

Alternative 1: (Proposed Action) The tracts would be leased as requested in the application; and

Alternative 2: (No Action) The application would be rejected or denied. The underground Federal coal reserves would be bypassed.

Proprietary data marked as confidential may be submitted to the BLM in response to this solicitation of public comments. Data so marked shall be treated in accordance with the laws and regulations governing the confidentiality of such information. A copy of the comments submitted by the public on the EA, unsigned FONSI, FMV and MER, except those portions identified as proprietary by the author and meeting exemptions stated in the Freedom of Information Act, will be available for public inspection at the BLM Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, CO 80215, during regular business hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) Monday through Friday.

Comments on the EA, FMV and MER should address, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:

1. The quality and quantity of the coal resources;

2. The method of mining to be employed to obtain MER of the coal, including specifications of the seams to be mined, timing and rate of production, restriction to mining and the inclusion of the tracts in an existing mining operation;

3. The FMV appraisal including, but not limited to, the evaluation of the tract as an incremental unit of an existing mine, quality and quantity of the coal resource, selling price of the coal, mining and reclamation costs, net present value discount factors, depreciation and other tax accounting factors, value of the surface estate, the mining method or methods, and any comparable sales data on similar coal lands. The values given above may or may not change as a result of comments received from the public and changes in market conditions between now and when final economic evaluations are completed.

Written comments on the EA, MER and FMV should be sent to Desty Dyer at the above address or via email prior to close of business [date to be provided by the CO DSD]. Please note "Coal Lease By Application" in the subject line for all emails. Substantive comments, whether written or oral, will receive equal consideration prior to any lease offering. 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 foregoing is published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to 43 CFR parts 3422 and 3425.

Helen M. Hankins,

BLM Colorado State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Call for Nominations: North Slope Science Initiative, Science Technical Advisory Panel, Alaska

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a call for nominations to serve on the North Slope Science Initiative, Science Technical Advisory Panel, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972, as amended.

DATES: All nominations and required attachments must be received no later than 30 days after the publication of this notice.

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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The legislative purpose of the North Slope Science Initiative, Science Technical Advisory Panel is to advise the North Slope Science Initiative Oversight Group on issues such as identifying and prioritizing inventory, monitoring and research needs, and providing other scientific information as requested by the Oversight Group (Section 348, Energy Policy Act of 2005, Pub. L. 109-58). The Oversight Group membership includes the Alaska Regional Directors of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and National Marine Fisheries Service; the Bureau of Land Management Alaska State Director; the Commissioners of the Alaska Departments of Natural

Resources and Fish and Game; the Mayor of the North Slope Borough; and the President of Arctic Slope Regional Corporation. Advisory members of the Oversight Group include the Regional Executive, U.S. Geological Survey; Deputy Director, U.S. Arctic Research Commission; Alaska Regional Director, National Weather Service; and the Regional Coordinator for the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration.

The Science Technical Advisory Panel consists of a representative group of not more than 15 scientists and technical experts from diverse professions and interests, including the oil and gas industry, subsistence users, Alaska Native entities, conservation organizations, wildlife management organizations, and academia, as determined by the Secretary of the Interior. The members are selected from among, but not limited to, the following disciplines: North Slope traditional and local knowledge, landscape ecology, petroleum engineering, civil engineering, geology, sociology, cultural anthropology, economics, ornithology, oceanography, fisheries, marine biology, landscape ecology, and climatology.

Duties of the Science Technical Advisory Panel are solely advisory to the Oversight Group, which will provide direction regarding priorities for decisions needed for the management of resources on the North Slope of Alaska and the adjacent marine environment. Duties could include, but are not limited to, the following:

a. Advise the Oversight Group on science planning and relevant inventory, monitoring and research projects necessary for management decisions;

b. Advise the Oversight Group on scientific information relevant to the mission of the North Slope Science Initiative;

c. Review selected reports and advise the Oversight Group on their content and relevance;

d. Review ongoing scientific programs of the North Slope Science Initiative member organizations at the request of the membership to promote compatibility in methodologies and compilation of duties;

e. Advise the Oversight Group on how to ensure scientific products generated through the North Slope Science Initiative activities are of the highest technical quality;

f. Provide scientific advice as requested by the Oversight Group; and,

g. Coordinate with groups, committees and sub-committees as requested by the Oversight Group.

Qualifications and Procedures Required for Nomination

All membership will consist of individuals having a minimum of 5 years of work experience in the Arctic in their field of expertise. Individuals will be selected from among, but not limited to, those disciplines and entities described above. Any individual or organization may nominate one or more persons, including themselves, to serve on the Science Technical Advisory Panel. Six new members will be appointed for 3-year terms. Current Science Technical Advisory Panel appointees may be reappointed for additional terms at the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior. Under current Administration policy, federally registered lobbyists may not serve on the panel.

How To Nominate

Nomination forms may be obtained from the North Slope Science Initiative Web site (<http://www.northslope.org>), or from the Executive Director, North Slope Science Initiative (see For Further Information Contact, above). To make a nomination, or self-nominate, submit a completed nomination form with a minimum of one letter of reference that describes the nominee's qualifications to serve on the Science Technical Advisory Panel. The professional discipline the nominee would represent should be identified in the reference letter of nomination and in the nomination form. Nominees may be scientists and technical experts from diverse professions and interests, including, but not limited to, the oil and gas industry, subsistence users, Alaska Native entities, conservation organizations, or academia. Nominees appointed to serve on the Science Technical Advisory Panel will serve only in their professional capacity and will not serve to represent any group, agency or entity with whom they may be affiliated. The Executive Director, North Slope Science Initiative, will collect the nomination forms and letters of reference and distribute them to the Oversight Group for consideration. The collective recommendations of the Oversight Group will be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior who has the responsibility for making appointments. Members of the Science Technical Advisory Panel will serve without monetary compensation, but will be reimbursed for travel, lodging and per diem expenses to participate in announced meetings.

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Bud C. Cribley,
State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Notice of Availability of a Record of Decision on the Final General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement, Effigy Mounds National Monument, Iowa

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Final General Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/EIS), Effigy Mounds National Monument (Monument), Iowa.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the ROD are available by request by writing to Superintendent, Effigy Mounds National Monument, 151 Highway 76, Harpers Ferry, Iowa 52146-7519. The document is also available on the internet at the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment Web site at: <http://www.parkplanning.nps.gov/efmo>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent James Nepstad at the address above, by telephone at 563-873-3491 or email at jim_nepstad@nps.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NPS has issued a ROD for the Final GMP/EIS; on May 29, 2013, the Regional Director for the Midwest Region approved the ROD. As soon as practicable, the NPS will begin to implement the selected alternative, which was identified as the preferred alternative (Alternative B) in the EIS.

In the preferred alternative, a large portion of the Monument would be zoned as backcountry, a virtual research center would be created to collect and share information on mound research and preservation, and access to the South Unit of the Monument would be improved by connecting the Yellow River bridge and trail to the trails in the South Unit. This alternative was also determined to be the environmentally preferable alternative. The preferred alternative and two others were analyzed in the GMP/EIS.

In reaching its decision to select the preferred alternative, the NPS

considered the purposes for which the Monument was established, and other laws and policies that apply to lands within the Monument. The NPS also carefully considered public comments received during the planning process.

To determine the preferred alternative, the planning team evaluated three draft alternatives that had been reviewed by the public. To minimize the influence of individual biases and opinions, the team used an objective analysis process called "Choosing by Advantages." Alternative B best preserves the outstanding representative examples of significant phases of prehistoric Indian moundbuilding cultures in the American Midwest and the wildlife and natural values within the Monument, two of the three purposes for which the Monument was established. Alternative B also achieves this higher level of protection through the management zoning and more limited trail development. Finally, Alternative B provides broader access to mound research and digitized portions of the collections through the development of the virtual research center, thereby better fulfilling the third purpose (scientific study and appreciation) for which the Monument was established.

Dated: May 24, 2013.

Michael T. Reynolds,
Regional Director, Midwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Approval of Record of Decision for Relocation of Cattle Point Road, San Juan Island National Historical Park, San Juan County, Washington

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Record of Decision.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to § 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 91-190, as amended) and the regulations promulgated by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR 1505.2), the Department of the Interior, National Park Service has prepared and approved a Record of Decision for the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the relocation of the Cattle Point Road at San Juan Island National Historical Park. The requisite no-action "wait period" was initiated on October 5, 2012, with the Environmental Protection Agency's