

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

#### Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of a currently approved information collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Request for Fee Waiver Denial Letter.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection:* Form G-1054; U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or Households. The regulations at 8 CFR 103.7(c) allows U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) to waive fees for benefits under the Immigration and Nationality Act (Act). This form is used to maintain consistency in the adjudication of fee waiver requests, and to collect accurate data on amounts of fee waivers.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 16,000 responses at 1.25 hours (75 minutes) per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 20,000 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please visit the USCIS Web site at: <http://uscis.gov/graphics/formsfee/forms/pr/index.htm>. If additional information is required contact: USCIS, Regulatory Management Division, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 20529, (202) 272-8377.

Dated: February 28, 2006.

#### Stephen Tarragon,

*Deputy Director, Regulatory Management Division, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Environmental Impact Statement for a Proposed Land Exchange in Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge, AK

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of public scoping meeting schedule.

**SUMMARY:** We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), plan to hold public scoping meetings to help us prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 for a proposed land exchange within the Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska. In our earlier notice of intent to prepare this EIS, we announced that scoping meetings would be held in February. However, we have extended the meeting schedule through early April. With this notice, we announce meeting dates and ask the public for suggestions and comments on the scope of issues to be addressed in our EIS.

**DATES:** The meeting dates are:

- April 3, 2006: Open house, 3–8 p.m., Fairbanks
- April 4, 2006: Open house, 3–8 p.m., Anchorage

• To be announced: We will also hold scoping meetings in the communities of Arctic Village, Beaver, Birch Creek, Central, Chalkyitsik, Circle, Fort Yukon, Stevens Village, and Venetie. However, the schedule for these meetings will be highly dependent on local weather conditions and other village activities and commitments. Dates and times for these meetings will be announced locally.

*Comment period end date:* We will accept public scoping comments received on or before April 15, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Meeting addresses:

Anchorage: FWS Regional Office, 1011 East Tudor Road.

Fairbanks: Noel Wien Library, 1215 Cowles Street.

Address comments or questions to Cyndie Wolfe, Project Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1011 East Tudor Road, MS-231, Anchorage, AK 99503. Comment forms and project information are available on the project Web site at: <http://yukonflatseis.ensr.com>. The comment form may be used to submit comments electronically on the project Web site.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cyndie Wolfe, Project Coordinator, 907-786-3463.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We plan to hold public scoping meetings to help

us prepare an EIS under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370d) and its implementing regulations for a proposed land exchange and acquisition of certain lands owned by Doyon, Limited within the Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska. In our earlier notice of intent to prepare this EIS (70 FR 60845, October 19, 2005), we said that we would soon announce February 2006 dates for scoping meetings. However, we have extended the timeframe for those meetings to early April 2006. With this notice, we announce scheduled meeting dates and ask the public for suggestions and information on the scope of issues to be addressed in our EIS. We will accept comments received on or before April 15, 2006. For more information about the proposed land exchange, please see our earlier notice (70 FR 60845) or visit our project Web site at <http://yukonflatseis.ensr.com>. The draft EIS, tentatively scheduled for release in February 2007, will also be available for viewing and downloading at this URL.

We will schedule additional public meetings to discuss the draft EIS. We also plan to use special mailings, newspaper articles, and other media releases to announce opportunities for the public to provide written and oral input.

Dated: February 15, 2006.

#### Rowan Gould,

*Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Anchorage, Alaska.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[AK964-1410-HY-P; FF-14945-A, DYA-2]

#### Alaska Native Claims Selection

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

**ACTION:** Notice of decisions approving lands for conveyance.

**SUMMARY:** As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to MTNT, Limited, Successor in Interest to Seseui, Incorporated and Doyon, Limited. The lands are located in T. 22 S., R. 28 E., T. 23 S., R. 28 E., and T. 23 S., R. 29 E., Kateel River Meridian, Alaska, in the vicinity of Telida Alaska, and contain 5,280.36 acres. Notice of the decision will also be

published four times in the *Tundra Drums*.

**DATES:** The time limits for filing an appeal are:

1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until April 3, 2006 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, 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 99513-7599.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** D. Kay Erben, by phone at (907) 271-4515, or by e-mail at [kay\\_erben@ak.blm.gov](mailto:kay_erben@ak.blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunication device (TTD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact Mrs. Erben.

**D. Kay Erben,**

*Land Law Examiner, Branch of Adjudication II.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[WY-030-1310-DB]

**Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Continental Divide—Creston Natural Gas Project, Carbon and Sweetwater Counties, WY**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and to conduct public scoping for the Continental Divide—Creston Natural Gas Project, Carbon and Sweetwater Counties, Wyoming.

**SUMMARY:** Under section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), 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 natural gas well development with some coalbed natural gas wells.

In April 2005, Devon Energy Corporation (Devon), representing itself and other lease holders, submitted to BLM a proposal to drill and develop up to 1,250 wells from an estimated 1,000 well pads and associated facilities. The Devon proposal was named “Creston/Blue Gap II Natural Gas Project.” The BLM published its NOI to prepare an EIS for this project in the **Federal Register** on September 8, 2005.

In November 2005, BP America Production Company (BP), representing itself and other lease holders, submitted a proposal to drill and develop up to 7,700 wells and associated facilities within a portion of the Continental Divide/Wamsutter II (CD/W2) Natural Gas Project area adjacent to the Creston/Blue Gap II EIS (CBC2) project area. Upon reviewing BP’s proposal the BLM determined that the CD/W2 proposal and the CBC2 proposal were similar actions within the same geographic area, with similar timing. Based on these factors, the BLM has determined that the best way to analyze these actions and identify their cumulative impacts adequately is to treat them in a single impact statement. The combined proposals, henceforth known as the Continental Divide—Creston (CDC) Natural Gas Project, will be considered in one EIS.

**DATES:** This notice initiates the public scoping process. The BLM can best use public input if comments and resources information are submitted within 60 days of the publication of this notice. To provide the public with an opportunity to review the proposal and project information, the BLM will host a scoping meeting in Rawlins, Wyoming. The BLM will notify the public of the meeting date, time, and location at least 15 days prior to the event.

Announcement will be made by news release to the media, individual letter mailings, and posting on the BLM Web site listed below, if it is available.

**ADDRESSES:** Please send written comments or resource information to the Bureau of Land Management, Rawlins Field Office, Eldon Allison, Team Leader, 1300 North Third Street, Rawlins, Wyoming 82301. Electronic mail may be sent to:

[rawlins\\_wymail@blm.gov](mailto:rawlins_wymail@blm.gov). The scoping notice will be posted on the Wyoming BLM NEPA Web page at <http://www.wy.blm.gov/nepa/nepadocs.htm>.

Prior comments submitted in response to the September 8, 2005, NOI for the CBC2 EIS will be considered along with comments received from the CDC EIS scoping. If you have submitted comments in response to the CBC2 EIS and would like to supplement them in

light of the combined proposals announced here, the BLM will accept supplemental comments during the public scoping period for CDC Natural Gas Development EIS. In your submittal please note that you have provided comments or resource information during the initial scoping period for the CBC2 EIS.

All responses will be considered in the environmental analysis process. If you do respond, we will keep you informed of decisions resulting from this analysis. Please note that public comments and information submitted regarding this project, including names and email and street addresses of the respondents, will be available for public review and disclosure at the above address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name, e-mail address, or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this plainly at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by the law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bureau of Land Management, Eldon Allison, Project Manager, 1300 North Third Street, Rawlins, Wyoming 82301. Mr. Allison may also be reached by telephone at (307) 328-4291, or by e-mail to: [rawlins\\_wymail@blm.gov](mailto:rawlins_wymail@blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Continental Divide—Creston Natural Gas Project is located in Townships 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24 North, Ranges 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97 and 98 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Carbon and Sweetwater Counties, Wyoming. The project area is about 25 air miles west of the city of Rawlins, Wyoming and comprises 1.1 million acres of mostly Federal (59 percent) and private (39 percent) surface, with some State land (2 percent). The BLM Rawlins Field Office manages the Federal surface lands and the Federal mineral estate.

The proposed project is further development of natural gas fields previously analyzed for field development under the Continental Divide/Wamsutter II Natural Gas Project (CDW2) EIS and Record of Decision (2000) and the Creston/Blue Gap (CBG) EIS and Record of Decision (1994).