

recovery by extending the pit north; reducing the size of the BLM lease modification contained in the Proposed Action to 100 acres while still accommodating extension of the mine pit, external overburden piles, temporary growth media stockpiles, and ancillary mine features beyond the current Lease boundaries. If the mine is extended, USFS Special Use Authorizations and State of Idaho Temporary Use Authorizations will also be needed.

Under the No Action Alternative, the Rasmussen Valley Mine Plan would not be approved for mining, and no associated development would occur on the existing lease. Similarly, associated requests such as the lease modification application would not be approved. The No Action Alternative would not provide ore for the CPO and would leave the mineral resource unmined. The resources would not be developed under the 2011 Proposed Action. However, the No Action Alternative does not preclude application and approval of future Mine and Reclamation Plans for the site because of pre-existing mining rights granted in the existing Lease.

To facilitate understanding and comments on the Draft EIS, public meetings are planned to be held in Soda Springs and Pocatello, Idaho. Meetings will be open-house style, with displays explaining the project and a forum for commenting on the draft EIS. The BLM will announce dates, times, and locations of the public scoping meetings in mailings and news releases.

Written and electronic comments regarding the Draft EIS should be submitted within 45 days of the date of publication of the Environmental Protection Agency's Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. To assist the BLM and the USFS in identifying issues and concerns related to this project, comments should be as specific as possible. The portion of the proposed project related to special use authorizations for off-lease activities is subject to the USFS's objection process pursuant to 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B. Only those who provide comment concerning the off-lease activities during this comment period or who have previously submitted specific written comments on the off-lease activities, either during scoping or other designated opportunity for public comment, will be eligible as objectors to the off-lease activities (36 CFR 218.5). BLM appeal procedures found in 43 CFR 4 apply to the portion of the project related to activities proposed on the Federal mineral lease(s).

Please note that public comments and information submitted including names, street addresses, and email addresses of respondents will be available for public review and disclosure at the above BLM address during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Before including your 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.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*; 40 CFR parts 1500–1508; 43 CFR part 46; 43 U.S.C. 1701; 43 CFR part 3510; and 43 CFR part 3590.

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### Alaska Native Claims Selection

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Decision Approving Lands for Conveyance.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that an appealable decision will be issued by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), approving conveyance of the surface and subsurface estates in the lands described below to Chugach Alaska Corporation (formerly known as Chugach Natives, Inc.), pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. **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. Please see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for the time limits for appealing the decision.

**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](mailto: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.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision will be issued by the BLM to Chugach Alaska Corporation (formerly known as Chugach Natives, Inc.). The decision approves conveyance of the surface and subsurface estates in certain lands pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601, *et seq.*). The lands are located in the Chugach National Forest, and contain/aggregate 80.78 acres. Notice of the decision will also be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in the *Alaska Dispatch News*.

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 October 19, 2015 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.

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