

Emissions and Climate Trends. Potential new alternatives to be considered in the EIS include, but are not limited to, those that would affirm the issuance of these leases under the terms, conditions, and stipulations as originally issued, or not affirm their issuance under their original terms, conditions, and stipulations.

After the scoping comment period is closed, the BLM will review and consider the scoping comments received and will develop a Draft EIS, which BLM estimates will be completed approximately 6 to 8 months after the scoping period ends. At that time, the Draft EIS will be made available for public comment for at least 45 days. After the close of the Draft EIS comment period, the BLM will develop a Final EIS incorporating comments received on the Draft, which the BLM estimates will be completed approximately 6 months after the Draft EIS comment period ends. A record of decision selecting an alternative from the Final EIS would be issued no sooner than 30 days after notice of the availability of the Final EIS is published in the **Federal Register**.

(Authority: 30 U.S.C. 181 and 226; 43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*; 42 U.S.C. 4332; and 43 CFR part 3100 (2024))

Steven Feldgus,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[PO #4820000251]

Call for Nominations for Bureau of Land Management Northern New Mexico Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of call for nominations.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to request public nominations for the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Northern New Mexico Resource Advisory Council (RAC) for terms scheduled to expire. This RAC provides advice and recommendations to the BLM on land use planning and management of the National System of Public Lands within its geographic areas.

DATES: All nominations must be received no later than February 18, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Nominations and completed applications should be sent to the

individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jamie Garcia, BLM Rio Puerco Field Office, 100 Sun Avenue NE, Suite 330, Albuquerque, NM 87109; email: jagarcia@blm.gov; phone: (505) 761-8787. 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: The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve the public in planning and issues related to management of lands administered by the BLM through the establishment of 10- to 15-member citizen-based advisory councils that are managed in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). As required by FACA, RAC membership must be balanced and representative of the various interests concerned with the management of the public lands. The rules governing RACs are found at 43 CFR part 1780 subpart 1784. The RACs include the following three membership categories:

Category One—Holders of Federal grazing permits or leases within the area for which the RAC is organized; represent interests associated with transportation or rights-of-way; represent developed outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle users, or commercial recreation activities; represent the commercial timber industry; or represent energy and mineral development.

Category Two—Representatives of nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations; dispersed recreational activities; archaeological and historical interests; or nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups.

Category Three—Hold state, county, or local elected office; are employed by a state agency responsible for the management of natural resources, land, or water; represent Indian tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the RAC is organized; are employed as academicians in natural resource management or the natural sciences; or represent the affected public at large.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Nominations received during the National Call for Nominations are being considered and individuals do not

need to reapply. Nominees must be residents of the State of New Mexico. The BLM will evaluate nominees based on their education, training, experience, and knowledge of the geographic area of the RAC. Nominees should demonstrate a commitment to collaborative resource decision-making.

The following must accompany all nominations:

- A completed RAC application, which can either be obtained through your local BLM office or online at: https://www.blm.gov/sites/default/files/docs/2022-05/BLM-Form-1120-19_RAC-Application.pdf
- Letters of reference from represented interests or organizations; and
- Any other information that addresses the nominee's qualifications.

Simultaneous with this notice, the BLM will issue an online announcement providing additional information for submitting nominations.

(Authority: 43 CFR 1784.4-1)

Sabrina Flores,

Albuquerque District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Alaska Native Claims Selection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) hereby provides constructive notice that it will issue an appealable decision approving conveyance of the surface estate in certain lands to Cook Inlet Region, Inc., an Alaska Native regional corporation, pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 (ANCSA), as amended. Ownership of the subsurface estate will be retained by the United States.

DATES: Any party claiming a property interest in the lands affected by the decision may appeal the decision in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4 within the time limits set out in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

ADDRESSES: You may obtain a copy of the decision from the Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, AK 99513-7504.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Heidi C. Wanner, Supervisory Land Law Examiner, BLM Alaska State Office, 907-271-3153 or hwanner@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:

As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that the BLM will issue an appealable decision to Cook Inlet Region, Inc. The decision approves conveyance of the surface estate in certain lands pursuant to ANCSA (43 U.S.C. 1601, *et seq.*), as amended. Ownership of the subsurface estate will be retained by the United States.

The lands are located within the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge within T. 9 N., R. 4 W., Seward Meridian, Alaska, containing 0.40 acres.

The decision addresses public access easements, if any, to be reserved to the United States pursuant to sec. 17(b) of ANCSA (43 U.S.C. 1616(b)), in the lands approved for conveyance.

The BLM will also publish notice of the decision once a week for four consecutive weeks in the "Anchorage Daily News" newspaper.

Any party claiming a property interest in the lands affected by the decision may appeal the decision in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4 within the following time limits:

1. Unknown parties, parties unable to be located after reasonable efforts have been expended to locate, parties who fail or refuse to sign their return receipt, and parties who receive a copy of the decision by regular mail which is not certified, return receipt requested, shall have until February 18, 2025 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 shall be deemed to have waived their rights. Notices of appeal transmitted by facsimile will not be accepted as timely filed.

Heidi C. Wanner,

*Supervisory Land Law Examiner,
Adjudication Section.*

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

[PO #4820000251]

Response to Utah Governor's Appeal of the BLM Utah State Director's Governor's Consistency Review Determination for the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of response.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is publishing this notice to explain why the Department of the Interior denied the Governor of Utah's recommendations regarding the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM) Proposed Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

ADDRESSES: A copy of the GSENM Record of Decision (ROD) and Approved RMP is available on the BLM website at: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2020343/510>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Heather Bernier, Division Chief for Decision Support, Planning, and National Environmental Policy Act; telephone 303-239-3635; address P.O. Box 151029, Lakewood, CO 80215; email hbernier@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 for contacting Ms. Bernier. 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: On August 30, 2024, the BLM released the Proposed RMP/Final EIS for the GSENM (89 FR 70662). In accordance with the regulations at 43 CFR 1610.3-2(e), the BLM submitted the Proposed RMP/Final EIS for the GSENM to the Governor of Utah for a 60-day Governor's Consistency Review for the Governor to review the Proposed RMP and identify any inconsistencies with State plans, policies, or programs. On October 29, 2024, the Governor of Utah submitted a response for the GSENM Proposed RMP and Final EIS to the Acting BLM Utah State Director. The Acting State Director reviewed and considered the Governor's response and sent a written response to

the Governor on November 22, 2024. As explained in the response, the Acting State Director accepted some of the Governor's recommendations but did not accept the others for the reasons detailed in this response.

On December 20, 2024, the Governor of Utah appealed the Acting State Director's decision to the BLM Director. The regulations at 43 CFR 1610.3-2(e) state that, in reviewing these appeals, "[t]he Director shall accept the (consistency) recommendations of the Governor(s) if he/she determines they provide for a reasonable balance between the state's interest and the national interest." On January 6, 2025, the Department of the Interior Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, issued a response to the Governor detailing the reasons that the recommendations that the Acting State Director rejected did not meet this standard. Pursuant to 43 CFR 1610.3-2(e), the basis for the BLM's determination on the Governor's appeal is presented below. The BLM is publishing the appeal response verbatim.

"This letter addresses the State of Utah's appeal of the response provided by the BLM Utah Acting State Director regarding the consistency review of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM) Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

The applicable regulations at 43 CFR 1610.3-2(e) provide you with the opportunity to appeal to the BLM Director the Acting State Director's decision to not accept the recommendations you made in your consistency review letter. Exercising the delegable authority of the Department of the Interior's Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, I have chosen to assume the review and resolution of your appeal from the BLM Director. The regulations at 43 CFR 1610.3-2(e) guide review of the appeal, in which I must consider whether you have raised actual inconsistencies with State or local plans, policies, and or programs. If inconsistencies are raised, I consider whether your recommendations address the inconsistencies and provide for a reasonable balance between the national interest and the State of Utah's interest.

In your consistency review and your appeal, you allege 13 inconsistencies with State or local plans, policies, and programs. The alleged inconsistencies are as follows:

- "BLM's Failure to Disclose All Key Inconsistencies (The Failure to Accomplish the Prerequisite to the Governor's Consistency Review) . . .