

Land Exchange Between the Secretary of the Interior and King Cove Corporation for Lands Within Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska” (2019 Secretarial Memorandum). That memorandum laid the foundation for the concurrent approval of a land exchange agreement (2019 Exchange Agreement) between the Department of the Interior (Department) and King Cove Corporation. The 2019 Secretarial Memorandum stated that the purpose of the 2019 Exchange Agreement was to allow a road across the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge to improve access by the residents of King Cove to the airport at Cold Bay. Since the authorities under the 2009 Act had expired, the 2019 Exchange Agreement relied on the general exchange authority found at in section 1302(h) of ANILCA. However, the 2019 Exchange Agreement relied in large part on the record developed for the exchange analyzed under the 2013 EIS and rejected by Secretary Jewell in the 2013 ROD.

On June 1, 2020, the District Court for the District of Alaska vacated the 2019 Exchange Agreement based on several legal defects in the decision. On appeal to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, a three-judge appellate panel reversed the district court. However, an en banc panel of the Ninth Circuit then vacated the three-judge panel’s decision and agreed to a new review. On March 14, 2023, Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland issued a new decision memorandum withdrawing the Department from the 2019 Exchange Agreement. That decision memorandum identified as a procedural flaw the failure to consider the effects of the exchange on subsistence uses, and highlighted shortcomings in the record regarding NEPA and ESA analyses. In addition, the Secretary expressed significant policy concerns regarding the nonpublic manner in which the 2019 Exchange Agreement was accomplished, as well as the terms of the Exchange Agreement, which differed from the exchange evaluated in the 2013 EIS. In June 2023, the Ninth Circuit dismissed the lawsuit because the issue had become moot due to Secretary Haaland’s decision memorandum.

Notice of Intent

On May 18, 2023 (88 FR 31813), we published a **Federal Register** notice of intent to prepare a supplemental EIS to consider the effects of a potential land exchange. In that notice, we requested information and suggestions on the proposed supplemental EIS. In particular, we sought information to assist us in updating information we

used in our 2013 analysis on the impacts of the then-proposed exchange and road corridor and the viability of alternatives to provide safe and reliable transportation between the City of King Cove, Alaska, and the airport at Cold Bay, Alaska. Comments we received are at <https://www.regulations.gov> in Docket No. FWS–R7–NWRS–2023–0072. The final scoping report, which summarizes comments, is attached as an appendix to the draft SEIS.

Current Action

While the authorities in the 2009 Act remain expired, the FWS has prepared a draft supplemental EIS to address a potential exchange under section 1302(h) of ANILCA. The FWS’s draft supplemental EIS analysis assesses the potential impacts of a land exchange and road construction and use, allows 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**. Comments previously submitted need not be resubmitted, as they will be fully considered.

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 Pub. L. 108–199, div. H, sec. 161, January 23, 2004, 118 Stat. 452, as amended by Pub. L. 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,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Receipt of Documented Petition for Federal Acknowledgment as an American Indian Tribe

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Interior (Department) gives notice that the group known as the Mattaponi Indian Tribe and Reservation has filed a documented petition for Federal acknowledgment as an American Indian Tribe with the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs. The Department seeks comment and evidence from the public on the petition.

DATES: Comments and evidence must be postmarked by May 6, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the narrative portion of the documented petition, as submitted by the petitioner (with any redactions appropriate under 25 CFR 83.21(b)), and other information are available at the Office of Federal Acknowledgment's (OFA) website: www.bia.gov/as-ia/ofa. Submit any comments or evidence to: Department of the Interior, Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Attention: Office of Federal Acknowledgment, Mail Stop 4071 MIB, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240, or by email to: Ofa_Info@bia.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Nikki Bass, OFA Director, Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, by phone: (202) 513-7650; or by email: Ofa_Info@bia.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 31, 2015, the Department's revisions to 25 CFR part 83 became final and effective (80 FR 37861). A key goal of the revisions was to improve transparency through increased notice of petitions and providing improved public access to petitions. Today the Department informs the public that a complete documented petition has been submitted under the current regulations, that portions of that petition are publicly available on the website identified above for easy access, and that we are seeking public comment early in the process on this petition.

Under 25 CFR 83.22(b)(1), the OFA publishes notice that the following group has filed a documented petition for Federal acknowledgment as an American Indian Tribe to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs: Mattaponi Indian Tribe and Reservation. The contact information for the petitioner is Mr. Mark T. Falling Start Custalow, 1314 Mattaponi Reservation Circle, West Point, Virginia 23181.

Also, under 25 CFR 83.22(b)(1), OFA publishes on its website the following:

- i. The narrative portion of the documented petition, as submitted by the petitioner (with any redactions appropriate under 25 CFR 83.21(b));
- ii. The name, location, and mailing address of the petitioner and other information to identify the entity;
- iii. The date of receipt;
- iv. The opportunity for individuals and entities to submit comments and evidence supporting or opposing the petitioner's request for acknowledgment within 120 days of the date of the website posting; and
- v. The opportunity for individuals and entities to request to be kept

informed of general actions regarding a specific petitioner.

Authority

The Department publishes this notice and request for comment in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by Department Manual part 209, chapter 8.

Bryan Newland,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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New Recreation Fee Areas and Requirement To Obtain an Individual Special Recreation Permit for On-River Camping Within the Upper Colorado River Special Recreation Management Areas, Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of new fees.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Kremmling Field Office (KFO) and the Colorado River Valley Field Office (CRVFO) are establishing new Special Areas and new recreation fee areas (campgrounds, designated campsites, and day use fees) within the two Upper Colorado River (UCR) Special Recreation Management Areas (SRMAs) managed by the field offices.

DATES: New fees will take effect on July 7, 2025, unless the BLM publishes a **Federal Register** notice to the contrary.

ADDRESSES: Documents concerning this fee change may be reviewed at the Kremmling Field Office, 2103 East Park Ave., Kremmling, CO 80459; at the Colorado River Valley Field Office, 2300 River Frontage Road, Silt, CO 81652; and online at: <https://www.blm.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2024-10/Business%20Plan%20for%20the%20UCR.pdf>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stephen Leonard, Field Manager, Kremmling Field Office at Kremmling Field Office, phone: (970) 724-3000, email: sleonard@blm.gov; or Hilary Boyd, Assistant Field Manager, Colorado River Valley Field Office; phone: (970) 876-9003, email: hboyd@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: Consistent with FLREA, the intent of recreation fees is to help protect natural resources, provide for public health and safety, and facilitate access to public lands and related waters, not to maximize fee revenue. Fees are a way of ensuring that those who actively use recreation opportunities make a greater, but reasonable, contribution toward protecting and enhancing those opportunities than those who do not utilize recreational opportunities.

FLREA directs the Secretary of the Interior to publish a 6-month advance notice in the **Federal Register** whenever new recreation fee areas are established. In accordance with BLM policy, the Business Plan for the UCR SRMAs explains the fee collection process and how fees will be used at these sites.

KFO will charge Standard Amenity fees of \$10 per day per vehicle, \$5 per day for individuals (motorcycle, bicycle, or walk-in), and \$20 per day per high-capacity vehicle (carrying capacity greater than 15 passengers), and will offer a \$50 day-use season pass (valid for all day-use sites) at Confluence Recreation Area, Gore Canyon Ranch Access, Inspiration Flats Recreation Area, Radium Warm Springs Recreation Area, and State Bridge Recreation Area/Piney Peak Access.

CRVFO will implement new Standard Amenity fees of \$10 per day per vehicle, \$5 per day for individuals (motorcycle, bicycle, or walk-in), and \$20 per day per high-capacity vehicle (carrying capacity greater than 15 passengers), and will offer a \$50 day-use season pass (valid for all day-use sites) at Two Bridges River Access, Catamount Recreation Site, Pinball Recreation Site, Cottonwood Island Recreation Site, Lyon's Gulch Recreation Site, and Dotsero Landing River Access.

KFO and CRVFO will implement an Expanded Amenity recreation fee of \$25 for Single Campsites (up to 10 visitors, with the first two vehicles included in the campsite fee; additional vehicles will pay a day-use fee), and \$75 for Group Campsites (up to 30 visitors, with the first two vehicles included in the campsite fee; additional vehicles will pay a day-use fee) at the following campground sites: Pumphouse Recreation Area Campground, Radium Recreation Area Campground, Radium Warm Springs Campground, Catamount