

Management is now used as an approach for setting duck-hunting regulations in the United States and provides a framework for making objective decisions despite continued uncertainty about waterfowl population dynamics and regulatory impacts. The Alaska migratory bird subsistence regulations have been in existence since 2003. These developments and others make it desirable to supplement the preceding EIS documents and reexamine some of the issues associated with the issuance of annual regulations.

Issue Resolution and Environmental Review

We intend to develop a supplemental EIS on the "Issuance of Annual Regulations Permitting the Sport Hunting of Migratory Birds," beginning the process with this announcement. Federal and State agencies, private conservation organizations, and all other interested parties and individuals are invited to participate in the process by presenting their views on the subject. We seek suggestions and comments regarding the scope and substance of this supplemental EIS, particular issues to be addressed and why, and options or alternatives to be considered. In particular, in regard to the scope and substance of this supplemental EIS, we seek comments on the following:

- (1) Harvest management alternatives for migratory game birds to be considered,
- (2) Limiting the scope of the assessment to sport hunting (*i.e.*, exclusion of the Alaska migratory bird subsistence process), and
- (3) Inclusion of basic regulations (methods and means).

Comments should be forwarded to the above address by the deadline indicated. We will conduct the development of this supplemental EIS in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 as amended (42 U.S.C. 4371 et seq.), other appropriate federal regulations, and Service procedures for compliance with those regulations. We are furnishing this Notice in accordance with 40 CFR 1501.7, to obtain suggestions and information from other agencies, tribes, and the public on the scope of issues to be addressed in the supplemental EIS.

Public Scoping Meetings

A schedule of public scoping meeting dates, locations, and times is not available at this time. We will publish a notice of any such meetings in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: August 24, 2005.

Matt Hogan,

Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Big Game Guiding on National Wildlife Refuges in Alaska

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is soliciting proposals to conduct commercial big game guide services in six guide use areas on five national wildlife refuges in Alaska.

DATES: Proposals must be postmarked by, or hand delivered to the Alaska Regional Office at the address indicated below by, November 14, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tony Booth or Debbie Steen, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Wildlife Refuge System—Alaska, Division of Visitor Services and Communications, 1011 East Tudor Road, M.S. 235, Anchorage, Alaska 99503; Telephone: (907) 786-3384 (Tony) or (907) 786-3665 (Debbie).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is requesting proposals to conduct commercial big game guide services within guide use areas on four national wildlife refuges in Alaska that have become vacant or may become vacant soon. We will authorize big game guiding services on these areas for the period January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2010. We will award permits to conduct guiding services in these areas through a competitive selection process that is described in the prospectus. The offerings will include the following guide use areas:

Alaska Maritime Refuge—AKM-03
Alaska Peninsula/Becharof Refuge—
BCH-06
Arctic Refuge—ARC-01, ARC-08
Kanuti Refuge—KAN-01
Koyukuk Refuge—KOY-02

Interested qualified guides who apply for the guide areas on the Arctic Refuge should be aware that the availability of both of those areas is uncertain at this time because the existing permittee may seek reconsideration or appeal a decision to not renew the permits. Interested qualified guides who apply for the guide area on the Koyukuk Refuge should be aware that the Service is in the process of revoking the existing

KOY-02 permit. Since the Service does not plan to issue a separate notice for the Arctic and Koyukuk offerings, interested parties should submit proposals in response to this notice.

We will send a letter announcing these offerings to all State of Alaska-registered big game guides. You must postmark or hand deliver proposals to the Service at the address indicated above by 4 p.m., November 14, 2005.

Copies of the solicitation are available to any interested party by calling or writing the above telephone number or address.

Rowan W. Gould,

Regional Director, Anchorage, Alaska.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Reservation Roads Program Coordinating Committee

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of the formulation of the Indian Reservation Roads Program Coordinating Committee under 25 CFR 170.155-158.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Interior is appointing tribal regional representatives to the Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) Program Coordinating Committee (Committee) as outlined under 25 CFR 170. The IRR final rules amending 25 CFR 170 include establishing a Committee to provide input and recommendations to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in developing IRR Program policies and procedures and to coordinate with and obtain input from tribes, BIA, and FHWA.

The Secretary announced on February 13, 2005, the request for nominations from tribal governments for representatives and alternates to serve on the Committee. Based on review of those nominations, the Secretary is announcing the representatives who will serve on the Committee in each of the 12 BIA regions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. LeRoy Gishi, Chief, Division of Transportation, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., Mail Stop 20-SIB, Washington, DC 20240, Telephone 202-513-7711 or Fax 202-208-4696.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The IRR final rules amending 25 CFR 170, effective November 13, 2004, are the

result of negotiated rulemaking between tribal and Federal representatives under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21). The IRR final rules include the negotiated rulemaking committee's recommendation that the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Transportation establish an IRR Program Coordinating Committee to provide input and recommendations to BIA and FHWA in developing IRR Program policies and to coordinate with and obtain input from tribes, BIA, and FHWA. As recommended, the Committee will consist of 12 tribal regional representatives (one from each BIA region) and two non-voting Federal representatives (from BIA and FHWA). In addition to the 12 tribal regional representatives, the Committee will include one alternate from each BIA region who will attend Committee meetings in the absence of the tribal regional representative. Each tribal regional representative must be a tribal governmental official or employee with authority to act for the tribal government.

The Secretary must select regional tribal representatives and alternates from nominees officially proposed by the region's tribes. The Secretary will appoint the initial tribal regional representatives and alternates from each BIA region to either a 1-, 2- or 3-year appointment in order to establish a yearly, one-third change in tribal regional representatives. All appointments thereafter will be for 3-year terms. To the extent possible, the Secretary must make the selection so that there is representation from a broad

cross-section of large, medium, and small tribes. The Secretary of the Interior will provide guidance for the replacement of representatives.

The Secretary has selected 12 representatives from the regional nominees. In addition, 11 alternates have also been selected by the Secretary. No additional candidates were submitted by the Eastern Region tribes. The Secretary will entertain separate nominations from the tribes of Eastern Region. An orientation meeting for the primary and alternate committee members will be held at the BIA Southwest Regional Office, Conference Room #351, located at 1001 Indian School Road, NW, Albuquerque, NM, (505) 346-6834, on September 27-28, 2005.

IRR Program Coordinating Committee Members

Primary

- Pete Red Tomahawk, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Great Plains Region
- Chuck Tsoodle, Kiowa Tribe, Southern Plains Region
- John Smith, Wind River Tribes, Rocky Mountain Region
- Ed Thomas, Central Council of Tlingit Haida, Alaska Region
- James Garrigan, Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, Midwest Region
- Melanie (Fourkiller) Knight, Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, Eastern Oklahoma Region
- Erin S. Forrest, Hualapai Tribe, Western Region
- Bo Mazzetti, Rincon Band of Lusieno Indians, Pacific Region
- Royce Gchachu, Pueblo of Zuni, Southwest Region

- Sampson Begay, Navajo Nation, Navajo Region
- Michael Marchand, Confederated Tribes of the Colville, Northwest Region
- Clint Hill, Oneida Indian Nation, Eastern Region

Alternates

- Ed Hall, Three Affiliated Tribes of Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikira, Great Plains Region
- Tim Ramirez, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, Southern Plains Region
- C. John Healy, Sr., Fort Belnap Indian Community, Rocky Mountain Region
- Wayne Lukin, Native Village of Port Lions, Alaska Region
- Alof Olson, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians, Midwest Region
- Robert Endicott, Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, Eastern Oklahoma Region
- Kent Andrews, Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community, Western Region
- Peggy O'Neill, Yurok Tribe, Pacific Region
- Ed Little, Mescalero Apache Tribe, Southwest Region
- Wilfred Frazier, Navajo Nation, Navajo Region
- Kirk Vinish, Lummi Nation, Northwest Region
- No candidates submitted, Eastern Region

Federal Members

- Robert Sparrow, Federal Lands Highways, Washington DC
 - LeRoy Gishi, BIA Division of Transportation, Washington DC
- The following table shows the term appointments by region:

Region	Term	Region	Term	Region	Term
Eastern Oklahoma	1	Great Plains	2	Southern Plains	3
Western	1	Rocky Mountain	2	Alaska	3
Southwest	1	Midwest	2	Pacific	3
Northwest	1	Navajo	2	Eastern	3

IRR Program Coordinating Committee Responsibilities

The responsibilities of the Committee are to provide input and recommendations to BIA and FHWA during the development or revision of:

- BIA/FHWA IRR Program Stewardship Plan;
- IRR Program policy and procedures;
- IRR Program eligible activities' determinations;
- IRR Program transit policy;
- IRR Program regulations;
- IRR Program management systems policy and procedures;
- IRR Program fund distribution formula (under 25 CFR 170.157); and

- National tribal transportation needs.

The Committee also reviews and provides recommendations on IRR Program national concerns, including implementation of 25 CFR 170, as amended.

IRR Program Coordinating Committee Role in the Funding Process

The Committee will provide input and recommendations to BIA and FHWA for:

- New IRR inventory data format and form;
- Simplified cost to construct (CTC) methodology (including formula

calculations, formula program and design, and bid tab methodology);

- Cost elements;
- Over-design issues;
- Inflation impacts on \$1 million cap for the Indian Reservation Roads High Priority Project (IRRHPP) and Emergency Projects (including the IRRHPP Ranking System and emergency/disaster expenditures report); and
- The impact of including funded but non-constructed projects in the CTC calculation.

IRR Program Coordinating Committee Conduct of Business

The Committee will hold two meetings per fiscal year. The Committee may call additional meeting(s) with the consent of one-third of Committee members or BIA or FHWA may call additional meeting(s). A quorum consists of eight voting Committee members. The Committee will operate by consensus or majority vote, as the Committee determines in its protocols. The Committee must elect from among the Committee membership a Chair, Vice-Chair, and other officers. These officers will be responsible for preparing for and conducting Committee meetings and summarizing meeting results. The Committee may prescribe other duties for the officers. Any Committee member can submit an agenda item to the Committee Chair.

IRR Program Coordinating Committee Reporting Requirements and Budget

The Committee must keep the Secretary and tribes informed through an annual accomplishment report provided within 90 days after the end of each fiscal year. The Committee's budget, funded through the IRR Program management and oversight funds, will not exceed \$150,000 annually.

Dated: August 18, 2005.

Michael D. Olsen,

Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Canyons of the Ancients National Monument Advisory Committee; Call for Nominations

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Call for nominations for the Canyons of the Ancients National Monument Advisory Committee, to replace two categories.

SUMMARY: BLM is publishing this notice under section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The notice requests the public to submit nominations for membership on the Committee. The Committee is necessary to advise the Secretary and BLM on resource management issues associated with Canyons of the Ancients National Monument.

DATES: Submit a completed nomination form and nomination letters to the address listed below no later than 30 days after date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Send nominations to: Manager, Canyons of the Ancients National Monument, Bureau of Land Management, 27501 Highway 184, Dolores, Colorado 81323.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LouAnn Jacobson, Monument Manager or Stephen Kandell, Monument Planner at (970) 882-5600, or e-mail Colorado_CANM@co.blm.gov. The existing Monument Web site is currently unavailable.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Any individual or organization may nominate one or more persons to serve on the Canyons of the Ancients National Monument Advisory Committee. Individuals may nominate themselves for Committee membership. You may obtain nomination forms from the Canyons of the Ancients National Monument Manager, Bureau of Land Management (*see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT* above). To make a nomination, you must submit a completed nomination form, letters of reference from the represented interests or organizations, as well as any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications, to the Canyons of the Ancients National Monument Manager. You may make nominations for the following categories of interest:

- A representative of the Dolores County Commission (appointed from nominees submitted by the Dolores County Commission); and
- Persons representing any of the following tribes and pueblos representing Native American interests: The Ute Mountain Tribe, The Uintah-Ouray Ute Tribe, The Southern Ute Tribe, The Navajo Nation, The Hopi Tribe, The Pueblo of Acoma, The Pueblo of Cochiti, The Pueblo of Isleta, The Pueblo of San Felipe, The Pueblo of Santa Ana, The Pueblo of Santo Domingo, The Pueblo of Jemez, The Pueblo of Laguna, The Pueblo of Sandia, The Pueblo of Zia, The Pueblo of Zuni, The Pueblo of Nambe, The Pueblo of San Juan, The Pueblo of Picuris, The Pueblo of Pojoaque, The Pueblo of San Ildefonso, The Pueblo of Santa Clara, The Pueblo of Taos, The Pueblo of Tesuque (appointed from nominees submitted by the Bureau of Land Management).

The specific category the nominee would like to represent should be identified in the letter of nomination and in the nomination form. The Canyons of the Ancients National

Monument Manager will collect the nominations and letters of reference and then forward them to the Secretary of the Interior who has final authority for making the appointments.

The purpose of the Canyons of the Ancients National Monument Advisory Committee is to advise the Bureau of Land Management concerning development and implementation of a management plan for public lands within Canyons of the Ancients National Monument. Each member will be a person who, as a result of training and experience, has knowledge or special expertise which qualifies him or her to provide advice from among the categories of interest listed above.

Members will serve without monetary compensation, but will be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses at current rates for Government employees. The membership term will be for four years.

Dated: September 1, 2005.

LouAnn Jacobson,

Monument Manager, Canyons of the Ancients National Monument.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Creston/Blue Gap II Natural Gas Project, Carbon and Sweetwater Counties, WY

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Under Section 102 (2) (C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Rawlins Field Office, announces its intent to prepare an EIS on the potential impacts of a proposed natural gas development project consisting primarily of conventional gas well development, but also including approximately 100 coal bed natural gas wells.

In April 2005, the BLM received a proposal from Devon Energy Corporation representing themselves and other lease holders in the area, to drill and develop up to 1,250 wells from an estimated 1000 well pad sites and install and operate associated facilities. The proposed project area encompasses approximately 184,000 acres of mixed Federal, State, and private land, and overlies a natural gas field analyzed