

to ensure a standardized approach and to ensure a consistent quality of information.

To submit a proposal for the NLRSEORA, three standard OMB forms and project narrative must be completed and submitted via Grants.gov. This notice provides the public an opportunity to comment on the paperwork burden of these forms. The forms are available at [http://www07.grants.gov/agencies/approved\\_standard\\_forms.jsp](http://www07.grants.gov/agencies/approved_standard_forms.jsp).

We will protect information from respondents considered proprietary under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR Part 2), and under regulations at 30 CFR 250.197, "Data and information to be made available to the public or for limited inspection." Responses are voluntary. No questions of a "sensitive" nature are asked. We intend to release the project abstracts and primary investigators for awarded/funded projects only.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Estimated Number and Description of Respondents:* Approximately 10 proposals are submitted by individuals involved in the area of geospatial science.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 10.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 240.

*Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden:* We estimate the public reporting burden averages 16 to 24 hours per response. This includes the time for reviewing instructions, developing the proposal, and completing and reviewing the information.

*Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost" Burden:* We have not identified any "non-hour cost" burdens associated with this collection of information.

*Public Disclosure Statement:* The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and you are not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond.

*Request for Comments:* We invite comment concerning this IC on: (1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

Please note that the comments you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this IC. 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 information from public review, we cannot guarantee that it will be done.

Dated: October 17, 2011.

**Bruce Quirk,**

*Program Coordinator, Land Remote Sensing Program, U.S. Geological Survey.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

**[AA-10172; LLAk-965000-L14100000-HY0000-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 the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will issue an appealable decision to Calista Corporation. The decision will approve the conveyance of the surface and subsurface estates in certain lands pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*). The lands are located east of Pilot Station, Alaska, and contain 2.10 acres. Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the *Anchorage Daily News*.

**DATES:** Any party claiming a property interest in the lands affected by the decision may appeal the decision within the following time limits:

1. Unknown parties, parties unable to be located after reasonable efforts have been expended to locate, parties who fail or refuse to sign their return receipt, and parties who receive a copy of the decision by regular mail which is not certified, return receipt requested, shall have until November 21, 2011 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.

3. Notices of appeal transmitted by electronic means, such as facsimile or e-mail, will not be accepted as timely filed.

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 BLM by phone at 907-271-5960 or by e-mail at [ak.blm.conveyance@blm.gov](mailto:ak.blm.conveyance@blm.gov). Persons who use a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the BLM during normal business hours. In addition, the FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the BLM. The BLM will reply during normal business hours.

**Dina L. Torres,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

**[F-14860-A, LLAk-965000-L14100000-KC0000-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 the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will issue an appealable decision to The Kuskokwim Corporation. The decision approves the surface estate in the lands described below for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (43 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*). The subsurface estate in these lands will be conveyed to Calista Corporation when the surface estate is conveyed to The Kuskokwim Corporation. The lands are in the vicinity of Georgetown, Alaska, and are located in:

**Seward Meridian, Alaska**

T. 23 N., R. 44 W.,

Sec. 28;

Secs. 32 and 33.

Containing 1,832.52 acres.

T. 20 N., R. 46 W.,

Sec. 1.

Containing 640 acres.  
T. 21 N., R. 46 W.,  
Sec. 4.  
Containing 640 acres.  
T. 22 N., R. 46 W.,  
Secs. 24, 25, and 26;  
Secs. 33, 35, and 36.  
Containing 3,689 acres.  
T. 21 N., R. 47 W.,  
Sec. 34.  
Containing 457.50 acres.  
Aggregating 7,259.02 acres.

Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the *Delta Discovery*.

**DATES:** Any party claiming a property interest in the lands affected by the decision may appeal the decision within the following time limits:

1. Unknown parties, parties unable to be located after reasonable efforts have been expended to locate, parties who fail or refuse to sign their return receipt, and parties who receive a copy of the decision by regular mail which is not certified, return receipt requested, shall have until November 21, 2011 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.

3. Notices of appeal transmitted by electronic means, such as facsimile or e-mail, will not be accepted as timely filed.

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 BLM by phone at 907-271-5960 or by e-mail at [ak.blm.conveyance@blm.gov](mailto:ak.blm.conveyance@blm.gov). Persons who use a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the BLM during normal business hours. In addition, the FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the BLM. The BLM will reply during normal business hours.

**Barbara Opp Waldal,**  
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Adjudication II Branch.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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ER0000-LVRWH09H0560; HAG-11-0077]

#### Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the North Steens Transmission Line Project in Harney County, OR

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the North Steens Transmission Line Project and by this notice is announcing its availability.

**DATES:** The BLM will not issue a final decision on the proposal for a minimum of 30 days from the date that the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its notice of availability of this Final EIS in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Notices of Availability of the Final EIS for the North Steens Transmission Line Project will be mailed to individuals, agencies, organizations, or companies who responded to the BLM on the Draft EIS. Compact discs of the Final EIS are available on request from the BLM Burns District Office, 28910 Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738, phone (541) 573-4400, or e-mail: [OR\\_Burns\\_NS\\_Transmission\\_Line\\_EIS@blm.gov](mailto:OR_Burns_NS_Transmission_Line_EIS@blm.gov). Interested persons may also review the Final EIS at the following Web site: <http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/burns/plans/index.php>.

Printed copies of the Final EIS are available for public inspection at:

- Harney County Library, 80 West "D" Street, Burns, Oregon 97720;
- Bend Public Library, Reference Department, 601 NW. Wall Street, Bend, Oregon 97701;
- Multnomah County Library, Government Documents, 801 SW. 10th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97205; and
- BLM Burns District Office at the address listed above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Skip Renschler, North Steens Transmission Line Project Lead, telephone (541) 573-4400; address 28910 Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738; or e-mail [OR\\_Burns\\_NS\\_Transmission\\_Line\\_EIS@blm.gov](mailto:OR_Burns_NS_Transmission_Line_EIS@blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The applicant, Echanis, LLC, has filed

applications for rights-of-way (ROWs) with the BLM and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for construction, operation, maintenance, and termination of a 29-mile-long, 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line that would connect the proposed Echanis Wind Energy Project, located on private land on the north end of Steens Mountain, with Harney Electric Cooperative's existing transmission system near Diamond Junction, Oregon. A Draft EIS analyzing impacts of the project was released for public comment on July 16, 2010, as announced by the BLM's publication of a Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 41514). The BLM received 258 comments about the Draft EIS. The comments were incorporated, where appropriate, to clarify the analysis presented in the Final EIS. The Final EIS analyzes three alternatives: Two alternatives granting the ROW and a no-action alternative. These alternatives include:

*Alternative A—No-Action—*This alternative includes denying a ROW for construction and operation of a transmission line and associated facilities across lands administered by the BLM and the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge.

*Alternative B—Proposed Action—*West Route—This alternative includes the granting of a ROW for construction and operation of a 230-kV transmission line and associated facilities across lands administered by the BLM and the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge from the Echanis Wind Energy Project substation to Harney Electric Cooperative's existing 115-kV transmission line near Diamond Junction, Oregon. Included in the analysis of this alternative are two additional minor route deviations.

*Alternative C—Preferred Alternative—*North Route—This alternative includes the granting of a ROW for construction and operation of a 230-kV transmission line and associated facilities across lands administered by the BLM from the Echanis Wind Energy Project substation to Harney Electric Cooperative's existing 115-kV transmission line near Crane, Oregon. This alternative is the Preferred Alternative in the Final EIS.

The Final EIS also identifies and analyzes measures to mitigate adverse impacts for each alternative. Because the Echanis Wind Energy Project and other associated developments on private land are "connected actions" under NEPA, they are included and analyzed in the Final EIS.

Comments on the Draft EIS received from the public and internal BLM