

Landmark. The Refuge is also responsible for the 33-acre Whitefish Point Unit, a former Coast Guard Station at Whitefish Point, in Chippewa County.

The CCP Process

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee), requires us to develop a comprehensive conservation plan for each national wildlife refuge. The purpose in developing a CCP is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year strategy for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System, consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and our policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, plans identify wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, and environmental education and interpretation.

CCP Alternatives and Our Preferred Alternative

Priority Issues

During the public scoping process, we, other governmental partners, and the public identified several priority issues, which include habitat management, invasive and exotic species, and demand for additional visitor services. To address these issues, we developed and evaluated the following alternatives during the planning process.

Alternative 1, Current Management Direction of Opportunistic Conservation, Restoration, and Preservation (No Action)

The current management direction of Seney NWR would be maintained under this alternative. For NEPA purposes, this is referred to as the “No Action” alternative, a misnomer as some changes will occur over the next 15 years. Management includes conservation, restoration and preservation but occurs opportunistically as budgets allow. Some programs, especially environmental education and outreach, would see improvements only if budgets increase in the future.

Alternative 2: Management Gradient of Conservation Emphasis (Unit 1), to Conservation-Restoration Emphasis (Unit 2), to Restoration-Preservation Emphasis (Unit 3) and Wilderness Preservation (Unit 4) (Preferred Alternative)

Alternative 2 would segment the Refuge into four general units and apply a management strategy to each unit. The units would follow a general gradient of management from low intensity (wilderness) to higher manipulation (managed impoundments and visitor use). Some high and low intensity management actions would occur in all units. Wildlife needs always receive priority when in conflict with visitor services.

Alternative 3: Management to Emphasize Historic Patterns and Processes through Restoration and Preservation (All Anthropogenic Habitats Removed in Units 2 and 3), and Wilderness Preservation (Unit 4)

Alternative 3 would include the Refuge striving to manage its forests and water to allow unfettered succession to take place. Dynamic events such as windstorms, insect and tree disease outbreaks, flooding and wildfire would play a more substantial role in shaping habitats. Natural events may lead to limitation or closure of some exiting visitor use areas or services. However, crucial Refuge infrastructure such as roads and dikes would be protected from or repaired after destructive circumstances.

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 in this notice (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: July 22, 2008.

Charles M. Wooley,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[F–14938–A, F–14938–B, and F–14938–D; AK–962–1410–HY–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 lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to St. Michael Native Corporation. The lands are in the vicinity of St. Michael, Alaska, and are located in:

Lot 2, U.S. Survey No. 12417, Alaska

Containing 54.85 acres.

Kateel River Meridian, Alaska

T. 24 S., R. 15 W.,

Secs. 1 and 12.

Containing 1,280.00 acres.

T. 23 S., R. 17 W.,

Sec. 18.

Containing 1.17 acres.

T. 24 S., R. 18 W.,

Secs. 6, 7, and 8; Sec. 15; Secs. 17 to 22, inclusive.

Containing 5,646.37 acres.

Aggregating 6,982.39 acres.

The subsurface estate in these lands will be conveyed to Bering Straits Native Corporation when the surface estate is conveyed to St. Michael Native Corporation. 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 October 3, 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.

Joe J. Labay,

*Land Transfer Resolution Specialist,
Resolution Branch.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[SDM 98495]

Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Correction

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Correction.

SUMMARY: In the notice published in 73 FR 49217-49218, published August 20, 2008, as FR Doc. E8-19262, make the following correction:

On page 49217, column 3, following T. 7 S., R. 3 E., Sec. 32, should read "All, except SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and HES 348".

Dated: August 25, 2008.

Cindy Staszak,

Chief, Branch of Land Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-936-1430-01; HAG-08-0088; WAOR-60988]

Public Land Order No. 7715; Transfer of Federal Lands for the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park; WA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

SUMMARY: This order confirms the transfer of management of 1,246 acres of Federal surveyed and accreted lands thereto, by the Secretary of Interior from the Bureau of Land Management to the Director, National Park Service for the creation of the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park.

DATES: *Effective Date:* September 3, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael L. Barnes, BLM, Oregon State Office, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208, 503-808-6155.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public Law No. 108-387 directs the Secretary of the Interior to transfer management of Federal lands described in this order to the Director of the National Park Service for the lands described below.

Order

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Public Law No. 108-387, 118 Stat. 2235, and Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (2000), it is ordered and confirmed as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights (including existing withdrawals), management as to the following described Federal lands is hereby transferred by the Secretary of the Interior from the Bureau of Land Management to the Director, National Park Service:

Willamette Meridian

T. 9 N., R. 11 W.,

Sec. 4, lots 2, 3, and 4, and all accretions thereto;

Sec. 5, lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and all accretions thereto;

Sec. 9, lots 2, 3, and 4, and all accretions thereto.

The areas described aggregate 1,246 acres, more or less, in Pacific County.

2. The lands described in Paragraph 1 shall be administered as part of the Lewis and Clark National Historic Park in accordance with the provisions of Public Law No. 108-387.

Dated: July 31, 2008.

C. Stephen Allred,

Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID-110-5410-08-FR-D058; DBG-08-1012; IDI-36199]

Notice of Realty Action: Application for Conveyance of Federal Mineral Interests, Washington County, ID

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of application.

SUMMARY: The surface owner of the lands described in this notice, aggregating approximately 1,250 acres, has filed an application for the purchase

of the federally-owned mineral interests in the lands. Publication of this notice temporarily segregates the mineral interest from appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining law.

DATES: Interested persons may submit written comments to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) at the address stated below. Comments must be received no later than October 20, 2008.

Comments: 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. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must clearly state this at the beginning of your written comment. 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. The BLM will honor requests for confidentiality on a case-by-case basis to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety. All persons who wish to present comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the pending application may do so by writing to Rosemary Thomas, Four Rivers Field Manager, at the following address.

ADDRESSES: Bureau of Land Management, Boise District Office, 3948 Development Avenue, Boise, ID 83705.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Effie Schultsmeier, Realty Specialist, at the above address or at 208-384-3357.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The surface owner of the following described lands has filed an application pursuant to section 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1719(b), for the purchase and conveyance of the Federally-owned mineral interest in the following described lands:

Boise Meridian, Washington County, Idaho

T. 6 N., R. 5 W.,

Sec. 13, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$; Sec. 14, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$; Sec. 15, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$; Sec. 23, N $\frac{1}{2}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$; Sec. 24, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.