

be advertised through local media outlets. You may also submit comments anytime during the planning process by writing to the address in the **ADDRESSES** section. All information provided voluntarily by mail, phone, or at the public meetings becomes part of our official record (*i.e.*, names, addresses, letters of comment, input recorded during meeting).

We will conduct the environmental review of this project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*); NEPA Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508); other appropriate Federal laws and regulations; and our policies and procedures for compliance with those regulations. All comments we receive on our environmental assessment become part of the official public record. We will handle requests for such comments in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, NEPA [40 CFR 1506.6(f)], and other Departmental and Service policies and procedures. When we receive a request, we generally will provide comment letters with the names and addresses of the individuals who wrote the comments.

The Laguna Cartagena National Wildlife Refuge was established in 1989 through a lease agreement with the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. The present lagoon is a remnant of what was once a large open expanse of water and one of the most important freshwater habitats for migrating waterfowl and aquatic birds in Puerto Rico. Due to agricultural practices, about 90 percent of the lagoon is covered with cattail. In addition to the lagoon, there are uplands that include pastureland, abandoned sugar cane fields, and 263 acres in the foothills of the Sierra Bermeja. The total area of the refuge is 1,059 acres. The refuge objectives are to restore and maintain this locally important wetland ecosystem for the benefit of endangered species and migratory birds. These issues and the objectives along with others identified during the scoping process will be addressed during the development of the Draft CCP/EA.

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Dated: February 8, 2007.

Cynthia K. Dohner,
Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Energy Policy Act of 2005, Section 1813, Report to Congress

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of publication of report to Congress.

SUMMARY: Section 1813 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109–58) requires the Department of the Interior and the Department of Energy (Departments) to jointly consult with stakeholders and conduct a study of issues related to energy rights-of-way (ROWs) on tribal lands. The Act further directs the Departments to submit a report to Congress on the findings of the study. The Report to Congress is available on the Section 1813 Web site (<http://1813.anl.gov>). This Web site will remain active until August 8, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Darryl Francois (DOI, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development) at (202) 219–0740, or Kristen Ellis (DOE, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs) at (202) 586–5810. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339, to contact the above individuals during business hours. FIRS is available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 1813 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109–58) requires the Department of the Interior and the Department of Energy (Departments) to jointly conduct a study of issues regarding grants, expansions, and renewals of energy rights-of-way (ROWs) on tribal lands. Section 1813 also requires the Departments to consult with Indian tribes, the energy industry, appropriate governmental entities, and affected businesses and consumers in the course of the study. The Act further directs the Departments to submit a report to Congress on the findings of the study, including: (1) An analysis of historic rates of compensation paid for energy ROWs on tribal land; (2) Recommendations for appropriate standards and procedures for determining fair and appropriate compensation to Indian tribes for grants, expansions, and renewals of energy ROWs on tribal land; (3) An assessment of the tribal self-determination and sovereignty interests implicated by

applications for the grant, expansion, or renewal of energy ROWs on tribal land; and (4) An analysis of relevant national energy transportation policies relating to grants, expansions, and renewals of energy ROWs on tribal land.

The Departments held a number of public meetings to seek input and feedback from Indian tribes, the energy industry, appropriate governmental entities, and affected businesses and consumers. In addition the Departments held a number of government to government consultations with Indian tribes. The Departments released two draft reports and accepted comment about the content of both draft reports. This final Report to Congress reflects the Departments' response to the considered and substantial comments received. The Report to Congress is available on the Section 1813 Web site (<http://1813.anl.gov>) until August 8, 2007.

Dated: May 11, 2007.

Carl J. Artman,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[F–14865–B; AK–964–1410–HY]

Alaska Native Claims Selection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

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 Deloycheet, Incorporated. The lands are in the vicinity of Holy Cross, Alaska, and are located in:

Seward Meridian, Alaska

- T. 24 N., R. 55 W.,
Secs. 16 and 17;
Sec. 18 and that portion of U.S. Survey No. 10183 formerly within Native allotment application AA–59647.
Containing approximately 1,636 acres.
- T. 26 N., R. 55 W.,
Secs. 4 to 8, inclusive;
Secs. 17 to 20, inclusive;
Secs. 29 to 32, inclusive.
Containing 6,832.21 acres.
- T. 25 N., R. 58 W.,
Secs. 2 to 6, inclusive;
Secs. 11 and 14;
Secs. 23, 24 and 25.
Containing 4,058.61.
Aggregating approximately 12,527 acres.