

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

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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 the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will issue an appealable decision approving the conveyance of surface estate for certain lands to NANA Regional Corporation, Inc., Successor in Interest to Ivisaapaagmiit Corporation, Koovukmeut Incorporated, and Isingmakmeut Incorporated, pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. The subsurface estate in these lands will be conveyed to NANA Regional Corporation, Inc. when the surface estate is conveyed to NANA Regional Corporation, Inc., Successor in Interest to Ivisaapaagmiit Corporation, Koovukmeut Incorporated, and Isingmakmeut Incorporated. The lands are in the vicinity of Ambler, Shungnak, and Kobuk, Alaska, and are located in:

Kateel River Meridian, Alaska

T. 21 N., R. 6 E.,
Sec. 21.

Containing 640 acres.

T. 16 N., R. 8 E.,
Sec. 19.

Containing 594.40 acres.

T. 19 N., R. 10 E.,
Sec. 13.

Containing 545 acres.

T. 19 N., R. 11 E.,
Secs. 7, 8, 17 and 18.

Containing 2,471,78 acres.

T. 20 N., R. 11 E.,
Sec. 2, 4, 5 and 13.

Containing approximately 1,915 acres.
Aggregating approximately 6,166 acres.

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

DATES: Any party claiming a property interest in the lands affected by the decision may appeal the decision within the following time limits:

1. Unknown parties, parties unable to be located after reasonable efforts have been expended to locate, parties who fail or refuse to sign their return receipt, and parties who receive a copy of the decision by regular mail which is not certified, return receipt requested, shall

have until October 12, 2010 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 BLM by phone at 907-271-5960, by e-mail at ak.blm.conveyance@blm.gov, or by telecommunication device (TTD) through the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Joe J. Labay,

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Notice of Intent To Prepare a Resource Management Plan for the Cedar City Field Office, Utah, and Associated Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Cedar City Field Office, Cedar City, Utah, intends to prepare a Resource Management Plan (RMP) with an associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Cedar City Field Office. This notice announces the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues. The RMP will replace the existing Cedar-Beaver-Garfield-Antimony RMP (1986) and Pinyon Management Framework Plan (1983).

DATES: This notice initiates the public scoping process for the RMP with associated EIS. Comments on issues may be submitted in writing until December 9, 2010. The date(s) and location(s) of any scoping meetings will

be announced at least 15 days in advance through local media outlets and through the Cedar City BLM Web site at: http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/cedar_city.html. In order to be included in the Draft RMP/EIS, all comments must be received prior to the close of the scoping period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later. We will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Draft RMP/EIS. **ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria related to the Cedar City RMP/EIS by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/cedar_city.html.
- *E-mail:* utccrmp@blm.gov.
- *Fax:* 435-865-3058.
- *Mail:* 176 East DL Sargent Drive, Cedar City, Utah 84721.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Cedar City Field Office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Keith Rigtrup, Project Manager, telephone: 435-586-2401; address: 176 East DL Sargent Drive, Cedar City, Utah 84721; e-mail: utccrmp@blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document provides notice that the BLM Field Office, Cedar City, Utah, intends to prepare an RMP with an associated EIS for the Cedar City Field Office; announces the beginning of the scoping process; and seeks public input on issues and planning criteria. The planning area is located in Beaver, Iron, and Washington Counties, Utah, and encompasses approximately 2.1 million acres of public land. The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, and to guide the planning process. Preliminary issues for the planning area have been identified by BLM personnel; Federal, state, and local agencies; and other stakeholders. The issues include: Renewable energy development for geothermal, wind, and solar power; management of [site type] rights-of-way for renewable energy and other uses; visual resource management; evaluation of potential new Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC); Wild and Scenic River recommendations; Off-Highway Vehicle Area Designations; Special Recreation Management Areas; Wild Horse and Burro management; consideration of non-Wilderness Study Area lands with wilderness characteristics; and fluid and solid minerals management, including stipulations to protect sensitive

resources. Preliminary planning criteria include:

1. Lands addressed in the RMP will be public lands (including split estate lands) managed by the BLM. There will be no decisions in the RMP for lands not managed by the BLM.

2. The BLM will use a collaborative and multi-jurisdictional approach, where possible, to determine the desired future condition of public lands.

3. The BLM will ensure compliance with all applicable local, state, tribal, and Federal air quality laws, statutes, regulations, standards, and implementation plans and include an analysis of climate change.

4. Areas potentially suitable for ACECs and other special management designations will be identified and brought forward for analysis in the RMP. Public nominations will be requested.

5. All river segments will be considered, and determinations of eligibility, suitability, tentative classification, and protective management will be made in accordance with Section 5(d) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and BLM Manual Section 8351. Public nominations will be requested.

6. Herd Areas will be identified and boundaries for Wild Horse Herd Management Areas will be addressed in the plan.

7. Decisions of the RMP will be consistent with the goals and objectives of the legislation designating the Old Spanish National Historic Trail.

Parties interested in leasing and development of Federal coal in the planning area should provide coal resource data for their area(s) of interest. Specifically, information is requested on the location, quality, and quantity of Federal coal with development potential, and on surface resource values related to the 20 coal unsuitability criteria described in 43 CFR part 3461. This information will be used for any necessary updating of coal screening determinations (43 CFR 3420.1–4) in the Decision Area and in the environmental analysis. You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria in writing to the BLM at any public scoping meeting, or you may submit them to the BLM using one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section above. To be most helpful, you should submit comments before the close of the comment period or within 15 days after the last public meeting. 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. The minutes and list of attendees for each scoping meeting will be available to the public and open for 30 days after the meeting to any participant who wishes to clarify the views he or she expressed. The BLM will evaluate identified issues to be addressed in the plan, and will place them into one of three categories:

1. Issues to be resolved in the plan;
2. Issues to be resolved through policy or administrative action; or
3. Issues beyond the scope of this plan.

The BLM will provide an explanation in the Draft RMP/EIS as to why an issue was placed in category two or three. The public is also encouraged to help identify any management questions and concerns that should be addressed in the plan. The BLM will work collaboratively with interested parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to local, regional, and national needs and concerns. The BLM will use an interdisciplinary approach to develop the plan in order to consider the variety of resource issues and concerns identified. Specialists with expertise in the following disciplines will be involved in the planning process: rangeland management, air quality, minerals and geology, forestry, outdoor recreation, archaeology, paleontology, wildlife and fisheries, lands and realty, hydrology, soils, sociology and economics, wildland fire, and public affairs.

Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7 and 43 CFR 1610.2. Approved:

Jeff Rawson,

Associate State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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Notice of Availability of Record of Decision for the Socorro Field Office Resource Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement, New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD)/Approved Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Socorro Field Office located in Socorro and Catron Counties, New Mexico. The State Director signed the ROD on August 20, 2010, which constitutes the final decision of the BLM and makes the Approved RMP effective immediately.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the ROD/ Approved RMP are available upon request from the Field Manager, Socorro Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 901 S. Highway 85, Socorro, New Mexico 87801 or via the Internet at <http://www.blm.gov/nm>. Copies of the ROD/Approved RMP are also available for public inspection at the Socorro Public Library located at 401 Park Street, Socorro, New Mexico.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, contact Kevin Carson, Outdoor Recreation Planner, telephone 575–838–1280; address Socorro Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 901 S. Highway 85, Socorro, New Mexico 87801; e-mail Kevin_I_Carson@nm.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Approved RMP provides direction for the long-term management of 1.5 million surface acres of public land and 6 million acres of Federal mineral estate public land within Socorro and Catron Counties and revises the 1989 Socorro RMP. Collaborative planning was used throughout the development of the RMP, which included public meetings, mailings, and other outreach activities. Catron County and the Pueblo of Zuni were cooperating agencies.

Six issues are addressed in the Approved RMP. The issues include:

- (1) Special designations, such as Areas of Critical Environmental Concern;
- (2) Improving soil and vegetation conditions at the watershed level;
- (3) Fluid and solid mineral development;
- (4) Travel and transportation (*e.g.*, off-highway vehicle use, mountain biking, hiking, and horseback riding);
- (5) Land-use allocations and initiatives (*e.g.*, land tenure, right-of-way corridors, and areas where public and private lands abut one another); and
- (6) Regional heritage/tourism opportunities on the BLM-managed public land. Management actions in the Approved RMP consequently address those issues by program and resource area, including special designations, soil and water resources; vegetation and land health; wildlife, riparian and special status species; recreation,