Alternative A. Under Alternative B, the
the alternatives, though such permits
would be limited to 20 under Alternatives A
and B; reduced to 18 under C and E (the
Preferred Alternative), and reduced to
15 under Alternative D. Permits would
be reduced through attrition and issued
competitively. Each permit would allow
10 starts per week with no more than 4
starts per day—except under Alternative
B, which would require additional
restrictions on the timing and starts of
boats beyond such levels.

State-licensed sportfishing guides not
having Refuge special use permits may
be issued Incidental Use Permits (IUPs)
under all the alternatives except
Alternative D, which would eliminate
the IUP Program. Alternatives A, C, and
E (the Preferred Alternative) would
issue up to three IUPs per year subject
to quotas and blackout dates; and
Alternative B would limit the number of
IUPs to one per year.

Dispersed camping would be allowed
(except within one-quarter mile of the
Sterling Highway) under all of the
alternatives but would be limited to 14
days in any 30-day period under
Alternative A; limited to 24 hours
within any 14-day period within 100
yards of the river under Alternative B;
not allowed within 100 yards of the
river under Alternatives C and E (the
Preferred Alternative); limited to 48
hours within any 14-day period within
100 yards of the river and within one
mile of the Kenai River/Skilak Lake
inlet/outlet under Alternative D.

For the Middle Kenai River (Skilak
Lake downstream to the Refuge
boundary), non-guided public use
would be allowed without restriction
under Alternatives A and B. Such use
would be allowed without restriction
under Alternatives C and E (the
Preferred Alternative) until a Limits-of-
Acceptable Change planning process
is completed with stakeholders; and
Alternative D would implement a
limited permit program after a public
rulemaking process is conducted.

Sportfishing guides would be required
to have special use permits under all of
the alternatives, though such permits
would be issued without limit under
Alternative A. Under Alternative B, the
need for permitting process would be
evaluated after the conclusion of the
ongoing Kenai River-wide guide
process. Under Alternatives C and E (the
Preferred Alternative), permits would be
limited to the number of existing
permittees, and existing permittees
would be “grandfathered”; under
Alternative D, permits would be limited
to 20 through a competitive selection
process, and management of the timing
and starts of boats would be initiated.

Issue 5: Balance Motorized Access With
Resource and Visitor-Experience
Protection

Under all the alternatives, airplane
access would not be allowed May 1 to
September 30 on any lake where nesting
trumpeter swans and/or their broods are
present except on two lakes in
designated Wilderness—where the
closure would be May 1 to September
10 under Alternatives A through C
and E (the Preferred Alternative)—and five
lakes in designated Wilderness plus one
lake outside of designated Wilderness
under Alternative D. Airplane access
would be allowed on 46 lakes in
designated Wilderness under
Alternative A and E (the Preferred
Alternative); 45 lakes under
Alternative B; 50 lakes under
Alternative C; and 59 lakes under
Alternative D.

Under all the alternatives, floatplane
access to Chickaloon Flats would be
allowed on 6.5 miles of the Chickaloon
River. Under Alternative A, wheeled
airplane access would be allowed year-
round within designated areas of the
Chickaloon Flats area including three
upland landing zones, a designated
beach zone, and the unmaintained Big
Indian Creek airstrip. Under
Alternatives B through E (the Preferred
Alternative), wheeled airplane access
would be allowed on 21 square miles of
unvegetated portions of the Chickaloon
Flats area. Access would also be
allowed on the unmaintained Big Indian
Creek airstrip under Alternatives B and
E (the Preferred Alternative). Under
Alternatives C and D, access would be
allowed on the Big Indian Creek airstrip,
which would be maintained by the
Service; and under Alternative D, an
additional 6.8 square miles of
unvegetated portions of the Chickaloon
Flats would be accessible September 1
to December 15 (or to coincide with
future waterfowl hunting seasons).

Under Alternatives A through C
and E (the Preferred Alternative),
snowmachines would be allowed in
designated areas December 1 to April 30
when the refuge manager determines
there is adequate snow cover. Under
Alternative C, certain zones within
designated areas may be opened earlier
(than December 1) or later (than April
30) depending on local snow
conditions.

Under Alternative D, the December 1
to April 30 time restriction would be
eliminated, and certain zones within
designated areas may be opened
depending on local snow conditions.
Under Alternatives B through E (the
Preferred Alternative), research studies
would be conducted with stakeholders
to evaluate the effects of snowmachine
use on Refuge resources and visitor
experiences, and the results of those
studies would be used to support future
management decisions.

Public Availability of Comments:
Before including your name, 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. We will make all comments from
individual persons part of the official
public record. We will handle requests
for such comments in accordance with
the Freedom of Information Act, NEPA,
and Departmental policies and
procedures.

Dated: May 2, 2008.

Gary Edwards,
Acting Regional Director, U.S. Fish and
Wildlife Service, Anchorage, Alaska.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Land Acquisitions; Mechoopda Indian
Tribe, California

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Final Agency
Determination to Take Land into Trust
under 25 CFR Part 151.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Secretary—
Indian Affairs made a final agency
determination to acquire approximately
631.05 acres of land into trust for the
Mechoopda Indian Tribe of California
on March 14, 2008. This notice is
published in the exercise of authority
delegated by the Secretary of the Interior
to the Assistant Secretary—Indian

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
George Skibine, Office of Indian
Gaming, MS–3657 MIB, 1849 C Street,
NW., Washington, DC 20240; Telephone
(202) 219–4066.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published to comply with the requirement of 25 CFR 151.12(b) that notice be given to the public of the Secretary's decision to acquire land in trust at least 30 days prior to signatory acceptance of the land into trust. The purpose of the 30-day waiting period in 25 CFR 151.12(b) is to afford interested parties the opportunity to seek judicial review of final administrative decisions to take land in trust for Indian tribes and individual Indians before transfer of title to the property occurs. On March 14, 2008, the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs decided to accept approximately 631.05 acres of land into trust for the Mchenopd Indian Tribe of California under the authority of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. 465. The 631.05 acres are located in Butte County, California. The parcel will be used for the purpose of construction and operation of a class II and class III gaming facility.

The real property consists of approximately 631.05 acres situated in the State of California, County of Butte. The legal description of the property is as follows:

Parcel I

Parcel II
The north half of the northwest quarter, the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter and the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 5, and all that portion of Section 6 lying northeasterly of the Oroville Chico Highway, all in Township 20 North, Range 3 East, M.D.B. & M.


Dated: March 25, 2008.
Carl J. Artman,
Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management
[F--21870--15, F--21870--16, F21870--19, and F--19154--05; AK--964--1410--KC--P]

Alaska Native Claims Selection
AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

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 the surface and subsurface estates in certain lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to NANA Regional Corporation Inc. The lands are in the vicinity of the Native villages of Ambler, Koluk, and Shungnak, Alaska, and are located in:
Kateel River Meridian, Alaska
T. 19 N., R. 3 E., Secs. 4 to 9, inclusive; Secs. 13 to 36, inclusive.

Containing approximately 18,996 acres.
T. 19 N., R. 7 E., Secs. 1 to 36, inclusive.

Containing approximately 22,660 acres.
T. 18 N., R. 10 E., Secs. 1 to 16, inclusive; Secs. 21 to 28, inclusive; Secs. 33 to 36, inclusive.

Containing approximately 17,596 acres.
T. 17 N., R. 11 E., Secs. 1 to 36, inclusive.

Containing approximately 20,981 acres. Aggregating approximately 80,233 acres.

Notice of the decision will also be published four times in The Arctic Sounder.

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 June 9, 2008 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 99513–7504.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Bureau of Land Management by phone at 907–271–5960, or by e-mail at ak.blm.conveyance@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 the Bureau of Land Management.

Jason Robinson,
Land Law Examiner, Land Transfer Adjudication I.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management
[WY--050--1430--FR; WYW 49773]

Notice of Realty Action: Recreation and Public Purposes Act Classification of Public Lands in Fremont County, WY

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has examined and found suitable for classification for conveyance under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&P) Act, as amended, approximately 73.42 acres of public land in Fremont County, Wyoming. The Wyoming Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources (WDSPCR), proposes to use the land as part of the South Pass City State Historic Site.

DATES: Interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed conveyance or classification of the lands until June 23, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to the Field Manager, Lander Field Office, 1335 Main Street, Lander, Wyoming 82320.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert B. Ross, Jr., Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Lander Field Office, at (307) 332–8400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with Section 7 of the Taylor Grazing Act, (43 U.S.C. 315f), and Executive Order No. 6910, the following described public land in Fremont