

CFR part 1320 provide that an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond. In order to obtain and renew an OMB control number, Federal agencies are required to seek public comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d) and 1320.12(a)).

As required at 5 CFR 1320.8(d), the BLM published a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** on January 24, 2012 (77 FR 3496), and the comment period ended March 26, 2012. The BLM received no comments. The BLM now requests comments on the following subjects:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of the BLM, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the BLM's estimate of the burden of collecting the information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. How to minimize the information collection burden on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Please send comments as directed under **ADDRESSES** and **DATES**. Please refer to OMB control number 1004-0034 in your correspondence. 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.

The following information is provided for the information collection:

**Title:** Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources: Transfers and Assignments (43 CFR Subparts 3106, 3135, and 3216).

**Forms:**

- Form 3000-3, Assignment of Record Title Interest in a Lease for Oil and Gas or Geothermal Resources; and
- Form 3000-3a, Transfer of Operating Rights (Sublease) in a Lease for Oil and Gas or Geothermal Resources.

**OMB Control Number:** 1004-0034.

**Abstract:** The information collected in Form 3000-3 enables the BLM to

process applications to transfer interests in oil and gas or geothermal leases by assignment of record title. The information collected in Form 3000-3a enables the BLM to process applications to transfer operating rights in (i.e., sublease) oil and gas or geothermal leases. The information in both forms enables the BLM to identify the interest that is proposed to be assigned or transferred; determine whether the proposed assignee or transferee is qualified to obtain the interest sought; and ensure that the proposed assignee or transferee does not exceed statutory acreage limitations.

**Frequency of Collection:** On occasion. Responses are required to obtain or retain a benefit.

**Estimated Number and Description of Respondents:** 10,933 applicants who wish to assign record title or transfer operating rights in a lease for oil and gas or geothermal resources.

**Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden:** 5,467 hours.

**Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost" Burden:** \$929,305.

**Jean Sonneman,**

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Bureau of Land Management.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[F-14905-A; LLAk965000-L14100000-KC0000-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 the Bureau of Land Management will issue an appealable decision to Chinuruk Incorporated, Successor in Interest to NGTA, Incorporated. The decision approves the surface estate in the lands described below for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601, *et seq.*). The subsurface estate in these lands will be conveyed to Calista Corporation when the surface estate is conveyed to Chinuruk Incorporated, Successor in Interest to NGTA, Incorporated. The lands are in the vicinity of Nightmute, Alaska, and are located in:

**Seward Meridian, Alaska**

T. 5 N., R. 88 W.,

Sec. 3;

Sec. 31.

Containing 79.98 acres.

Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the *Anchorage Daily News*.

**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 June 1, 2012 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.

3. Notices of appeal transmitted by electronic means, such as facsimile or email, will not be accepted as timely filed.

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 or by email at [ak.blm.conveyance@blm.gov](mailto:ak.blm.conveyance@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 BLM during normal business hours. In addition, the FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the BLM. The BLM will reply during normal business hours.

**Jason Robinson,**

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**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 to Chinuruk Incorporated, Successor in Interest to Umkumiute, Limited. The decision approves the surface estate in the lands described below for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601, *et seq.*). The subsurface estate in these lands will be conveyed to Calista Corporation when the surface estate is conveyed to Chinuruk Incorporated, Successor in Interest to Umkumiute, Limited. The lands are in the vicinity of Umkumiute, Alaska, and are located in:

**Seward Meridian**

T. 6 N., R. 90 W.,  
Sec. 35.

Containing approximately 40 acres.

Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the *Anchorage Daily News*.

**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 June 1, 2012 to file an appeal.

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**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Phoenix Copper Leach Project, Lander County, NV**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Phoenix Copper Leach Project and by this notice is announcing its availability.

**DATES:** The BLM will not issue a final decision on the proposal for a minimum of 30 days after the date that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes its notice in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the FEIS for the Phoenix Copper Leach Project are available for public inspection at the BLM, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, Nevada. Interested persons may also review the FEIS at the Web site: [http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/battle\\_mountain\\_field.html](http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/battle_mountain_field.html).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Dave Davis, Phoenix Project Manager, telephone: 775-635-4150; address: BLM, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, NV 89820, Attn.: Dave Davis; or by email at: [CU\\_Leach@blm.gov](mailto:CU_Leach@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:** Newmont Mining Corporation (Newmont) has submitted a proposed Amendment to

the Plan of Operations for a new copper processing plant and appurtenant facilities to the BLM. The proposed project would be located in north-central Nevada approximately 12 miles southwest of Battle Mountain on both public and private lands in Lander County, Nevada. The project, as proposed, will disturb a total of 902 acres: 708 acres of private land owned by Newmont and 194 acres of public land. These lands are located in an already heavily mined area and the copper ore was previously being mined and placed on existing waste-rock facilities. The proposed project would involve the expansion and operation of the existing Phoenix Mine to include copper leaching/beneficiation of copper oxide rock material that previously has been permitted for disposal on currently permitted waste rock facilities. Active mining and processing for the proposed project would last approximately 24 years; overall closure and reclamation activities are anticipated to extend approximately 25 years beyond the operational phase. A minimum of 13 years of re-vegetation, and reclamation monitoring would be required following mine closure.

The BLM is also reviewing Newmont's application under the Mining Law of 1872; the BLM Code of Federal Regulations, Surface Management Regulations at 43 CFR 3809; and the Use and Occupancy Regulations at 43 CFR 3715, in response to Newmont's application for mining and processing of copper ore while preventing undue or unnecessary degradation of public lands.

The BLM will decide whether to grant an approval of the Amendment to the Plan of Operations as submitted or to modify it based on mitigation developed through this NEPA analysis.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Phoenix Copper Leach Project described and analyzed the proposed project's site-specific impacts for all affected resources. Two action alternatives, the Proposed Action and the Reona Copper Heap Leach Facility Elimination Alternative, were analyzed in detail, in addition to the No Action Alternative. Eleven additional alternatives presented in the DEIS were considered but eliminated from further analysis.

The Notice of Availability of the DEIS was published in the **Federal Register** on October 28, 2011, starting a 45-day public comment period that ended on December 12, 2011.

The BLM mailed 160 letters to individuals, non-government organizations, and local, state, and federal agencies who had stated an