DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Announcement of National Geospatial Advisory Committee Meeting


ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC) will meet on June 3–4, 2008 in the 2nd Floor Boardroom of the American Institute of Architects Building, 1735 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20006. The NGAC, which is composed of representatives from governmental, private sector, non-profit, and academic organizations, has been established to advise the Chair of the Federal Geographic Data Committee on management of Federal geospatial programs, the development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure, and the implementation of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A–16. Topics to be addressed at the meeting include:

—Discussion of NGAC Bylaws/NGAC Mission
—Geospatial Line of Business/OMB Circular A–16
—Imagery for the Nation
—Subcommittee Reports
—National Geospatial Strategy Design

The meeting will include an opportunity for public comment during the morning of June 4. Comments may also be submitted to the NGAC in writing. While the meeting will be open to the public, seating may be limited due to room capacity.

DATES: The meeting will be held on June 3–4, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on June 3, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 4.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Meetings of the National Geospatial Advisory Committee are open to the public. Additional information about the NGAC and the meeting are available at http://www.fgdc.gov/ngac.

Dated: May 12, 2008.

Ivan DeLoatch,
Staff Director, Federal Geographic Data Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Alaska Native Claims Selection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.

SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to Far West Incorporated. The lands are in the vicinity of Chignik, Alaska, and are located in:

Seward Meridian, Alaska

T. 42 S., R. 57 W., Secs. 28 and 29; Secs. 32, 33, and 34. Containing approximately 3,199 acres. T. 43 S., R. 57 W., Secs. 13 and 14. Containing approximately 345 acres. Aggregating approximately 3,544 acres.

The subsurface estate in these lands will be conveyed to Bristol Bay Native Corporation when the surface estate is conveyed to Far West Incorporated. Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the Bristol Bay Times.

DATES: The time limits for filing an appeal are:
1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until June 16, 2008 to file an appeal.
2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

 Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513–7504.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Bureau of Land Management by phone at 907–271–5960, or by e-mail at ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact the Bureau of Land Management.

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Land Law Examiner, Land Transfer Adjudication I.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Information Notice of Planning Criteria for the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Leasing of Geothermal Resources

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Information Notice of Planning Criteria.

SUMMARY: On June 13, 2007, the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), and the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service (FS), published in the Federal Register [72FR32679] a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare a joint Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) to analyze the leasing of BLM- and FS-administered lands with potential for geothermal resources in 11 western states and Alaska. The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) requires the BLM to develop land use plans, also known as Resource Management Plans (RMPs), to guide the BLM’s management of the public lands. The BLM’s land use planning regulations, which implement FLPMA, require the BLM to publish, and provide for public review of, the proposed planning criteria that will guide the BLM’s land use planning process. The purpose of this Information Notice is to identify the RMPs that the BLM may amend and set out the proposed planning criteria that would guide the BLM’s planning amendment process. Please note that while the preparation of the PEIS is a joint project with the FS, this Notice applies only to public lands that the BLM manages and does not apply in any way to lands that the FS administers. The FS manages lands that are under its jurisdiction under a separate statutory and regulatory framework.

DATES: Comments concerning the BLM’s preliminary list of RMPs to be amended (identified by Field Office) and proposed planning criteria should be received by June 16, 2008. Individuals, groups, or other agencies who