

for public participation, and integrates the NEPA analysis with an evaluation under ANILCA section 810. The FWS is also using and coordinating the NEPA process to help inform the Department's processes and analysis under section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. 306108), the ESA, ANILCA (including any land exchange's furtherance of the statute's conservation and subsistence purposes), ANCSA, the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C. 668dd), and the Wilderness Act of 1964 (16 U.S.C. 1131 *et seq.*). Alternatives reviewed include the 2013 EIS alternatives and an additional new alternative for the terms of the proposed land exchange involving the same road corridor in the 2019 Exchange Agreement but involving different terms.

### Public Review Process

#### Request for Public Comments

You may submit written comments and materials concerning the draft supplemental EIS by one of the methods listed in **ADDRESSES**.

#### Public Availability of Comments

If you submit a comment via <https://www.regulations.gov>, your entire comment, including any personal identifying information such as your address, phone number, and email address, will be posted on the website. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review. However, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. We will post all hardcopy comments on <https://www.regulations.gov>.

### Tribal Consultation and Comment

The meaningful input of Alaska Native Tribes and Alaska Native Corporations is of critical importance to the supplemental EIS. Therefore, and as expressed in Executive Order 13175, "Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments," the Federal officials that have been delegated authority by the Secretary are committed to honoring the unique government-to-government political relationship that exists between the Federal Government and federally recognized Tribes. Consultation with Alaska Native Corporations is based on Public Law 108-199, div. H, sec. 161, January 23, 2004, 118 Stat. 452, as amended by Public Law 108-447, div. H, title V, sec. 518, December 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3267, which provides that:

"The Director of the Office of Management and Budget and all Federal agencies shall hereafter consult with Alaska Native corporations on the same basis as Indian Tribes under Executive Order No. 13175." FWS will hold individual consultation meetings upon request. The Secretary of the Interior will consider Alaska Native Tribes' and Alaska Native Corporations' information, input, and recommendations, and address their concerns as much as practicable.

#### Shannon Estenoz,

Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Geological Survey

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#### Public Meeting of the National Geospatial Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is publishing this notice to announce that a Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC) will take place and is open to members of the public.

**DATES:** The following meetings will be held as a webinar:

- Wednesday, December 4, 2024 from 1 p.m.–5 p.m. eastern standard time;
- Wednesday, February 19, 2025 from 1 p.m.–5 p.m.; and Thursday, February 20, 2025 from 1 p.m.–5 p.m. eastern standard time.

The following meeting will be held in person:

- Wednesday, June 11, 2025 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and on Thursday, June 12, 2025 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. eastern daylight time.

**ADDRESSES:** The December 2024 and February 2025 meetings will be held online and via teleconference. The June 2025 meeting will be held in the South Penthouse Conference Room of the Department of the Interior Building, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC. Members of the public may attend the meeting in person or can attend via webinar. Registration instructions for both the online and in person meetings will be posted at [www.fgdc.gov/ngac](http://www.fgdc.gov/ngac).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Josh Delmonico, Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC), USGS, by mail at 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 590, Reston, VA 20192; by email at [jdelmonico@usgs.gov](mailto:jdelmonico@usgs.gov); or by telephone at (703) 648-5752. Comments can be sent by email to [gs-faca@usgs.gov](mailto:gs-faca@usgs.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. 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:** This meeting is being held under the provisions of the FACA of 1972 (5 U.S.C. ch. 10), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR part 102-3.

*Purpose of the Meeting:* The NGAC provides advice and recommendations to the FGDC related to management of federal and national geospatial programs, the development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI), and the implementation of the Geospatial Data Act (GDA) of 2018 and the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-16. The NGAC reviews and comments on geospatial policy and management issues and provides a forum to convey views representative of non-federal stakeholders in the geospatial community. The NGAC is one of the primary ways that the FGDC collaborates with its broad network of partners. Additional information about the NGAC is available at: [www.fgdc.gov/ngac](http://www.fgdc.gov/ngac).

#### *Agenda Topics:*

- FGDC Update
- Landsat Advisory Group
- 3D Elevation Program
- GDA
- NSDI
- GeoPlatform
- Standards and Data Access
- Public Comment

#### *Meeting Accessibility/Special*

*Accommodations:* Please make requests in advance for sign language interpreter services, assistive listening devices, language translation services, or other reasonable accommodations. We ask that you contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice at least seven (7) business days prior to the meeting to give the Department of the Interior sufficient time to process your request. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case-by-case basis. Seating for in person attendees may be

limited due to room capacity. Webinar/conference line instructions will be provided to registered attendees prior to the meeting.

**Public Disclosure of Comments:** There will be an opportunity for public comment during each day of the meeting. Depending on the number of people who wish to speak and the time available, the time for individual comments may be limited. Written comments may also be sent to the NGAC for consideration. To allow for full consideration of information by NGAC members, written comments must be provided to Josh Delmonico (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting. Any written comments received will be provided to NGAC members before the meeting.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information (PII) in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your PII from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. ch. 10.

**Kenneth Shaffer,**

*Deputy Executive Director, Federal Geographic Data Committee.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Availability of the Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the Newcastle Field Office, Wyoming, and Nebraska Planning Area

**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 (FLMPA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Newcastle Field Office and Nebraska Resource Management Plans (Newcastle and Nebraska RMPs) and by this notice is announcing the opening of the comment period on the Draft RMP/EIS

and the BLM's proposed areas of critical environmental concern (ACECs).

**DATES:** This notice announces the opening of a 90-day comment period for the Draft RMP/EIS beginning with the date following the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) publication of its Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft RMP/EIS in the **Federal Register**. The EPA usually publishes its NOAs on Fridays.

To afford the BLM the opportunity to consider comments in the Proposed RMP/Final EIS, please ensure that the BLM receives your comments prior to the close of the 90-day public comment period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later.

In addition, this notice also announces the opening of a 90-day comment period for ACECs. The BLM must receive your ACEC-related comments by February 13, 2025.

The BLM will be holding multiple public meetings during the public comment period and the dates, times, and locations of these public meetings will be announced through public notices, news releases, social media, and mailings at least 15 days prior to the meetings.

**ADDRESSES:** The Draft RMP/EIS is available for review on the BLM ePlanning project website at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2013064/510>.

Written comments related to the Newcastle and Nebraska RMPs may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- **Website:** <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2013064/510>.
- **Email:** [BLM\\_WY\\_Newcastle\\_Nebraska\\_RMP@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_WY_Newcastle_Nebraska_RMP@blm.gov).
- **Mail:** BLM, High Plains District Office, 2987 Prospector Drive, Casper, WY 82604, OR BLM, Newcastle Field Office, 1101 Washington Boulevard, WY 82701.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined online at [blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2013064/510](https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2013064/510) and at the Newcastle Field Office.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Kathleen T. Lacko, Project Manager, telephone (307) 261-7536; address BLM High Plains District Office, 2987 Prospector Drive, Casper, WY 82604; email [blm\\_wy\\_newcastle\\_nebraska\\_rmp@blm.gov](mailto:blm_wy_newcastle_nebraska_rmp@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 for contacting Ms. Lacko. 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:** This document provides notice that the BLM Wyoming State Director has prepared a Draft RMP/EIS and announces the comment period on the Draft RMP/EIS and the BLM's proposed ACECs. The planning area includes Crook, Weston, and Niobrara Counties in Wyoming and all counties in Nebraska, and encompasses approximately 287,900 acres of surface public lands and 1,738,900 acres of Federal mineral estate in Wyoming, and approximately 5,100 acres of surface public lands and 223,900 acres of Federal mineral estate in Nebraska. In addition to BLM-managed surface lands, the planning area includes the mineral estate beneath the following:

**Newcastle Field Office, Wyoming:** One National Monument, administered by the National Park Service; one National Forest and one National Grassland administered by the US Forest Service; one State Park, administered by Wyoming State Parks and Cultural Resources; and historic and indigenous trails.

**Nebraska:** Seven National Wildlife Refuges administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; five National Historic Trails, two National Monuments, one National Recreational River, and one National Scenic River administered by the National Park Service; two designated wilderness areas and two proposed wilderness areas; three Indian Reservations and three American Indian Trust Lands; two National Forests and three National Grasslands administered by US Forest Service; and seventy-three State Parks, State Historic Parks, or State Recreation Areas administered by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

#### Purpose and Need for the Planning Effort

The purpose of the Newcastle and Nebraska RMPs/EIS is to provide a comprehensive framework to guide management of BLM-administered surface land in the planning area. The RMPs/EIS will incorporate new data, address land use issues and conflicts, and specify where and under what circumstances activities will be allowed on BLM-administered surface lands. The objectives, land use allocations, and management decisions will be based on the principals of multiple use and sustained yield, except where a tract of such public land has been dedicated to specific uses according to another provision of law. All management direction must meet the objectives of the BLM's multiple use management