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National Environmental Policy Act

The issuance of an ITP is a Federal action that triggers the need for compliance with NEPA. We prepared a draft supplemental EA that analyzes the environmental impacts on the human environment resulting from two alternatives: A no-action alternative, and the applicant's proposed action of amending the ITP.

Request for Public Comments

The Service invites comments and suggestions from all interested parties during a 30-day public comment period (see **DATES**). In particular, information and comments regarding the following topics are requested:

1. The direct, indirect, or cumulative effects that implementation of any alternative could have on the human environment;
2. Whether or not the significance of the impact on various aspects of the human environment has been adequately analyzed; and
3. Any other information pertinent to evaluating the effects of the proposed action on the human environment.

Availability of Public Comments

You may submit comments by one of the methods shown under **ADDRESSES**. We will post on <https://regulations.gov> all public comments and information received electronically or via hardcopy. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the administrative record associated with this action. Before including your address, phone number, email 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 request in your comment that we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. 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 disclosure in their entirety.

Next Steps

The Service will evaluate the permit amendment application and the comments received to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the ESA. We will also reinitiate our intra-

Service consultation pursuant to section 7 of the ESA to evaluate the effects of the proposed changes. After considering the above findings, we will determine whether the permit issuance criteria of section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA have been met. If met, the Service will issue the requested amended ITP to the applicant.

Authority

We provide this notice under section 10(c) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22) and the NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6; 43 CFR part 46).

Lori Nordstrom,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Surveys and Focus Groups To Support Outcomes-Focused Management (Recreation Survey and Focus Groups)

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to renew an information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 3, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Send your written comments on this information collection request (ICR) by mail to Darrin King, Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Attention PRA Office, 440 W 200 S #500, Salt Lake City, UT 84101; or by email to BLM_HQ_PRA_Comments@blm.gov. Please reference Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number 1004-0217 in the subject line of your comments. Please note that the electronic submission of comments is recommended.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact Matt Blocker, Outdoor

Recreation Planner, by email at mblocker@blm.gov, or by telephone at (385) 341-3403. Individuals who are hearing or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 for TTY assistance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), all information collections require approval under the PRA. The BLM may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and a response to a request for information is not required, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

As part of our continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, we invite the public and other Federal agencies to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the BLM assess impacts of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand BLM information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

The BLM is especially interested in public comment addressing the following:

(1) Whether collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) determination of the accuracy of BLM's estimate of the burden for collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) methods to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) how might the agency minimize the burden of information collection on those who respond, including use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of response.

Comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. The BLM will include or summarize each comment in its request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email 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 we will be able to do so.

Abstract: Information is collected from visitors of public lands and residents of communities near public lands. Information gathered from visitors and local community residents is used to inform planning decisions in support of BLM's Planning for Recreation and Visitor Services Handbook H-8320-1. OMB approval for this information collection is currently due to expire on April 30, 2025. The BLM plans to request that OMB renew these surveys and focus groups for additional three (3) years.

Title of Collection: Surveys and Focus Groups to Support Outcomes-Focused Management (Recreation Survey and Focus Groups).

OMB Control Number: 1004-0217.

Form Numbers: None.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 5,330.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 7,230.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: Varies from 3 minutes to complete an on-site survey to 90 minutes to complete a focus group.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 2,046.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: None.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor and, notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

Darrin A. King,

Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of the ANCSA 17(d)(1) Withdrawals Final Environmental Impact Statement, Alaska

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) 17(d)(1) Withdrawals Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The BLM held public meetings on the Draft EIS and subsistence-related hearings to receive comments on the Draft EIS and the project's potential to impact subsistence resources and activities. The Final EIS considers those comments.

DATES: The BLM will publish the Record of Decision for the project no earlier than 30 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its Notice of Availability of the Final EIS in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: The Final EIS and documents pertinent to this proposal are available for review on the BLM ePlanning project website at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2018002/510>, and in-person at the BLM Anchorage Field Office, and at the BLM Alaska State Office, BLM Alaska Public Information Center.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Racheal Jones, BLM Project Manager, telephone (907) 290-0307; address ANCSA 17(d)(1) EIS, BLM Anchorage District Office, Attn: Racheal Jones, 4700 BLM Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99507; email rajones@blm.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, blind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services for contacting Ms. Jones. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), BLM Alaska State Office, prepared this EIS to evaluate the effects of any Secretarial decision to revoke withdrawals established following enactment of ANCSA Section 17(d)(1) affecting the lands described in Public Land Order (PLO) Nos. 7899 through 7903. The potential revocation of these 17(d)(1) withdrawals is hereafter referred to as the 2021 Action. PLO Nos. 7900, 7901, 7902, and 7903, which would revoke withdrawals on lands in the Ring of Fire, Bay, Bering Sea-Western Interior, and East Alaska planning areas,

respectively, were signed on January 15 and 16, 2021; however, they were never published in the **Federal Register**. PLO No. 7899, which would revoke withdrawals on lands in the Kobuk-Seward Peninsula planning area, was signed on January 11, 2021, and published in the **Federal Register** on January 19, 2021 (86 FR 5236). Subsequently, the DOI identified certain procedural and legal defects in the decision-making process for these PLOs, as described in the April 16, 2021, **Federal Register** notice (86 FR 20193), including insufficient analysis under NEPA. The DOI extended the opening order for PLO No. 7899 until August 31, 2024, to provide an opportunity to review the decision and to ensure the orderly management of the public lands (88 FR 21207). The BLM used this time to address identified deficiencies and to update the NEPA analysis.

The 2021 Action under review is revocation of the ANCSA 17(d)(1) withdrawals as described in PLO No. 7899, 7900, 7901, 7902, and 7903, affecting approximately 28 million acres in total. This EIS evaluates the resource conditions on these lands and incorporates and describes additional coordination with other Federal agencies; State and local governments; Federally recognized Tribes; Alaska Native Corporations; and other stakeholders to ensure that the environmental analyses previously conducted are updated and expanded upon as appropriate. This additional analysis is necessary to ensure display of the impacts of revocation of the ANCSA 17(d)(1) withdrawals; to correct errors in the previous decision-making process regarding these withdrawals; and to ensure that opening these lands is consistent with the purposes of ANCSA 17(d)(1), which requires that "the public interest in these lands is properly protected," including factors such as subsistence hunting and fishing, habitat connectivity, protection of cultural resources, and protection of threatened and endangered species. This evaluation is needed to make an informed public interest determination to support revocation in full, revocation in part, or retention in full of the ANCSA 17(d)(1) withdrawals.

The BLM considered alternatives that represent retention or revocation of the 17(d)(1) withdrawals and different configurations of the areas affected in each of the five planning areas (Bay, Bering Sea-Western Interior, East Alaska, Kobuk-Seward, and Ring of Fire). Each of the alternatives identifies 17(d)(1) withdrawals in the five planning areas as retained or revoked. The alternatives range from retaining