

Approximately 371,000 acres of the Okefenokee Swamp wetlands are incorporated into the refuge; and 353,981 acres within the swamp were designated as wilderness by the Okefenokee Wilderness Act of 1974, making it the third largest National Wilderness Area east of the Mississippi River. In 1986, Okefenokee Refuge was designated by the Wetlands Convention as a Wetland of International Importance.

The swamp is considered the headwaters of the Suwannee and St. Marys Rivers. Habitats provide for threatened and endangered species, such as red-cockaded woodpeckers, wood storks, indigo snakes, and a wide variety of other wildlife species. It is world renowned for its amphibian populations that are bio-indicators of global health. By combining Okefenokee Refuge with Osceola National Forest, private timberlands, and state-owned forests, more than 1 million contiguous acres provide wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities. Nearly 400,000 people visit Okefenokee Refuge each year making it the 16th most visited refuge in the National Wildlife Refuge System. In 1999, the economic impact of tourists in Charlton, Ware, and Clinch Counties in Georgia was more than \$67 million.

Implementing the comprehensive conservation plan will enable the refuge to fulfill its critical role in the conservation and management of fish and wildlife resources within southeast Georgia, maintain wilderness qualities, and provide quality environmental education and wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities for refuge visitors.

**Authority:** This notice is published under the authority of the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, Public Law 105-57.

Dated: February 23, 2006.

**Cynthia K. Dohner,**  
*Acting Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

#### Notice of Invitation for Coal Exploration License Application Westmoreland Savage Corporation, MTM 95948 Montana

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Invitation.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 2(b) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended by Section 4 of the Federal Coal Leasing Amendments Act of 1976, 90 Stat. 1083, 30 U.S.C. 201(b), and to the regulations adopted as 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 3410, all interested Qualified parties, as provided in 43 CFR 3472.1, are hereby invited to participate with Westmoreland Savage Corporation on a pro rata cost sharing basis in a program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America in the following-described lands in Richland County, Montana:

T. 20 N., R. 57 E., PM, Montana  
Sec. 26.

Containing 640 acres, more or less.

**DATES:** Any party electing to participate in this exploration program must send written notice referring to serial number MTM 95948 to both the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Westmoreland Savage Corporation as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section below. The notice must be received by them within 30 days after publication of this Notice of Invitation in the **Federal Register** or 10 calendar days after the last publication of this Notice in the Ranger Review newspaper, whichever is later. This Notice will be published once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in The Ranger Review, Glendive, Montana.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the exploration plan as submitted by the applicant is available for public review at the BLM, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana, during regular business hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.), Monday through Friday. The written notice should be sent to the following addresses: State Director, BLM, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101-4669, and Westmoreland Savage Corporation, P.O. Box 30, Savage, Montana 59262.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Connie Schaff, Land Law Examiner, Branch of Solid Minerals (MT-921), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Montana State Office, Billings, Montana 59101-4669, telephone.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed exploration program will be conducted pursuant to an exploration plan which must be approved by the Bureau of Land Management.

The foregoing is published in the **Federal Register** pursuant to 43 CFR 3410.2-1(c)(1).

**Glenwood F. Kerestes,**  
*Acting Chief, Branch of Solid Minerals.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[AK-020-1610-DO]

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare a Supplement to the Northeast National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska Amended Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Alaska State Office, is preparing a supplemental Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (IAP/EIS) for the Northeast portion of the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A).

**DATES:** Comments regarding the concerns of the public on issues of interest, particularly recommended mitigation measures, should be received in writing by January 8, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding additional mitigation measures should be submitted to: Northeast NPR-A Planning Team Leader, 222 West 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599.

Before including your address, telephone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to request that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) consider withholding your name, street address, and other contact information (such as: Internet address, fax or phone number) from public review or disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you should prominently state at the beginning of your comment that you wish to request confidentiality. While you can ask in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Jim Ducker (907-271-3130) by phone or by mail at 222 W. 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, AK 99513-7599.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The BLM published the Northeast NPR-A Amended IAP/EIS in January 2005 and issued a Record of Decision (ROD) for Northeast NPR-A planning area based upon the IAP/EIS on January 11, 2006. On September 25, 2006, the U.S. District Court for the District of Alaska vacated

the January 2006 ROD and enjoined the Secretary from further action in the Northeast NPR-A under that ROD. The primary deficiency identified by the court concerned the failure to adequately address certain cumulative impacts associated with development in the adjacent Northwest NPR-A. The supplemental IAP/EIS will provide additional analysis necessary to fully address the deficiencies noted by the court and update relevant sections of the document with any new information. Any final decision will consider the full range of alternatives contained in the January 2005 Amended IAP/EIS, as informed by this new analysis.

While scoping is not required for supplements to environmental impact statements (40 CFR 1502.9(c)(4)), BLM is inviting comments on the supplement. Commenters are especially encouraged to identify measures that could reduce impacts to resources or uses that could be impacted by oil and gas and other activities in both the Northeast and Northwest NPR-A planning areas. The agency seeks specific, rather than general, recommendations as to stipulations, operating procedures, and other mitigating measures that the BLM could consider to further its goal of reducing impacts.

**Authority:** Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*), as amended; the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), as amended; Title I of the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act of 1976 (42 U.S.C. 6501 *et seq.*), as amended by the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1981, Pub. L. 96-514, 94 Stat. 2957, 2964 (codified in 42 U.S.C. 6508); the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, Pub. L. 96-487, 94 Stat. 2371, section 810, 16 U.S.C. 3120; and the regulations governing protection of resources in the NPR-A at 43 CFR parts 2360 and the regulations governing oil and gas leasing in the NPR-A at 43 CFR part 3130.

**Julia Dougan,**

*Acting State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NV912-07-1020 PH-006F]

#### Notice of Public Meetings, Mojave Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Resource Advisory Council meetings, locations and times.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Mojave Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The Mojave Southern Great Basin RAC meetings will be held January 11-12, 2007; March 8-9, 2007; June 14-15, 2007; and August 16-17, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** The Mojave Southern Great Basin RAC meetings will be held January 11-12, and March 8-9 at the BLM Las Vegas Field Office, located at 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV; June 14-15, 2007 at the (Meeting location TBD), Ely, NV; August 16-17, 2007, (Meeting location TBD) Tonopah, NV. Generally Mojave Southern Great Basin RAC meetings begin at 8 and 9 a.m. and adjourn at approximately 4-5 p.m.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Mojave Southern Great Basin RAC advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of public land issues in Nevada.

Topics of discussion during Mojave Southern Great Basin RAC meetings will likely include: Recreation, fire management, land use planning, invasive species management, energy and minerals management, travel management, water, wilderness, wild horse herd management, cultural resource management, the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act, and other issues as appropriate.

Final agendas, with any additions/corrections to agenda topics, the starting and ending times of each meeting, and details of any planned field trips, will be determined/posted at least two weeks before each two-day meeting on the BLM-Nevada State Office Web site at <http://www.nv.blm.gov/rac>; hard copies of the agendas can also be mailed or sent via fax. Individuals who need special assistance such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, or those who wish a hard copy of the agenda, should contact Hillerie C. Patton, Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89130, 702-515-5046, or [hillerie\\_c\\_patton@blm.gov](mailto:hillerie_c_patton@blm.gov) no later than two weeks before each two-day meeting.

These meetings are open to the public. Each formal RAC meeting will also have time allocated for hearing

public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Also, the public may present written comments to the RAC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Hillerie C. Patton, Mojave Southern Great Basin RAC Coordinator at 702-515-5046 or [hillerie\\_c\\_patton@blm.gov](mailto:hillerie_c_patton@blm.gov).

Dated: November 24, 2006.

**Angie Lara,**

*Las Vegas Associate Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[ES-960-1430-ET; MNES 17056]

#### Public Land Order No. 7672; Extension of Public Land Order No. 6630; Minnesota

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

**ACTION:** Public Land Order.

**SUMMARY:** This order extends Public Land Order No. 6630 for an additional 20-year period. This extension is necessary to allow the National Park Service to continue to manage the land as part of the Voyageurs National Park.

**DATES:** Effective Date: November 18, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ida Doup, BLM Eastern States Office, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153, 703-440-1541.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of Proposed Withdrawal Extension and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Minnesota was published in the **Federal Register** on September 1, 2006 (71 FR 52143).

#### Order

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (2000), it is ordered as follows:

1. Public Land Order No. 6630 (51 FR 41627, November 18, 1986), which withdrew 49.26 acres of public land comprised of 61 islands and one waterfront lot in St. Louis County, Minnesota from surface entry and transferred jurisdiction from the Bureau of Land Management to the National Park Service, is hereby extended for an additional 20-year period.

2. This Public Land Order will expire on November 17, 2026, unless, as a result of a review conducted prior to the