

on the auto tour route would be maintained; stable water levels in Rice Lake would be maintained throughout the growing season and at sufficient level to allow rice harvest; the 1,400 acre area with the pending Wilderness recommendation would be managed as de facto wilderness; Native American ceremonies would be held under special use permit and wild rice harvest coordinated with local Native American committee; cultural resources would not be interpreted on-site; demand for interpretation and environmental education would be responded to as staff and time permitted; the erosion of Hennepin Island would continue; and the 2005 landcover at the Sandstone Unit would be maintained while allowing for forest succession.

#### *Alternative B, Preferred Alternative*

Under Alternative B, Preferred Alternative, 85 acres would be maintained as grassland on the auto tour route to facilitate wildlife observation; water levels would be allowed to fluctuate in Rice Lake to more closely approximate a natural system; the 1,400 acre Wilderness recommendation would be withdrawn to allow for more active management; Native American ceremonies would be held under special use permit and wild rice harvest would be coordinated with local Native American committee; additional interpretation of cultural resources would be developed in cooperation with the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe; demand for interpretation and environmental education would be responded to with additional interpretive opportunities and educational programs with the addition of a park ranger position; the erosion of Hennepin Island would be reversed through rebuilding and protection with a constructed reef; and the 2005 landcover at the Sandstone Unit would be maintained while allowing for forest succession.

#### **Public Meeting**

We will give the public an opportunity to provide comments at a public meeting. You may obtain the schedule from the addresses listed above (see **ADDRESSES**). You may also submit comments anytime during the comment period.

#### **Public Availability of Comments**

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should know that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment

to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: April 27, 2007.

**Charles M. Wooley,**

*Acting Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Fish and Wildlife Service**

#### **Meeting Announcement: North American Wetlands Conservation Council**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The North American Wetlands Conservation Council (Council) will meet to select North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) grant proposals for recommendation to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission (Commission). This meeting is open to the public, and interested persons may present oral or written statements.

**DATES:** July 17, 2007, 1–3 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Best Western Ramkota Inn, 800 South 3rd Street, Bismarck, ND 58504. The meeting is coordinated by the Council Coordinator, located at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP 4501–4075, Arlington, VA 22203.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mike Johnson, Council Coordinator, (703) 358–1784 or [dbhc@fws.gov](mailto:dbhc@fws.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with NAWCA (Pub. L. 101–233, 103 Stat. 1968, December 13, 1989, as amended), the State-private-Federal Council meets to consider wetland acquisition, restoration, enhancement, and management projects for recommendation to, and final funding approval by, the Commission. Proposal due dates, application instructions, and eligibility requirements are available on the NAWCA Web site at <http://birdhabitat.fws.gov>. Proposals require a minimum of 50 percent non-Federal matching funds. The Council will consider U.S. Standard and Canadian grant proposals at the meeting. The tentative date for the Commission meeting is September 12, 2007.

Dated: June 1, 2007.

**Paul Schmidt,**

*Assistant Director—Migratory Birds.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Bureau of Land Management**

[AK-930-5420-FR-L045; AA-086376-AA-086380]

#### **Notice of Applications for Recordable Disclaimers of Interest for Lands Underlying Waterbodies Within the Yukon-Kuskokwim Portage, Alaska**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The State of Alaska (State) has filed applications for Recordable Disclaimers of Interest from the United States in certain lands underlying waterbodies within the Yukon-Kuskokwim Portage, located in the Lower Kuskokwim Region, Alaska. The State asserts that the water bodies were navigable and unreserved at the time of statehood; therefore, title to the submerged lands passed to the State at the time of statehood (1959). The lands included in the applications are within the boundary of the Yukon-Delta National Wildlife Refuge, created by the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of December 2, 1980.

**DATES:** Comments on the State of Alaska's applications should be submitted on or before September 24, 2007. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Draft Summary Report will be posted on the BLM-Alaska Web-site within this notice period. Once posted, interested parties will have sixty (60) days to comment on the findings: <http://www.blm.gov/ak/ak930/rdi/index.html>.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the State of Alaska's application or the BLM Draft Summary Report should be sent to the Chief, Branch of Lands and Realty, BLM Alaska State Office, 222 West 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jack Frost at (907) 271-5531 or [Jack\\_Frost@ak.blm.gov](mailto:Jack_Frost@ak.blm.gov) or visit the BLM-Alaska Web site <http://www.blm.gov/ak/ak930/rdi/index.html>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 10, 2006, the State of Alaska filed applications for Recordable Disclaimers of Interest pursuant to Section 315 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the regulations

contained in 43 CFR Subpart 1864 for lands underlying the waterbodies within the Yukon-Kuskokwim Portage (Y-K Portage). The State divided the Y-K Portage into five separate applications, described in a northwesterly direction from the Kuskokwim River: Mud Creek and unnamed lake number one (AA-086376); Crooked Creek and Johnson River (AA-086377); Kulik Lake and unnamed lake number two (AA-086378); unnamed lakes numbers three and four (AA-086379); and the Talbiksok River to the confluence with Portage Slough of the Yukon River (AA-086380). A Recordable Disclaimer of Interest, if issued, will confirm the United States has no valid interest in the subject lands. The notice is intended to notify the public of the pending applications and the State's grounds for supporting it. The State asserts that the water bodies are navigable; therefore, under the Equal Footing Doctrine and Submerged Lands Act of 1953, ownership of these lands automatically passed from the United States to the State at the time of statehood in 1959. The State did not identify any known adverse claimant or occupant of the affected lands. The applied for lands are within the boundary of the Yukon-Delta National Wildlife Refuge, created by the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of December 2, 1980.

A final decision on the merits of the applications will not be made before September 24, 2007. During the ninety (90) day notice period, interested parties may comment upon the State's applications (AA-086376 to AA-086380), and supporting evidence. Interested parties may also comment on the evidence presented in the BLM Draft Summary Report within sixty (60) days of its availability. The BLM Draft Summary Report will be posted on the BLM-Alaska Web site within the ninety (90) day notice period: <http://www.blm.gov/ak/ak930/rdi/index.html>.

Comments, including names and street addresses of commentators, will be available for public review at the Alaska State Office (see address above), during regular business hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we

cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

(Authority: 43 CFR 1864.2(a))

Dated: May 4, 2007.

**Jack Frost,**

*Acting Chief, Branch of Lands and Realty.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

**[AK-930-5420-FR-L037; FF-094608-F-094612]**

#### **Notice of Applications for Recordable Disclaimers of Interest for Lands Underlying the Kantishna River, Birch Creek, Muddy River, Lake Minchumina, Deep Creek, and Jim Lake; Alaska**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The State of Alaska (State) has filed applications for Recordable Disclaimers of Interest from the United States in certain lands underlying waterbodies within the Kantishna River, Birch Creek (a portion thereof), Muddy River, Lake Minchumina, Deep Creek, and Jim Lake in the Tanana River Subregion, Alaska. The State asserts that the water bodies were navigable, and unreserved at the time of statehood; therefore, title to the submerged lands passed to the State at the time of statehood (1959). Some of the lands included in the applications are within the boundary of the Denali National Preserve, created by the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of December 2, 1980.

**DATES:** Comments on the State of Alaska's applications should be submitted on or before September 24, 2007. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Draft Summary Report will be posted on the BLM-Alaska website within this notice period. Once posted, interested parties will have sixty (60) days to comment on the findings: <http://www.blm.gov/ak/ak930/rdi/index.html>.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the State of Alaska's applications or the BLM Draft Summary Report should be sent to the Chief, Branch of Lands and Realty, BLM Alaska State Office, 222 West 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mike Brown at (907) 271-3602 or visit the BLM-Alaska Web site <http://www.blm.gov/ak/ak930/rdi/index.html>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On September 29, 2005, the State of Alaska (State) filed five (5) separate applications for Recordable Disclaimers of Interest pursuant to Section 315 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the regulations contained in 43 CFR Subpart 1864 for lands underlying certain waterbodies within the Kantishna River-Lake Minchumina System: Jim Lake (FF-09608); Deep Creek (FF-094609); Muddy River (FF-094610); Lake Minchumina (FF-094611); and the Kantishna River and a portion of Birch Creek (FF-094612). These waterbodies are located within the Tanana River Subregion, Alaska. A Recordable Disclaimer of Interest, if issued, will confirm the United States has no valid interest in the subject lands. The notice is intended to notify the public of the pending applications and the State's grounds for supporting it. The State asserts that the water bodies are navigable; therefore, under the Equal Footing Doctrine and Submerged Lands Act of 1953, ownership of these lands automatically passed from the United States to the State at the time of statehood in 1959. The State did not identify any known adverse claimant or occupant of the affected lands. A portion of the lands included in the applications are within the boundary of the Denali National Preserve, created by the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of December 2, 1980.

A final decision on the merits of the applications will not be made before September 24, 2007. During the ninety (90) day notice period, interested parties may comment upon the State's applications (FF-094608 to FF-094612), and supporting evidence. Interested parties may also comment on the evidence presented in the BLM Draft Summary Report within sixty (60) days of its availability. The BLM Draft Summary Report will be posted on the BLM-Alaska Web site within the ninety (90) day notice period: <http://www.blm.gov/ak/ak930/rdi/index.html>.

Comments, including names and street addresses of commentators, will be available for public review at the Alaska State Office (see address above), during regular business hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying