

Dunes be added to the Teshekpuk Lake Special Area and that the Ikpikpuk River be designated as a Special Area for its paleontological values.

Under various non-preferred alternatives, the BLM would recommend that Congress designate the Colville River a wild, scenic, or recreation river under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the final IAP/EIS will be accepted for a period of 30 days and must be postmarked no later than September 8, 1998. Written comments on the document should be addressed to: NPR-A Planning Team, Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office (930), 222 West 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599. Comments can also be sent to the NPR-A website (<http://aurora.ak.blm.gov/npra/>) or to Jim Ducker at [jducker@ak.blm.gov](mailto:jducker@ak.blm.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gene Terland (907-271-3344; [gterland@ak.blm.gov](mailto:gterland@ak.blm.gov)) or Jim Ducker (907-271-3369; [jducker@ak.blm.gov](mailto:jducker@ak.blm.gov)). They can be reached by mail at the Bureau of Land Management (930), Alaska State Office, 222 West 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage Alaska 99513-7599.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Authority for developing this document is derived from the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976, as amended, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA).

The BLM leased tracts in the NPR-A in 1982 and 1983 (all now expired), but halted a lease sale in 1984 when no acceptable bids were made. Recently, interest in a lease sale has increased as oil and gas infrastructure moved west. Soon a development at the Alpine Field, in the Colville River delta, will bring a pipeline to within 10 miles of the eastern boundary of the planning area. None of the federal lands in the planning area are currently available to oil and gas leasing because existing NEPA documentation is dated and inadequate to meet current standards. Should the BLM undertake a leasing program, this IAP/EIS will form the basic NEPA documentation to authorize leasing, and it will determine those lands that are available and those that are unavailable for leasing.

The preferred alternative presented in the document is a variation on the alternatives presented in the draft IAP/EIS, but all the actions it proposes fall within the range of actions considered by the non-preferred alternatives

presented there. Public comments on the draft alternatives helped guide the selection of the Preferred Alternative.

Public participation has occurred throughout the period since the Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement was published on February 13, 1997. In addition to holding scoping meetings in Nuiqsit, Atkasuk, Barrow, Fairbanks and Anchorage several publicly attended workshops have addressed important issues within the planning area. The planning area provides particularly important habitat for caribou, waterfowl and other species and many of the local residents of the area rely on harvesting these resources for subsistence purposes. Ensuring adequate protection of these resources has been one of the driving forces behind workshops to seek input from a variety of public sources with expertise in related fields. Information from these workshops has also been helpful in developing this document.

Section 810 of the Alaska National Lands Conservation Act requires the BLM to evaluate the effects of the alternative plans presented in this IAP/EIS on subsistence activities in the planning area, and to hold public hearings if it finds that any alternative might significantly restrict subsistence activities. Appendix D of the document indicates that alternatives D and E meet the "may significantly restrict" threshold and, when the cumulative case is considered, all alternatives discussed in the document meet the threshold. The findings required by Section 810 of ANILCA are also included in this IAP/EIS. Public meetings were held during January in five North Slope villages, and in Fairbanks; Anchorage; Washington, DC; and San Francisco. In April, a public hearing on subsistence was held in Bethel, Alaska.

The BLM has worked very closely with the North Slope Borough and the State of Alaska in developing this IAP/EIS. The Mineral Management Service of the Department of the Interior assisted the BLM in developing the document.

Copies of the final IAP/EIS will be available in public libraries throughout the State of Alaska.

Dated: July 29, 1998.

**Sally Wisely,**

*Associate State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[MT-910-1820-00]

#### Resource Advisory Council Meetings, Montana Councils and Dakotas Council; Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix, the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), has established four Resource Advisory Councils for the State of Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota.

The Montana Councils are: Butte Resource Advisory Council, Lewistown Resource Advisory Council and Miles City Advisory Council; North Dakota and South Dakota: Dakotas Resource Advisory Council.

These Councils provide representative counsel and advice to BLM on the planning and management of public lands. Members of these Councils were appointed by the Secretary of the Interior.

Members of the Montana and Dakotas Councils will gather to share common issues including travel management, land exchanges, weeds and access beginning at 1:00 p.m. September 15 through the afternoon of September 16. On September 17, the Montana Councils will hold their official meetings. The Dakotas Council will hold its official meeting the morning of September 15 and the morning of September 17. The four Councils will have their joint discussions at the GranTree Inn, 1325 N. 7th Ave., Bozeman, Montana. The individual Montana Councils will hold their official meetings at the Holiday Inn—Bozeman, 5 Baxter Lane, Bozeman, Montana. The September 15 portion of the Dakotas Council official meeting will be held at the GranTree and the September 17 portion of the meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn. The agendas for the Council meetings are as follows:

#### *Butte Resource Advisory Council*

The council will convene at 8:00 a.m. Thursday, September 17 at the Holiday Inn—Bozeman, 5 Baxter Lane, Bozeman, Montana. The main agenda topic will be travel management. The public comment period will begin at 11:00 a.m.

**Lewistown Resource Advisory Council**

The council will convene at 7:45 a.m. Thursday, September 17 at the Holiday Inn—Bozeman, 5 Baxter Lane. Agenda items include prairie dog issues, management issues on the Upper Missouri Wild and Scenic River, Standards and Guidelines, range improvements, Devil's Kitchen and tracts designated for disposal. The meeting will conclude at 3:00 p.m. The public comment period will begin at 11:30 a.m.

**Miles City Resource Advisory Council**

The council will convene from 8:00 a.m. until 12 noon Thursday, September 17 at the Holiday Inn—Bozeman, 5 Baxter Lane, Bozeman, Montana. The main agenda topic will be travel management. The public comment period will begin at 10:00 a.m.

**Dakotas Resource Advisory Council**

The council will meet Tuesday at the GranTree Inn, 1325 N. 7th Ave., Bozeman, Montana, September 15 from 8:00 a.m. until 12 noon. The council will reconvene at 8:00 a.m. Thursday, September 17 at the Holiday Inn—Bozeman, 5 Baxter Lane, Bozeman, Montana. Agenda items include travel management, land exchanges, weeds, joint Resource Advisory Council with the Forest Service. Public comment period will begin at 9:00 a.m., September 17.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to any Council. Each Council meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. The public comment period for each meeting is listed above. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and the time available, the time for individual comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need further information about the meetings, or need special assistance, such as sign language interpretations or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the Montana State Office, External Affairs, 222 N. 32nd Street, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800, telephone, 406-255-2913. Seating at the meetings will be on a first-come basis.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jody Weil, Public Affairs Specialist, Office of External Affairs, Montana State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 222 N. 32nd Street, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana, 59107, telephone (406) 255-2913.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the Councils is to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and

management issues associated with the management of public lands. The Councils' responsibilities include providing advice to BLM regarding the preparation, amendment and implementation of land use plans; providing advice on long-range planning and establishing resource management priorities; and assisting the BLM to identify State of regional standards for ecological health and guidelines for grazing.

Council members represent various industries and interests concerned with the management, protection and utilization of the public lands. These include (a) holders of Federal grazing permits and representatives of energy and mining development, the timber industry, rights-of-way interests, off-road vehicle use and developed recreation; (b) representatives of environmental and resource conservation organizations, archaeological and historic interests, and wild horse and burro groups; and (c) representatives of State and local government, Native American tribes, academia involved in the natural sciences, and the public at large.

Membership includes individuals who have expertise, education, training or practical experience in the planning and management of public lands and their resources and who have a knowledge of the geographical jurisdiction of the respective Councils.

Dated: July 31, 1998.

**Janet Singer,**

*Acting State Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

[WY-989-1050-00-P]

**Filing of Plats of Survey; Wyoming**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The plats of survey of the following described lands are scheduled to be officially filed in the Wyoming State Office, Cheyenne, Wyoming, thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this publication.

**Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming**

T. 49 N., R. 66 W., accepted July 22, 1998

T. 49 N., R. 67 W., accepted July 22, 1998

T. 49 N., R. 68 W., accepted July 22, 1998

If protests against a survey, as shown on any of the above plats, are received prior to the official filing, the filing will

be stayed pending consideration of the protest(s) and or appeal(s). A plat will not be officially filed until after disposition of protest(s) and or appeal(s).

These plats will be placed in the open files of the Wyoming State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming, and will be available to the public as a matter of information only. Copies of the plats will be made available upon request and prepayment of the reproduction fee of \$1.10 per copy.

A person or party who wishes to protest a survey must file with the State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Cheyenne, Wyoming, a notice of protest prior to thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this publication. If the protest notice did not include a statement of reasons for the protest, the protestant shall file such a statement with the State Director within thirty (30) calendar days after the notice of protest was filed.

The above-listed plats represent dependent resurveys, subdivision of section.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 1828, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003.

Dated: July 28, 1998.

**John P. Lee,**

*Chief Cadastral Survey Group.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Employment and Training Administration****Notice of Determinations Regarding Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance and NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance**

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, the Department of Labor herein presents summaries of determination regarding eligibility to apply for trade adjustment assistance for workers (TA-W) issued during the period of July 1998.

In order for an affirmative determination to be made and a certification of eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance to be issued, each of the group eligibility requirements of Section 222 of the Act must be met.

(1) that a significant number or proportion of the workers in the workers' firm, or an appropriate