

IV. Next Steps

After the comment period closes, we will make decisions regarding permit issuance. If we issue permits to any of the applicants listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**. You may locate the notice announcing the permit issuance by searching <https://www.regulations.gov> for the permit number listed above in this document. For example, to find information about the potential issuance of Permit No. 12345A, you would go to [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) and search for "12345A".

V. Authority

We issue this notice under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and its implementing regulations.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of the Final Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, Alaska

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program.

DATES: The BLM will issue a decision on the Leasing Program no sooner than 30 days after the date that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes its Notice of Availability (NOA) in the **Federal Register**. The EPA usually publishes its NOAs on Fridays.

ADDRESSES: The Final Leasing SEIS and related documents are available for review on the BLM ePlanning project website at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2015144/510>.

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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. Sweet. 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: The Final Leasing SEIS was developed by the BLM and USFWS as joint lead agencies to address deficiencies in the 2019 Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and the 2020 Record of Decision (ROD) implementing the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Coastal Plain Oil and Gas Leasing Program (85 FR 51754).

The joint lead agencies have prepared this Leasing SEIS in accordance with NEPA to implement an oil and gas leasing program in the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. This Leasing SEIS serves to inform BLM's implementation of the Public Law 115–97, section 20001(c)(1), requirement to hold two lease sales of at least 400,000 acres each by December 22, 2024. It also informs management of on-the-ground oil and gas activities, including seismic and drilling exploration, development, and transportation of oil and gas in and from the Coastal Plain.

The Leasing SEIS considers and analyzes the environmental impacts of four action alternatives for implementation of an oil and gas program in the Coastal Plain, including the areas to offer for sale, and the indirect impacts that could result in consideration of hypothetical development. The joint lead agencies have identified Alternative D2 as their preferred alternative. This Leasing SEIS does not authorize on-the-ground oil and gas exploration or development activities; it evaluates which lands will be made available for lease and the terms and conditions to be applied to leases and on-the-ground oil and gas activities. Future on-the-ground actions requiring BLM approval, including proposed exploration plans and development proposals, would require further NEPA analysis based on the project-specific proposal.

Although section 20001(a)(2) and (b)(2)(A) of Public Law 115–97 assigns responsibility to the BLM for administering the oil and gas program, it is understood that all activities, including plan development, study development, and consideration of exceptions, modifications, waivers, or any operations that are proposed to be conducted on the surface of the Coastal Plain would include close coordination with the USFWS to ensure that its considerations as the surface management agency would be taken into account. In addition, the BLM would consult or coordinate with other appropriate federal, state, and North Slope Borough agencies, Tribal Governments, Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act corporations, and other Native organizations as appropriate.

Comments on the Draft Leasing SEIS received from the public and internal BLM and USFWS review were considered and incorporated as appropriate into the Final SEIS. In response to public comment and cooperating agency input, the joint lead agencies developed alternative D2, a variation on alternative D.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1506.6, 40 CFR 1506.10)

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of the Proposed Lakeview Resource Management Plan Amendment and Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Lakeview Field Office, Lakeview District, Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In conformance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared the Proposed Lakeview Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendment and Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and is announcing the start of a 30-day protest period.

DATES: This notice announces a 30-day protest period on the Proposed Lakeview RMP Amendment, beginning on the date the Environmental