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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[F-14825-A, F-14825-A2; AK-965-1410-KC-P]

Alaska Native Claims Selection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.

SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving the surface and subsurface estates in certain lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to Alakanuk Native Corporation. The lands are in the vicinity of Alakanuk, Alaska, and are located in:

Seward Meridian, Alaska

T. 29 N., R. 80 W.,

Secs. 1 to 4, inclusive;
Secs. 8, 11, 18, and 19.

Containing approximately 4,155 acres.

T. 30 N., R. 80 W.,

Secs. 7 to 10, inclusive;
Secs. 13 to 17, inclusive;
Secs. 19 to 25, inclusive;
Sec. 35.

Containing approximately 8,679 acres.

T. 29 N., R. 81 W.,

Secs. 25 and 36.

Containing approximately 1,199 acres.

T. 28 N., R. 82 W.,

Secs. 1 to 4, inclusive;
Secs. 9, 16, and 21.

Containing approximately 3,967 acres.

Aggregating approximately 18,000 acres.

The subsurface estate in these lands will be conveyed to Calista Corporation when the surface estate is conveyed to Alakanuk Native Corporation.

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 September 19, 2008 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 99513-7504.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Bureau of Land Management by phone at 907-271-5960, or by e-mail at ak.blm.conveyance@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 the Bureau of Land Management.

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Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Mountain States Transmission Intertie Project in Montana and Idaho, Possible Land Use Plan Amendments, and Notice of Public Scoping Meetings

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) gives notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to address potential effects of a proposed project by NorthWestern Energy to build and operate a new 500 kV electric transmission line requiring a special use permit, right-of-way grant, and/or temporary use permit for construction, operation, and maintenance of a 500kV electric transmission line and associated substation, including new access roads. The transmission line is known as the Mountain States Transmission Intertie (MSTI) Project. NorthWestern Energy's three project alternatives range from 390 to 430 miles in length, but additional alternatives or variations on alternatives may be developed through the environmental review process. Alternatives for the proposed transmission line would pass over private, state, and federally managed lands in Montana and Idaho. Federally

managed lands include lands administered by the BLM, U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agricultural Research Service (ARS), U.S. Sheep Experiment Station, and U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Idaho National Laboratory. Authorization of this proposal may require the amendment of the BLM and the USFS land use plans (Forest Plans, Management Framework Plans, and Resource Management Plans).

DATES: This notice initiates the public scoping process. Comments concerning the scope of the analysis should be received by October 10, 2008. The BLM will host open houses in the following communities:

Montana

- September 9, 2008—Copper King Hotel, 4655 Harrison Avenue, Butte, Montana;
- September 10, 2008—Three Forks High School, 210 East Neal, Three Forks, Montana;
- September 11, 2008—University of Montana Western, Lewis and Clark Room, Dillon, Montana.

Idaho

- September 16, 2008—Red Lion Canyon Springs, 1357 Blue Lakes Boulevard N., Twin Falls, Idaho;
- September 17, 2008—Arco/Butte Business Incubator Center, 159 N. Idaho Street, Arco, Idaho;
- September 18, 2008—Hilton Garden Inn, 700 Lindsay Boulevard, Idaho Falls, Idaho.

All public meetings will be held 7 to 9 p.m. mountain daylight savings time. Additional meeting announcements will be made by news release to the media, individual letter mailings, and postings on the project Web sites listed below.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments or resource information by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* http://blm.gov/mt/st/en/prog/lands_realty/projects.htm.
- *E-mail:* MT_MSTI@blm.gov.
- *Mail:* Mark A. Mackiewicz, National Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Washington Office, c/o Price Field Office, 125 South 600 West, Price, Utah 84501.
- *Courier or Hand Delivery:* Mark A. Mackiewicz, National Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Washington Office, c/o Price Field Office, 125 South 600 West, Price, Utah 84501.

Or

- *Web site:* <http://www.deq.mt.gov/MFS/MSTI/MSTIindex.asp>.
- *E-mail:* DEQQMSTI@mt.gov.