

the Sierra Madre Oriental. Habitat can be characterized by dense thornscrub, including a variety of thorny, scrubby vegetation.

Currently, the U.S. population of ocelots is known only from two populations in three counties. The two largest remaining habitat "islands," Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge (LANWR) and a private ranch in Willacy County, support a combined total of approximately 50 to 100 ocelots. On-going threats to the ocelot include conversion of habitat to agricultural and residential development uses, vehicle strikes, disease, and genetic inbreeding.

The future existence of the ocelot in south Texas will require a system of interconnected habitat blocks that support sub-populations by enabling interbreeding. The majority of land within the current range of the ocelot in South Texas is privately owned. Therefore, the participation of private landowners is critical to the recovery of this subspecies.

Habitat enhancement activities could cover all, or portions of the following Texas counties: Cameron, Hidalgo, Kenedy, Starr, and Willacy. Habitat enhancement activities could include, but are not limited to, site preparation to facilitate planting and survival of native thornscrub seedlings; planting of native thornscrub seedlings; designing, installing, and maintaining water systems to enhance seedling and sapling survival; and post-planting shredding, prescribed fire, and/or application of herbicides to enhance seedling and sapling survival.

All properties to be enrolled will have a zero baseline. Zero baseline will be any property with less than 50 percent shrub and tree (combined) canopy cover. Properties that exceed 50 percent shrub and tree (combined) canopy cover that are dominated by one species (e.g., huisache (*Acacia smalli*) or honey mesquite (*Prosopis glandulosa*)) may also be enrolled as zero baseline. Enrolled properties that exceed 20 acres in extent can include no more than 10 contiguous acres of optimal habitat. Tewes and Everett (1986) classified optimal habitat as 95 percent or greater canopy cover of the shrub layer (Class A); suboptimal habitat as 75 percent to 95 percent canopy cover (Class B); and inadequate cover was 75 percent or less (Class C).

We provide this notice under section 10(c) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*), and its

implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK964-1410-HY-P; F-14844-A]

Alaska Native Claims Selection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.

SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to AHTNA, Incorporated (Successor in Interest to Cantwell Yedatene Na Corporation). The lands are located in T. 18 S., R. 7 W., Fairbanks Meridian, in the vicinity of Cantwell, Alaska, and contain approximately 160 acres. Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the *Fairbanks Daily News-Miner*.

DATES: The time limits for filing an appeal are:

1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until March 23, 2006 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4, subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

ADDRESSES: A copy of this decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Dina Torres, by phone at (907) 271-3248, or by e-mail at Dina_Torres@ak.blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunication device (TTD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8330, 24

hours a day, seven days a week, to contact Mrs. Torres.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK964-1410-HY-P; F-14893-B2.]

Alaska Native Claims Selection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, DOI

ACTION: Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance

SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to Mary's Igloo Native Corporation. The lands are located in T. 2 S., R. 29 W., and T. 5 S., R. 30 W., Kateel River Meridian, Alaska, in the vicinity of Mary's Igloo, Alaska, and containing 7,758.50 acres. Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the *Nome Nugget*.

DATES: The time limits for filing an appeal are:

1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until March 23, 2006 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

John Leaf, by phone at (907) 271-3283. Persons who use a telecommunication device (TTD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact Mr. Leaf.

John Leaf,

Land Law Examiner, Branch of Adjudication II.

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