ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management’s (BLM) Alaska State Office hereby notifies the public it will hold an oil and gas lease sale bid opening for select tracts in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska. The United States reserves the right to withdraw any tract from this sale prior to issuance of a written acceptance of a bid.

DATES: The oil and gas lease sale bid opening will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011. Sealed bids must be received by 4 p.m., Monday, Dec. 5, 2011.

ADDRESSES: The oil and gas lease sale bids will be opened at the Anchorage Federal Building, Denali Room (fourth floor), 222 W 7th Ave., Anchorage, Alaska. Sealed bids must be sent to Carol Taylor (AK932), BLM–Alaska State Office; 222 West 7th Ave. #13; Anchorage, Alaska 99513–7504.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ted A. Murphy, (907) 271–4413. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The IRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All bids must be submitted by sealed bid in accordance with the provisions identified in the Detailed Statement of Sale. They must be received at the BLM–Alaska State Office, Attn: Carol Taylor (AK932); 222 West 7th Avenue #13; Anchorage, Alaska 99513–7504; no later than 4 p.m., Monday, December 5, 2011.

The Detailed Statement of Sale for the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska Oil and Gas Lease Sale 2011 will be available to the public immediately after publication of this Notice in the Federal Register. The Detailed Statement may be obtained from the BLM–Alaska State Office at http://www.blm.gov/ak, or by request from the Public Information Center, BLM–Alaska State Office; 222 West 7th Avenue #13; Anchorage, Alaska 99513–7504; telephone (907) 271–5960. The Detailed Statement of Sale will include, among other things, a description of the areas to be offered for lease, the lease terms, conditions, special stipulations, required operating procedures, and how and where to submit bids.

Dated: October 5, 2011.

Ted Murphy, Acting State Director.

Authority: 43 CFR 3131.4–1 and 43 U.S.C. 1733 and 1740.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karl Cordova, Acting Superintendent, 11500 Highway 150, Mosca, CO 81146–9798, (719) 378–6300. You may also comment via the Internet at http://parkplanning.nps.gov/grsa-ungulates. Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to the Superintendent, 11500 Highway 150, Mosca, CO 81146–9798. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that the Department of the Interior cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C), the National Park Service is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Ungulate Management Plan, Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve, Colorado.


AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

Dated: October 13, 2011.

John Wessels, Director, Intermountain Region, National Park Service.
Wyoming. The EIS evaluates eight alternatives, and identifies the Preferred Alternative as Alternative 8, a one-year plan to allow oversnow vehicle use in the park for the winter of 2011/2012, at the same levels (up to 318 commercially guided, best available technology snowmobiles and 78 commercially guided snowcoaches per day) that were allowed under the interim regulation in place for the winters of 2009/2010 and 2010/2011. NPS intends to supplement this EIS next year, in order to make a long-term decision prior to the 2012/2013 winter season.

DATES: The National Park Service will execute a Record of Decision no sooner than 30 days following publication by the Environmental Protection Agency of the Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

ADDRESSES: Information will be available for public inspection online at http://parkplanning.nps.gov/YELL (click on the link to the Winter Use Plan), and in the office of Superintendent Dan Wenk, Yellowstone National Park, P.O. Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming 82190.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wade Vagias, P.O. Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190,(307) 344–2035, yell_winter_use@nps.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Eight alternatives were considered in the EIS. For alternatives 1–7 the analysis is for a presumed implementation period of 20 years. For Alternative 8 the analysis is for an implementation period of one year.

Alternative 1 is the no-action alternative. Alternative 1 would not permit public motorized vehicle use, including oversnow vehicle (OSV) use, in Yellowstone but would allow for approved non-motorized use to continue. Alternative 1 has been identified as the Environmentally Preferable Alternative. Alternative 2 would continue OSV use at the same levels as the 2009 interim rule (318 snowmobiles and 78 snowcoaches per day) for the long term. Alternative 3 would allow for snowmobile and snowcoach use levels to increase to the levels set forth in the 2004 plan (720 snowmobiles and 78 snowcoaches per day). Alternative 4 would allow for commercially guided wheeled vehicles, in addition to OSVs (100 commercially guided wheeled vehicles, 110 snowmobiles, and 30 snowcoaches per day). Alternative 5 would initially allow for the same level of use as Alternative 2 (318 snowmobiles and 78 snowcoaches per day), but would provide for a transition to snowcoaches only, if user demand is present to support such a transition, or at the discretion of the Superintendent. Upon complete transition, there could be zero snowmobiles and up to 120 snowcoaches per day. Alternative 6 would provide for use levels that vary each day, with a seasonal limit of up to 32,000 snowmobiles and 4,600 snowcoaches, and a daily limit of up to 540 snowmobiles and 78 snowcoaches. Up to 25 percent of snowmobile permits under Alternative 6 would be for unguided or non-commercially guided use. Alternative 7 would provide a variety of use levels and experiences for visitors. Four different use levels for snowmobiles and snowcoaches would be implemented, the combination of which could vary by day. Snowmobile use would range from 110 to 330 vehicles per day and snowcoach use would range from 30 to 80 vehicles per day.

The Preferred Alternative is Alternative 8. A portion of the prior preferred alternative in the Draft EIS (DEIS) consisted of a “transition year”; that portion has now been converted into a new separate Alternative 8. Under this alternative up to 318 commercially guided, best available technology snowmobiles and 78 commercially guided snowcoaches would be allowed in the park per day, and a variety of non-motorized uses would also be allowed. These conditions would be in effect only for the 2011/2012 winter season. NPS will then supplement the EIS next year and issue a new decision and long-term rule for winter use in time for the 2012/2013 season.

NPS had intended to issue a final EIS and final long-term regulation for Yellowstone winter use by December 2011. However, some of the more than 59,000 public comments received on the Draft EIS (DEIS) have raised additional questions as to long-term effects and options. In order to make a reasoned, sustainable long-term decision, NPS requires additional time to update its analyses and make that long-term decision. NPS has previously stated its intent to implement a “transition year” under the same requirements and restrictions as the 2009 interim regulation. Current information and analyses in this EIS are sufficient to support such use for another year. Selecting Alternative 8, the new Preferred Alternative, would provide the additional time needed to complete the analyses of long-term alternatives. NPS would issue a Record of Decision selecting Alternative 8, and following that, would issue a final rule, effective for one year, to implement the decision. A separate Notice of Intent to Prepare a Supplemental EIS would be published in the Federal Register.

More information regarding Yellowstone in the winter, including educational materials and a detailed history of winter use in Yellowstone, is available at http://www.nps.gov/yell/pplanvisit/winteruse/index.htm.

Dated: October 14, 2011.

Colin Campbell,
Deputy Regional Director, Intermountain Region, National Park Service.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337–TA–650]

Advisory Opinion Proceeding; Certain Coaxial Cable Connectors and Components Thereof and Products Containing Same; Determination To Institute an Advisory Opinion Proceeding


ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined to institute an advisory opinion proceeding in the above-captioned investigation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amanda S. Pitcher, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205–2737. Copies of non-confidential documents filed in connection with this investigation are or will be available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205–2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (http://edis.usitc.gov). The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at http://edis.usitc.gov. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission’s TDD terminal on (202) 205–1810.