

end of the 30-day comment period and will fully consider all comments received during the comment period.

Authority

The Service provides this notice pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act and pursuant to implementing regulations for NEPA (40 CFR 1506.6).

Dated: December 14, 2011.

Susan K. Moore,

Field Supervisor, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meeting, North Slope Science Initiative—Science Technical Advisory Panel

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, North Slope Science Initiative, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, North Slope Science Initiative (NSSI)—Science Technical Advisory Panel (STAP) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held January 31–February 2, 2012, in Fairbanks, Alaska. The meetings will begin at 9 a.m. in room 401, International Arctic Research Center (IARC) Building, 930 Koyukuk Drive, University of Alaska Fairbanks campus. Public comment will be received between 3 and 4 p.m. on Thursday, February 2, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John F. Payne, Executive Director, North Slope Science Initiative, AK-910, c/o Bureau of Land Management, 222 W. Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, AK 99513, (907) 271-3431 or email jpayne.blm.gov. 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 FIRS 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: The NSSI STAP provides advice and

recommendations to the NSSI Oversight Group regarding priority information needs for management decisions across the North Slope of Alaska. These priority information needs may include recommendations on inventory, monitoring, and research activities that contribute to informed resource management decisions. This meeting will include a review of the development and scenario planning presented to the Oversight Group in October, additional assignments to the STAP to include recommendations for monitoring and discussion on cumulative analysis.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Science Technical Advisory Panel through the Executive Director, North Slope Science Initiative. Each formal meeting will also have time allotted for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, transportation, or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the Executive Director, North Slope Science Initiative. Before including your address, phone number, email 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.

Dated: December 14, 2011.

Bud C. Cribley,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Application for Proposed Withdrawal Extension and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Forest Service (USFS) has filed an application with the Department of the Interior,

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to extend the duration of Public Land Order (PLO) No. 6944 for an additional 20-year term. PLO No. 6944 withdrew approximately 43.75 acres of National Forest System land from location and entry under the United States mining laws in order to protect the Granite Chinese Walls Historic Site. The withdrawal created by PLO No. 6944 will expire on September 30, 2012, unless extended. This notice also gives an opportunity to comment on the application and proposed action and to request a public meeting.

DATES: Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by March 20, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the Oregon/Washington State Director, BLM, 333 SW 1st Ave., P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208-2965.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael L. Barnes, BLM Oregon/Washington State Office, (503) 808-6155, or Dianne Torpin, USFS Pacific Northwest Region, (503) 808-2422. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-(800) 877-8339 to reach either of the named contacts during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with either of the above individuals. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The USFS has filed an application requesting that the Secretary of the Interior extend the duration of PLO No. 6944 (57 FR 45321 (1992)), which withdrew 43.75 acres of National Forest System land from location and entry under the United States mining laws, but not leasing under the mineral leasing laws, for an additional 20-year term, subject to valid existing rights. PLO No. 6944 is incorporated herein by reference.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal extension is to continue the protection of the Federal recreation investment of the site along with the archaeological, cultural, and historic values of the Granite Chinese Walls Historic Site.

The use of a right-of-way, interagency agreement, or cooperative agreement would not provide adequate protection.

The USFS would not need to acquire water rights to fulfill the purpose of the requested withdrawal extension.

Records related to the extension application may be examined by contacting Michael L. Barnes at the above BLM address or phone number.

For a period until March 20, 2012, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal extension may present their views in writing to the BLM Oregon/Washington State Director at the address indicated above.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the address indicated above during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised 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 from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal extension. All interested parties who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal extension must submit a written request to the BLM State Director at the address indicated above by March 20, 2012.

Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** and a local newspaper at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2310.4.

Authority: 43 CFR 2310.3–1.

Fred O’Ferrall,

Chief, Branch of Land, Mineral, and Energy Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

[NPS–WASO–NRSS–1211–9104; 9865–PZS]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Information Collection for Community Harvest Assessments for Alaskan National Parks and Preserves

AGENCY: National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), we (the National Park Service) are notifying the public that we have submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) an information collection request (ICR) for a proposed new collection. This notice provides the public and other Federal agencies an opportunity to comment on the paperwork burden of this collection. To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and as a part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other federal agencies to comment on this ICR. We may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

DATES: To ensure that your comments on this ICR are considered, please submit them on or before January 20, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Please submit written comments on this information collection directly to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior via email to OIRA_DOCKET@omb.eop.gov or fax at (202) 395–5806; and identify your submission as 1024–WRST. Please also send a copy your comments to Phadrea Ponds, Information Collections Coordinator, National Park Service, 1201 Oakridge Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80525 (mail); or phadrea_ponds@nps.gov (email).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Cellarius, Ph.D., Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve, P.O. Box 439, Copper Center, AK 99573; barbara_cellarius@nps.gov (email). You may access this ICR at www.reginfo.gov.

I. Abstract

The National Park Service (NPS) Act of 1916, 38 Stat 535, 16 U.S.C. 1, *et seq.*, requires that the NPS preserve national parks for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. At the field level, this means resource preservation, public education, facility maintenance and operation, and physical developments that are necessary for public use, health, and safety.

National parks and preserves in Alaska created or expanded in 1980 under the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) provide the opportunity for qualified rural residents to harvest fish, wildlife, and other subsistence resources. Section 812 of ANILCA states, “The Secretary

[of the Interior], in cooperation with the State and other appropriate Federal agencies, shall undertake research on fish and wildlife and subsistence uses on the public lands.” To develop resource management strategies for the parklands, the NPS needs information on harvest patterns among residents of communities with subsistence eligibility, resource distribution systems, and the impact of the changing rural economy on subsistence activities. A survey will be used to estimate subsistence harvests and to describe community subsistence economies. This project will survey residents of several communities in Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve and Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve on these topics. The surveyed communities have been designated as resident zone communities for the respective park in recognition that many residents of these communities have customarily and traditionally engaged in subsistence uses within a national park or monument. The resulting information will assist park managers in their subsistence management responsibilities and will also be of use to local and regional advisory councils in making recommendations and by the State of Alaska and the Federal Subsistence Board in making decisions regarding the management of fish and wildlife in the region.

II. Data

OMB Number: 1024–NEW.

Title: Community Harvest Assessments for Alaskan National Parks and Preserves.

Type of Request: NEW.

Affected Public: Individual households eligible to engage in subsistence hunting, fishing, trapping, and gathering under NPS and Federal Subsistence Program regulations in Gates of the Arctic and Wrangell-St. Elias National Parks and Preserves.

Respondent Obligation: Voluntary.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 302 interviews; 336 non-response survey.

Estimated Time and frequency of Response: This is a one-time in-person interview estimated to take 60 minutes per respondent to complete. It is estimated that each respondent will take 10 minutes to complete the initial contact and a short non-response survey.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 358 hours.

III. Request for Comments

On August 5, 2011 we published a **Federal Register** notice (76 FR 47609) announcing that we would submit this