep, goats, etc.) within LTVA boundaries is permitted." This change is intended to remove the health concerns that have arisen when livestock have been boarded in close proximity with campers for extended periods of time.

Section 25, Aircraft Use, has been modified to read "Do not land or take off an aircraft, including ultralights and hot air balloons, in LTVAs, unless an authorized BLM officer approves in advance." This rule was originally too restrictive and ambiguous in its structure. Adding the last phrase provides the BLM with the latitude of