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Lisa Fox,

Regional Environmental Officer, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Public Land Order No. 7947; Rescission of Public Land Order Nos. 7899, 7900, 7901, 7902, and 7903; Alaska.

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.

SUMMARY: This Order rescinds Public Land Order Nos. 7899 (*see* 86 FR 5236), and 7900, 7901, 7902, and 7903 (unpublished), which purported to revoke Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) 17(d)(1) withdrawals affecting approximately 28 million acres of public lands within the Bay, Bering Sea-Western Interior, East Alaska, Kobuk-Seward Peninsula, and Ring of Fire planning areas.

DATES: This PLO takes effect on August 29, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brittany Templeton, Realty Specialist, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, Mailstop #13, Anchorage, AK 99513–7504, (907) 271–4214, or btempleton@blm.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. 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 Department identified certain procedural and legal defects in the decision-making processes for PLO Nos. 7899 (*see* 86 FR 5236), 7900, 7901, 7902, and 7903 (unpublished) (collectively,

“the PLOs”), including insufficient analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), failure to comply with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), and failure to secure consent from the Department of Defense (DOD) with regard to lands under DOD administration as required by section 204(i) of FLPMA (43 U.S.C. 1714(i)). The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has since analyzed the impacts of revoking the ANCSA 17(d)(1) withdrawals and opening the lands as stated in the five PLOs in the ANCSA 17(d)(1) Withdrawals Final Environmental Impact Statement under NEPA (*see* 89 FR 55654), consulted on the action under the NHPA, and sought consent from agencies managing overlapping withdrawals pursuant to section 204(i) of FLPMA. The Secretary has determined, after the BLM documented compliance with those laws, that revocation would not protect the public interest and has therefore selected the No Action Alternative as set forth in a Record of Decision signed on August 23, 2024. This Order rescinds as improperly issued the five PLOs that would partially revoke the ANCSA 17(d)(1) withdrawals across five planning areas.

Order

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*, including, but not limited to, the withdrawal revocation authority provided by section 204 of that Act, 43 U.S.C. 1714, and other authority, including her authority to correct legal errors of the Department, it is ordered as follows:

Subject to valid existing rights, Public Land Order Nos. 7899 (86 FR 5236), 7900, 7901, 7902, and 7903 are hereby rescinded as improperly issued; therefore, the ANCSA 17(d)(1) withdrawals remain in place to protect the public interest in important resource values insofar as they affect the Federal lands described in PLO Nos. 7899–7903 in the Bay, Bering Sea-Western Interior, East Alaska, Kobuk-Seward Peninsula, and Ring of Fire planning areas. The areas described aggregate a total of approximately 28,000,000 acres.

Deb Haaland,

Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act 17(d)(1) Withdrawals Final Environmental Impact Statement, Alaska

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) 17(d)(1) Withdrawals Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This ROD describes the decision rationale for the selection of the No Action Alternative. The ROD also describes the basis for Secretarial rescission of Public Land Order (PLO) Nos. 7899, 7900, 7901, 7902, and 7903. Any order rescinding these PLOs will be published separately.

DATES: The Secretary of the Interior signed the ROD on August 23, 2024. Any order rescinding PLOs will be published in the **Federal Register** and state its effective date.

ADDRESSES: The ROD is available via the internet at: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2018002/510>.

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, prepared the ANCSA 17(d)(1) Withdrawals 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 PLO Nos. 7899 through 7903. PLO Nos. 7900, 7901, 7902, and 7903 would have revoked withdrawals on lands in the Ring of Fire, Bay, Bering Sea-Western Interior, and East Alaska planning areas,