

purpose of the proposed action is to meet the Tribes' need to maximize their economic benefit from this trust resource. A description of the proposed project, location, and environmental consideration to be addressed in the EIS are provided in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

DATES: Written comments on the scope and content of the EIS must arrive by February 25, 2003.

ADDRESSES: You may mail or hand carry written comments to Ray A. Nation, Environmental Coordinator, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Wind River Agency, P.O. Box 158, Fort Washakie, Wyoming 82514.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ray A. Nation, (307) 332-3718, or Stuart Cerovski, (307) 332-8426.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Wind River Natural Gas Development Project area is generally located in Townships 3 and 4 North, Range 2 through 5 East, in Fremont County, Wyoming. The project area contains about 92,000 acres.

The Wind River Project consists of the drilling of up to 325 new wells in the project area over the next 20 years. Economic conditions and the evaluation of the drilling results would determine the actual number of wells that would be drilled. In addition, the project will require the construction of 325 associated lease roads (excluding 153 existing wells), 78 miles of new natural gas pipeline (excluding 62 existing miles), and 18,175 horsepower of new compression on approximately six new sites on private, federal and tribal lands. This 18,175 horsepower will increase the current 14,540 horsepower natural gas compression capacity total to 32,715 horsepower.

During the drilling and construction phase, the proposed well pads, pipelines and roads would result in the short-term disturbance of approximately 1,863 acres, or 2.02 percent of the total surface area in the project area. Well pads would be reduced in size following the completion of drilling operations, and pipeline right-of-ways restored upon completion of construction. Long-term disturbance would affect approximately 922 acres or 1.00 percent of the total surface area.

The Wind River Project area currently contains two active natural gas fields that are predominantly developed under 40 and 20-acre spacing, depending upon formation. An existing road network developed to service existing drilling and production activities access the Wind River Project area, but it is expected that the drilling of additional wells within the project area would require the construction of additional

roads. Existing pipelines and new pipelines, including new gathering lines, looplines and tie-ins to existing interstate pipelines, would transport the produced gas within the project area.

While the Wind River environmental analysis is being conducted, the BIA/BLM will allow some drilling of wells within the proposed project area. Interior drilling will be monitored by the BIA/BLM to ensure that activities do not adversely affect the environment or prejudice the completion of the environmental analysis.

Public Comment Availability

Public meetings on the scope and content of the EIS were held on October 22, 2002, in Pavilion, Wyoming, and October 23, 2002, in Fort Washakie, Wyoming. Comments from these meetings, plus all others we receive, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the mailing address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section, during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Authority

This notice is published in accordance with section 1503.1 of the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508) implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 1-6), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.1.

Dated: January 10, 2003.

Aurene M. Martin,

Acting Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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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, DOI.

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 Dinyea Corporation for lands in Tps. 14 and 15 N., R. 8 W., and T. 14 N., R. 9 W., Fairbanks Meridian, Alaska, located in the vicinity of Stevens Village, Alaska, aggregating 21,488.29 acres. Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the *Fairbanks Daily News-Miner*.

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 February 24, 2003 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 99513-7599.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerri Sansone, (907) 271-3231.

Jerri Sansone,

Land Law Examiner, Branch of ANCSA Adjudication.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-130-1020-PG; GP3-0061]

Call for Nominations for the Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

ACTION: Notice of Resource Advisory Council call for nominations.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to solicit public nominations for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council (RAC) that has an open position to represent environmental/conservation interests. This position will expire in 2006. The RAC provides advice and recommendations to the BLM and the USDA Forest Service on land use planning and management of public lands within their geographic areas. Public nominations will be considered for 60 days after the publication date of this notice.

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 BLM.

Section 309 of FLPMA directs the Secretary to select 10- to 15-member citizen-based advisory councils that are established and authorized consistent with requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). As required by the FACA, RAC membership must be balanced and representative of the various interests concerned with management of public lands.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Nominees for the Eastern Washington RAC must be residents of Washington. Nominees will be evaluated based on their education, training, experience, and their knowledge of the geographical area of the RAC. Nominees should have demonstrated a commitment to collaborative resource decision-making. All nominations submitted must include letters of reference from represented interests or organizations, a completed background information nomination form, as well as any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications.

DATES: All nominations should be received in the Oregon BLM State Office by March 24, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pam Robbins: (503) 808-6306, pam_robbins@blm.gov, BLM State Office, 333 Southwest 1st Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204.

Dated: January 17, 2003.

Joseph K. Buesing,
District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-310-0777-XG]

Notice of Resource Advisory Council Vacancy

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management; Northeast California Resource Advisory Council; Susanville, California.

ACTION: Notice of vacancy and call for nominations.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to authorities in the Federal Advisory Committees Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (Pub. L. 94-579), the U. S. Bureau of Land Management is seeking nominations to fill a vacant seat on the Northeast California Resource Advisory Council. The person selected to fill the vacancy will complete an unexpired term that ends in September 2004. The appointee will be eligible to compete for the full three-year term when the current term expires.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The council vacancy is in membership category three; persons representing issues and concerns of Native American Tribes. The appointment will be made by the Secretary of the Interior, as are all BLM Resource Advisory Council appointments. The person selected must have knowledge or experience in the interest area specified, and must have knowledge of the geographic area under the council's purview (the northeast portion of California and the northwest corner of Nevada).

Qualified applicants must have demonstrated a commitment to collaborate with varied interests to solve a broad spectrum of natural resource issues.

Nomination forms are available by contacting BLM Public Affairs Officer Joseph J. Fontana, 2950 Riverside Drive, Susanville, CA 96130; by telephone (530) 252-5332; or e-mail, jfontana@ca.blm.gov. Nominations must be returned to: Bureau of Land Management, 2950 Riverside Drive, Susanville, CA 96130, Attention Public Affairs Officer by February 24, 2003. Individuals can nominate themselves, or interest groups can submit nominations. Nominations must include letters of support from the interest groups the nominee will represent.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Contact BLM Alturas Field Manager Tim Burke at (530) 233-4666, or Public Affairs

Officer Joseph J. Fontana at the above phone or e-mail address.

Joseph J. Fontana,
Public Affairs Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Restoration and Timber Salvage Within the Timbered Rock Fire, Medford District, OR

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and conduct public scoping for restoration and timber salvage within the Timbered Rock Fire, Medford District, Oregon.

SUMMARY: This document provides notice that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) intends to prepare an EIS for the restoration and timber salvage within the Timbered Rock Fire, Medford District, Oregon. This planning activity encompasses 11,755 acres of BLM-administered land that was burned in the summer of 2002 Timbered Rock Wildfire, which burned in total 26,974 acres. This EIS will fulfill the needs and obligations set forth by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), and BLM management policies. The BLM will work collaboratively with interested parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to local, regional, and national needs and concerns. The public scoping process will help identify issues to be addressed, possible alternatives, data gaps, and possible conflicts with existing management direction. The purpose of the EIS is to take a more detailed look at restoration activities, salvage logging opportunities, and opportunities for long-term resource studies.

DATES: This notice initiates the public scoping process. Comments on issues and the scope of the analysis can be submitted in writing to the address listed below and will be accepted throughout the creation of the EIS. All public meetings will be announced through the local news media, newsletters, and the Washington/Oregon BLM Web site (<http://www.or.blm.gov>) at least 15 days prior