

address listed below no later than January 17, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John F. Payne, Ph.D., Executive Director, North Slope Science Initiative (AK-910), c/o Bureau of Land Management; 222 W. Seventh Ave., #13; Anchorage, AK 99513, telephone (907) 271-3431.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Science Panel is to advise the North Slope Science Initiative (NSSI) Oversight Group on issues such as identifying and prioritizing inventory, monitoring and research needs, and providing other scientific advice as requested by the Oversight Group. The Oversight Group consists of the Alaska Regional Directors of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Minerals Management Service, National Park Service, Geological Survey, and National Marine Fisheries Service; the BLM-Alaska State Director; The Commissioners of the Alaska Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Fish and Game; the Mayor of the North Slope Borough; and the President of the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation. Advisory entities to the Oversight Group include the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Arctic Research Commission.

The Science Panel shall consist 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. The members will be selected from among, but not limited to, the following disciplines: North Slope traditional and local knowledge, landscape ecology, petroleum engineering, civil engineering, geology, botany, hydrology, limnology, habitat biology, wildlife biology, biometrics, sociology, cultural anthropology, economics, ornithology, oceanography, fisheries biology, and climatology.

The duties of the Science Panel are solely advisory to the Oversight Group, which will give direction to the Science Panel regarding priorities for decisions needed for the Department of the Interior's management. Duties could include the following:

- a. Advise the Oversight Group on science planning and relevant research and monitoring projects;
- b. Advise the Oversight Group on scientific information relevant to the Oversight Group's mission;
- c. Review selected reports to advise the Oversight Group on their content and relevance;

- d. Review ongoing scientific programs of NSSI member organizations on the North Slope at the request of the member organizations to promote compatibility in methodologies and compilation of data;

- e. Advise the Oversight Group on how to ensure that scientific products generated through NSSI activities are of the highest technical quality;

- f. Periodically review the North Slope Science Plan and provide recommendations for changes to the Oversight Group;

- g. Provide recommendations for proposed NSSI-funded inventory, monitoring and research activities to the Oversight Group;

- h. Provide other scientific advice as requested by the Oversight Group; and

- i. Coordinate with groups and committees appointed or requested by the Oversight Group to provide science advice, as needed.

The Executive Director for the NSSI shall serve as the Designated Federal Officer for the Science Panel. Specifically, the membership will consist of professionals with advanced degrees and a minimum of five years of work experience in their field in Alaska, preferably in the North Slope region. Professionals will be selected from among those disciplines and entities described above. Any individual or organization may nominate one or more persons to serve on the Science Panel. Members will be appointed for three-year terms. At the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior, Science Panel members may be reappointed indefinitely.

Individuals may nominate themselves to the Science Panel. You may obtain nomination forms from the Executive Director, NSSI (see address above), or from www.northslope.org. To make a nomination, you must submit a completed nomination form with a letter of reference that describes the nominee's qualifications to serve on the Science Panel. The professional discipline the nominee would like to represent should be identified in the letter of nomination and in the nomination form. Nominees may be 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. Nominees selected to serve on the Science 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 shall collect the nomination forms and letters of reference and distribute them to the Oversight Group for the NSSI. The Oversight Group will submit their recommendations through the BLM to the Secretary of the Interior who has responsibility for making the appointments.

Members on the Science Panel will serve without monetary compensation. Members will be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses at current rates for Government employees.

Certification

I hereby certify that the establishment of the Science Technical Advisory Panel for the NSSI is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the Secretary of the Interior's responsibilities to manage the lands, resources and facilities by the Department of the Interior, and in compliance with Section 348, Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109-58).

Dated: November 8, 2007.

Thomas P. Lonnie,

State Director, Alaska.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Call for Nominations for the Pinedale Anticline Working Group (PAWG) as Part of the Adaptive Management Program for the Pinedale Anticline Project Area in Southwestern Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

DATES: All nominations should be postmarked by January 17, 2008. Final appointments will be made by the Secretary of the Interior.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent to Caleb Hiner, Pinedale Field Office, 1625 West Pine Street, P.O. Box 768, Pinedale, Wyoming 82941.

SUMMARY: On June 26, 2006, the Secretary of the Interior renewed the Charter for the PAWG. Representatives of the public-at-large, the State of Wyoming, Office of the Governor, and the landowners within or bordering the Pinedale Anticline area are being solicited. Individuals or groups interested in becoming a member of the PAWG should submit the specified

information by the date specified in the **DATES** section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Caleb Hiner, PAWG and Task Groups Coordinator, Bureau of Land Management, Pinedale Field Office, P.O. Box 768, Pinedale, Wyoming 82941, telephone (307) 367-5352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 26, 2006, the Secretary of the Interior renewed the Charter for the Pinedale Anticline Working Group and Task Groups (PAWG). Nine members representing interest groups, governmental agencies, and local interests are appointed to the PAWG to serve a 2-year term. Representatives of the public-at-large, the State of Wyoming, and the adjacent landowners have resigned. Nominations are being taken for these three positions.

Additional information can be found at: http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/field_offices/Pinedale/pawg.html.

The charter established several membership selection criteria and operational procedures were developed once the Working Group became active. These are listed as follows:

1. The PAWG is composed of nine members and six additional representatives who reside in the State of Wyoming. The PAWG members will be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Secretary of the Interior.

2. Members to be selected to serve on the PAWG are as follows:

a. A representative from the State of Wyoming, Office of the Governor.

b. A representative from the landowners within or bordering the Pinedale Anticline area.

c. A representative of the public-at-large.

3. All members should have demonstrated an ability to analyze and interpret data and information, evaluate proposals, identify problems, and promote the use of collaborative management techniques (such as, long term planning, management across jurisdictional boundaries, data sharing, information exchange, and partnerships), and a knowledge of issues involving oil and gas development activities.

4. The service of the PAWG members shall be as follows:

a. PAWG members will be appointed to 2-year terms, subject to removal by the Secretary of the Interior. At the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior, members may be reappointed to additional terms.

b. The Chairperson of the PAWG will be selected by the PAWG.

c. The term of the Chairperson will not exceed 2 years.

Individuals, or representatives of groups, who wish to become members of the Pinedale Anticline Working Group should complete and submit the following information to this office by the date specified in the **DATES** section of this notice.

1. Representative Group to be considered for:

2. Nominee's Full Name:

3. Business Address:

4. Business Phone:

5. Home Address:

6. Home Phone:

7. Occupation/Title:

8. Qualifications (education including colleges, degrees, major field of study and/or training):

9. Career highlights (significant related experience, civil and professional activities, elected offices, prior advisory committee experience, or career achievements related to the interest to be represented):

10. Experience in collaborative management techniques, such as long term planning, management across jurisdictional boundaries, data sharing, information exchange and partnerships:

11. Experience in data analysis and interpretation, problem identification and evaluation of proposals:

12. Knowledge of issues involving oil and gas development:

13. Indicate specific area of interest to be represented from the following:

a. A representative from the State of Wyoming, Office of the Governor;

b. A representative from the landowners within or bordering the Pinedale Anticline area; and

c. A representative from the public-at-large.

14. List any leases, licenses, permits, contracts or claims that you hold which involve lands or resources administered by the BLM:

15. Attach two or three letters of reference from interests or organization(s) to be represented:

16. Nominated by: Include nominator's name, address, and telephone number(s):

17. Date of nomination.

Groups that nominate more than one person should indicate their preferred order of appointment selection.

Dated: October 19, 2007.

Robert A. Bennett,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

**Privacy Act of 1974 as Amended;
Notice of Proposed Addition of a New
System of Records**

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, (5 U.S.C. 552a), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is issuing public notice of its intent to add a new electronic Bureau-wide system of records, the Wild Horse and Burro Program System (WHBPS). This system supports the management of the Wild Horse and Burro (WHB) program and will contain data covered by the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended (5 U.S.C. 552A). The WHBPS is a centrally hosted Web-based application that is only accessible by authorized government users through the BLM intranet for the purpose of administering the WHB program. This action is necessary to meet the requirements of the Privacy Act to publish in the **Federal Register** notice of the existence and character of records systems maintained by the agency (5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(4)).

DATES: *Effective Date:* 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(11) requires that the public be provided a 30-day period in which to comment on the agency's intended use of the information in the system of records. The Office of Management and Budget, in its Circular A-130, requires an additional 10-day period (for a total of 40 days) in which to make these comments. Any persons interested in commenting on this proposed system of records may do so by submitting comments in writing to the Bureau of Land Management Privacy Act Officer, Information Resources Management Governance Division, Department of the Interior, WO560/725 LS, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240. Comments received within 40 days of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** will be considered. The system will be effective as proposed at the end of the comment period unless comments are received which would require a contrary determination.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail 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