

Section 3–204 Joint Tenancy; Right of Survivorship.

(a) Presumption of joint tenancy. If a testator devises trust or restricted interests in the same parcel of land to more than one person, in the absence of clear and express language in the devise stating that the interest is to pass to the devisees as tenants in common, the devise shall be presumed to create a joint tenancy with the right of survivorship in the interests involved.

(b) Exception. Paragraph (a) shall not apply to any devise of an interest in trust or restricted land where the will in which such devise is made was executed prior to June 20, 2006 (the date that is 1 year after the date on which the Secretary publishes the certification required by section 8(a)(4) of the American Indian Probate Reform Act of 2004). (25 USCS 2201 note).

COMMENT—SECTION 3–204

See 25 U.S.C. 2206. A Tribe may not alter the presumption of joint tenancy.

ARTICLE IV. MISCELLANEOUS**PART I**

Section
4–100 Amendments to the Tribal Probate Code.

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Amendments to the Tribal Probate Code are permitted if they are consistent with AIPRA and the Department of the Interior's regulations. Amendments to a Tribal Probate Code must be approved by the Department.

COMMENT—SECTION 4–100

See 25 U.S.C. 2205.

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

[WY–957–07–1420–BJ–TRST]

Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey, Nebraska

ACTION: Notice of filing of plats of survey, Nebraska.

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is scheduled to file the plats of survey of the lands described below thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this publication in the BLM Wyoming State Office, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bureau of Land Management, 5353 Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This survey was executed at the request of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and is necessary for the management of these lands. The lands surveyed are:

The plat and field notes representing the dependent resurvey of portions of the boundary between the States of Kansas and Nebraska, the east boundary, the subdivisional lines, the subdivision of section 36 and the 1927 adjusted record meanders of the right bank of the Missouri River, and the survey of a portion of the subdivision of section 36 and the metes-and-bounds survey of a portion of the as-built westerly right-of-way of Nebraska State Highway No. 7 in section 36, Township 1 North, Range 18 East, and the dependent resurvey of a portion of the boundary between the States of Kansas and Nebraska and the 1927 adjusted record meander of the right bank of the Missouri River in section 31, and the metes-and-bounds survey of a portion of the as-built westerly right-of-way of Nebraska State Highway No. 7 in section 31, Township 1 North, Range 19 East, Sixth Principal Meridian, Nebraska, was accepted August 27, 2007.

Copies of the preceding described plat and field notes are available to the public at a cost of \$1.10 per page.

Dated: September 20, 2007.

John P. Lee,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Division of Support Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service****Notice of Meetings for the National Park Service (NPS) Subsistence Resource Commission (SRC) Program Within the Alaska Region**

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meetings for the National Park Service (NPS) Subsistence Resource Commission (SRC) program within the Alaska Region.

SUMMARY: The NPS announces the joint SRC meeting schedule for the following areas: Cape Krusenstern National Monument and Kobuk Valley National Park. The purpose of this joint meeting is to discuss NPS subsistence management issues and continue work on subsistence hunting program recommendations. This joint meeting is

open to the public and will have time allocated for public testimony. The public is welcome to present written or oral comments. The meeting will be recorded and a summary will be available upon request from the Superintendent for public inspection approximately six weeks after each meeting. The NPS SRC program is authorized under Title VIII, section 808 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, (Pub. L. 96–487), to operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

DATES: The Cape Krusenstern National Monument SRC and Kobuk Valley National Park SRC joint meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 3, 2007 and Thursday, October 4, 2007, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Alaska Standard Time. The meeting may end early if all business is finished.

Location: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Conference Room, Kotzebue, AK, telephone: (907) 442–3799.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Willie Goodwin, Subsistence Manager, telephone: (907) 442–3890, or Ken Adkisson, Subsistence Manager, telephone: (907) 433–6104 at Western Arctic National Parklands National Park Service, P.O. Box 1029, Kotzebue, AK 99752.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: SRC meeting location and dates may need to be changed based on weather or local circumstances. If the meeting dates and location are changed, notice of the new meeting will be announced on local radio stations and published in local newspapers.

The agenda for the joint meeting includes the following:

1. Call to order (SRC Chairs).
2. SRC Roll Call and Confirmation of Quorums.
3. SRC Chairs and Superintendent's Welcome and Introductions.
4. Review and Approve Agenda.
5. Status of SRC Membership.
6. SRC Member Reports.
7. Superintendent and NPS Staff Reports.
8. Federal Subsistence Board Update.
9. State of Alaska Board Actions Update.
10. New Business.
11. Agency and Public Comments.
12. SRC Work Session.
13. Set time and place of next SRC meeting.
14. Adjournment.

Dated: August 30, 2007.

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MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION

[MCC FR 07-11]

Report on the Selection of Eligible Countries for Fiscal Year 2008

AGENCY: Millennium Challenge Corporation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This report to Congress is provided in accordance with Section 608(b) of the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003, 22 U.S.C.A. 7701, 7707(b) (the "Act").

Dated: September 21 2007.

Henry Pitney,

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Millennium Challenge Corporation.*

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Summary

This report to Congress is provided in accordance with section 608(b) of the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003, 22 U.S.C.A. 7701, 7707(b) (the "Act").

The Act authorizes the provision of Millennium Challenge Account (MCA) assistance to countries that enter into Compacts with the United States to support policies and programs that advance the prospects of such countries achieving lasting economic growth and poverty reduction. The Act requires the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) to take a number of steps in determining the countries that, based on their demonstrated commitment to just and democratic governance, economic freedom and investing in their people and the opportunity to reduce poverty and generate economic growth in the country, will be eligible for MCA assistance during Fiscal Year 2008 (FY08). These steps include the submission of reports to the congressional committees specified in the Act and the publication of Notices in the **Federal Register** that identify:

1. The countries that are "candidate countries" for MCA assistance during FY08 based on their per-capita income levels and their eligibility to receive assistance under U.S. law, and countries that would be candidate countries but for specified legal prohibitions on assistance (section 608(a) of the Act);

2. The criteria and methodology that the Board of Directors of MCC (the "Board") will use to measure and evaluate the relative policy performance of the candidate countries consistent with the requirements of section 607 of the Act in order to select "MCA eligible countries" from among the "candidate countries" (section 608(b) of the Act); and

3. The list of countries determined by the Board to be "MCA eligible countries" for FY08, with justification for eligibility determination and selection for compact negotiation, including which of the MCA eligible countries the Board will seek to enter into MCA compacts (section 608(d) of the Act).

This report sets out the criteria and methodology to be applied in determining eligibility for FY08 MCA assistance.

Changes to the Criteria and Methodology for FY08

MCC reviews all of its indicators annually to ensure the best measures are being used and, from time to time, recommends changes or refinements if MCC identifies better indicators or improved sources of data. MCC takes into account public comments received on the previous year's criteria and methodology and consults with a broad range of experts in the development community and within the U.S. Government. In assessing new indicators, MCC favors those that: (1) Are developed by an independent third party; (2) utilize objective and high quality data that rely upon an analytically rigorous methodology; (3) are publicly available; (4) have broad country coverage; (5) are comparable across countries; (6) have a clear theoretical or empirical link to economic growth and poverty reduction; (7) are policy linked (i.e., measure factors that governments can influence within a two to three year horizon); and (8) have broad consistency in results from year to year. There have been numerous noteworthy improvements to data quality and availability as a result of MCC's application of the indicators and the regular dialogue MCC has established with the indicator institutions. While improvements to the selection criteria are critical, MCC is also mindful of the need to provide countries with a fairly stable set of policy criteria to meet, if MCC is to create significant incentives for reform. This factor is also taken into account when MCC is considering indicator changes.

Considering these factors and the input on the indicators during the FY07

public comment period, MCC has conducted extensive research and consultations with experts and relevant stakeholders in the development community. That input has been taken into account in creating the criteria and methodology for the selection of compact eligible countries for FY08.

1. Natural Resource Management Indicators

MCC is incorporating two measures—a *Natural Resource Management* index and a *Land Rights and Access* index—into the FY08 selection criteria and MCC Scorecard. In FY07, MCC concluded a public search for indicators to address MCC's congressional mandate of measuring "a country's economic policies that promote sustainable management of natural resources." MCC's Board of Directors approved these indicators as supplemental information for the FY07 selection process and, for later consideration as part of the formal selection criteria in FY08. This gradual integration of the Natural Resource Management and Land Rights and Access indicators into the formal eligibility criteria was designed to provide adequate notice to compact, threshold and candidate countries of the new measures and their performance before the new indicators were formally adopted. Over the course of the last year, MCC brought the new indicators—and any relevant performance issues—to the attention of candidate, threshold and compact countries. MCC also conducted extensive consultation on the appropriate placement of the indicators into the respective policy categories contained on the MCC Scorecard. A brief summary of the indicators follows; a detailed rationale for the adoption of these indicators can be found in the FY07 Selection Criteria and Methodology Report.

Natural Resource Management Index

The Natural Resource Management Index has four sub-component indicators and is jointly produced by the Center for International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN) and the Yale Center for Environmental Law and Policy (YCLEP).

- **Eco-Region Protection:** Produced by CIESIN, this component assesses whether countries are protecting at least 10 percent of all their biomes (e.g., deserts, tropical rainforests, grasslands, savannas and tundra). It is designed to capture the comprehensiveness of a government's commitment to habitat preservation and biodiversity protection. The World Wildlife Fund provides the underlying biome data, and