

JBB petitioner's members claim descent only from individuals who were not part of the historical Indian tribe at Mission SJC as it existed between 1776 and 1834. This PF finds that only 4 percent (36 of 908) of JBB members have actually demonstrated descent from one of the Indians of the historical SJC Indian tribe. Therefore, because the petitioner's membership does not consist of individuals who descend from the historical SJC Indian tribe in 1834 (96 percent have not sufficiently demonstrated descent), JBB petitioner does not meet the requirements of criterion 83.7(e).

Criterion 83.7(f) requires that the membership of the petitioning group be composed principally of persons who are not members of any acknowledged North American Indian tribe. A review of the membership rolls of those mission Indian tribes in California that would most likely include the JBB petitioner's members revealed that the JBB membership is composed principally of persons who are not members of any acknowledged North American Indian tribe. Therefore, the JBB petitioner meets the requirements of criterion 83.7(f).

Criterion 83.7(g) requires that neither the petitioner nor its members be the subject of congressional legislation that has expressly terminated or forbidden the Federal relationship. No evidence has been found to indicate that the JBB petitioner was the subject of congressional legislation to terminate or prohibit a Federal relationship as an Indian tribe. The JBB petitioner meets the requirements of criterion 83.7(g).

Based on this preliminary factual determination, the Department proposes not to extend Federal Acknowledgment as an Indian tribe under 25 CFR part 83 to the JBB petitioner known as the Juaneño Band of Mission Indians.

As provided by 25 CFR 83.1(h), a report summarizing the evidence, reasoning, and analyses that are the basis for the PF will be provided to the petitioner and interested parties, and is available to other parties upon written request.

Comments on the PF and/or requests for a copy of the summary evaluation of the evidence should be addressed to the Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Attention: Office of Federal Acknowledgment, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., Mail Stop 34B–SIB, Washington, DC 20240.

Comments on the PF should be submitted within 180 calendar days from the date of publication of this notice. Comments by interested and informed parties must be provided to the petitioner as well as to the Federal

Government (83.10(h)). After the close of the 180-day comment period, the petitioner has 60 calendar days to respond to third-party comments (83.10(k)).

After the expiration of the comment and response periods described above, the Department will consult with the petitioner concerning establishment for a schedule for preparation of the FD. The AS–IA will publish the FD of the petitioner's status in the **Federal Register** as provided in 25 CFR 83.10(1), at a time that is consistent with that schedule.

On November 23, 2007, the AS–IA, Carl J. Artman, approved the Proposed Finding Against Acknowledgment of the Juaneño Band of Mission Indians (Petitioner #84B). On November 26, 2007, he authorized his acting AS–IA to approve this **Federal Register** notice.

Dated: November 26, 2007.

Debbie Clark,

Acting Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY–060–1320–EL, WYW155132]

Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the Eagle Butte West Coal Lease-by-Application, Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regulations and policies, the BLM announces the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Eagle Butte West Coal Lease-by-Application (LBA) located in the Casper Field Office (CFO).

ADDRESSES: Copies of the ROD/Final EIS are available via the internet at <http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/info/NEPA/cfodocs/eaglebutte-westcoal.html> or upon request from the following BLM office locations:

- Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

- Bureau of Land Management, Casper Field Office, 2987 Prospector Drive, Casper, Wyoming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Bob Janssen, Wyoming Coal Coordinator, (307) 775–6206 or Ms. Julie

Weaver, Land Law Examiner, (307) 775–6260. Both Mr. Janssen's and Ms. Weaver's offices are located at the BLM Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ROD covered by this Notice of Availability (NOA) is for the LBA WYW155132 known as the Eagle Butte West Coal LBA Tract and addresses leasing coal administered by the BLM Casper Field Office in Campbell County, Wyoming. The BLM adopts Alternative 1. Under Alternative 1, the Eagle Butte West LBA Tract, as modified by BLM, would be offered for competitive sale. The Eagle Butte West LBA Tract, as modified by BLM, includes 1,427.77 acres, more or less, and contains an estimated 255 million tons of mineable coal. A competitive coal lease sale will be announced in the **Federal Register**.

This decision is subject to appeal to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA) as provided in 43 CFR part 4 within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this NOA in the **Federal Register**. The ROD contains instructions for filing an appeal with the IBLA.

Dated: October 18, 2007.

Robert A. Bennett,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

[AK–910–1310–DB–NSSI–241A]

North Slope Science Initiative Science Technical Advisory Panel: Notice of Intent To Renew Charter and Call for Nominations

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to renew and call for nominations for the North Slope Science Initiative Science Technical Advisory Panel.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the renewal of the North Slope Science Initiative Science Technical Advisory Panel (Science Panel) by the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) and calls for nominations to serve on the Science Technical Advisory Panel in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972, 5 U.S.C. Appendix. A copy of the renewed Science Panel charter will be filed with the appropriate committees of Congress and the Library of Congress in accordance with Section 9(c) of FACA.

DATES: Submit a completed nomination form and nomination letters to the

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

[WY-100-08-1610-DJ]

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