

II. Request for Comments

The BIA requests your comments on this collection concerning: (a) The necessity of this information collection for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (hours and cost) of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Ways we could enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Ways we could minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents.

Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and an individual need not respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB Control Number.

It is our policy to make all comments available to the public for review at the location listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. Before including your address, phone number, email address or other personally identifiable 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.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 1076-0104.

Title: Documented Petitions for Federal Acknowledgment as an Indian Tribe, 25 CFR 83.

Brief Description of Collection: Submission of this information allows Office of Federal Acknowledgment (OFA) to review applications for the Federal acknowledgment of a group as an Indian tribe. The acknowledgment regulations at 25 CFR part 83 contain seven criteria that unrecognized groups seeking Federal acknowledgment as Indian tribes must demonstrate that they meet. Information collect from petitioning groups under these regulations provide anthropological, genealogical and historical data used by the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs to establish whether a petitioning group has the characteristics necessary to be acknowledged as having a government-to-government relationship with the United States. Respondents are not required to retain copies of the information submitted to OFA but will probably maintain copies for their own use; therefore, there is no recordkeeping requirement included in this

information collection. A response is required to obtain a benefit.

Type of Review: Extension without change of currently approved collection.

Respondents: Groups petitioning for Federal acknowledgment as Indian tribes.

Number of Respondents: 10 per year, on average.

Number of Responses: 10 per year, on average.

Frequency of Response: Once.

Estimated Time per Response: 2,075 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 20,750 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0.

Dated: July 10, 2013.

John Ashley,

Acting Assistant Director for Information Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[F-14900-A2; LLAk940000-L1410000-HY0000-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 an appealable decision will be issued by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to The Kuskokwim Corporation. 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 The Kuskokwim Corporation. The lands are in the vicinity of Napaimute, Alaska, and are located in:

Seward Meridian, Alaska

T. 15 N., R. 51 W.,
Secs. 3, 4, and 5;
Secs. 10 and 11.

Containing 3,009.12 acres.

T. 16 N., R. 51 W.,
Secs. 29, 30, and 31;
Secs. 32, and 33.

Containing 3,016.78 acres.

T. 19 N., R. 51 W.,
Secs. 10, 11, and 12.
Containing 3,840 acres.
Aggregating 9,865.90 acres.

Notice of the decision will also be published once a week for four

consecutive weeks in the *Delta Discovery*.

DATES: Any party claiming a property interest in the lands affected by the decision may appeal the decision in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4 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 August 15, 2013 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 shall be deemed to have waived their rights. Notices of appeal transmitted by electronic means, such as facsimile or email, will not be accepted as timely filed.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, AK 99513-7504.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The BLM by phone at 907-271-5960 or by email at

blm_ak_akso_public_room@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.

Ralph L. Eluska, Sr.,

Land Transfer Resolution Specialist, Division of Lands and Cadastral.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Call for Nominations for the Rio Grande Natural Area Commission, Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) was directed by the Rio Grande Natural Area Act of 2006 to establish the Rio Grande Natural Area Commission (Commission). The nine-member Commission was formed in February 2011 to advise the Secretary with respect to the Rio Grande Natural Area (Natural Area) and to prepare a management plan relating to non-Federal land in the Natural Area. Since this Commission was formed, one of its members representing the general public resigned due to time conflicts. As a result, the Secretary is soliciting applications to replace the current occupant of that seat.

DATES: Submit nomination packages on or before August 15, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Send completed Council nominations to Tom Heinlein, District Manager, BLM Front Range District Office, 3028 East Main St., Cañon City, CO 81212.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Heinlein, District Manager, 3028 East Main St., Cañon City, CO 81212. Phone: 719-269-8554. Email: theinlei@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, seven 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 Commission is a statutory advisory committee established under Section 4 of the Rio Grande Natural Area Act of 2006 (16 U.S.C. 460rrr-2). The Commission shall be composed of nine members appointed by the Secretary, of whom:

1. One member shall represent the Colorado State Director of the BLM;
2. One member shall be the manager of the Alamosa National Wildlife Refuge, ex officio;
3. Three members shall be appointed based on the recommendation of the Governor of Colorado, among whom:
 - a. One member shall represent the Colorado Parks and Wildlife division;
 - b. One member shall represent the Colorado Division of Water Resources; and
 - c. One member shall represent the Rio Grande Water Conservation District.
4. Four members shall:
 - a. Represent the general public;
 - b. Be citizens of the local region in which the Natural Area is established; and
 - c. Have knowledge and experience in fields of interest relating to the

preservation, restoration and use of the Natural Area.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others. The BLM will evaluate nominees based on their education, training, experience and knowledge of the geographical area the Commission serves. Nominees should demonstrate a commitment to collaborative resource decision-making. The following must accompany all nominations:

1. At least one letter of reference from represented interests or organizations;
2. A completed background information nomination form; and
3. Any other information that addresses the nominee's qualifications.

The Obama Administration prohibits individuals who are currently federally-registered lobbyists to serve on all Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and non-FACA boards, committees or councils. Nomination forms may be downloaded from the Rio Grande Natural Area Commission Web site: http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/slvfo/rio_grande_natural.html.

The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) San Luis Valley Field Office will review the nomination packages in coordination with the Governor of Colorado before forwarding recommendations to the Secretary, who will make the appointments.

The Commission shall be subject to the FACA, 5 U.S.C. App. 2; and the Federal Land Management Policy Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.

Authority: 43 CFR 1784.4-1.

Helen M. Hankins,

BLM Colorado State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), Gulf of Mexico (GOM), Oil and Gas Lease Sale, Western Planning Area (WPA) Lease Sales 238, 246, and 248 MMAA104000

AGENCY: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent (NOI) to Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

SUMMARY: Consistent with the regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) (NEPA), BOEM is announcing its intent to prepare a Supplemental EIS for proposed WPA lease sales beginning with Lease Sale 238 (WPA Lease Sales 238, 246, and 248 Supplemental EIS). Lease Sale 238 is the

next proposed lease sale in the Gulf of Mexico's WPA off the States of Texas and Louisiana. The WPA Lease Sales 238, 246, and 248 Supplemental EIS will update the environmental and socioeconomic analyses in the *Gulf of Mexico OCS Oil and Gas Lease Sales: 2012-2017; Western Planning Area Lease Sales 229, 233, 238, 246, and 248; Central Planning Area (CPA) Lease Sales 227, 231, 235, 241, and 247, Final Environmental Impact Statement (OCS EIS/EA BOEM 2012-019)* (WPA/CPA Multisale EIS) and the *Gulf of Mexico OCS Oil and Gas Lease Sales: 2013-2014; Western Planning Area Lease Sale 233; Central Planning Area Lease Sale 231-Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (OCS EIS/EA BOEM 2013-0118)* (WPA 233/CPA 231 Supplemental EIS). The WPA/CPA Multisale EIS was completed in July 2012. The WPA 233/CPA 231 Supplemental EIS was completed in April 2013.

A Supplemental EIS is deemed appropriate to supplement the NEPA documents cited above for these lease sales in order to consider possible new circumstances and information arising from, among other things, the *Deepwater Horizon* explosion, oil spill, and response. The WPA Lease Sales 238, 246, and 248 Supplemental EIS analysis will focus on updating the baseline conditions and potential environmental effects of oil and natural gas leasing, exploration, development, and production in the WPA.

The WPA Lease Sales 238, 246, and 248 Supplemental EIS analysis will focus on the potential environmental effects of oil and natural gas leasing, exploration, development, and production in the WPA identified through the Area Identification procedure as the proposed lease sale area. In addition to the no action alternative (i.e., canceling the proposed sale), other alternatives may be considered for the proposed lease sales, including WPA Lease Sale 238, such as deferring certain areas from the proposed lease sales.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 28, 2012, the Department of the Interior released the *Proposed Final OCS Oil & Gas Leasing Program: 2012-2017* (Five-Year Program), which included five proposed WPA Lease Sales. WPA Lease Sales 238, 246, and 248 are proposed for 2014, 2015, and 2016 respectively. The general area proposed for these WPA lease sales, including Lease Sale 238, encompasses virtually all unleased blocks in approximately 28.58 million acres in the western portion of the GOM (excluding whole and partial blocks