

end of the 30-day comment period and will fully consider all comments received during the comment period.

#### Authority

The Service provides this notice pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act and pursuant to implementing regulations for NEPA (40 CFR 1506.6).

Dated: December 14, 2011.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Public Meeting, North Slope Science Initiative—Science Technical Advisory Panel

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, North Slope Science Initiative, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**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, North Slope Science Initiative (NSSI)—Science Technical Advisory Panel (STAP) will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held January 31–February 2, 2012, in Fairbanks, Alaska. The meetings will begin at 9 a.m. in room 401, International Arctic Research Center (IARC) Building, 930 Koyukuk Drive, University of Alaska Fairbanks campus. Public comment will be received between 3 and 4 p.m. on Thursday, February 2, 2012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John F. Payne, Executive Director, North Slope Science Initiative, AK-910, c/o Bureau of Land Management, 222 W. Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, AK 99513, (907) 271-3431 or email [jpayne.blm.gov](mailto:jpayne.blm.gov). 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 individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NSSI STAP provides advice and

recommendations to the NSSI Oversight Group regarding priority information needs for management decisions across the North Slope of Alaska. These priority information needs may include recommendations on inventory, monitoring, and research activities that contribute to informed resource management decisions. This meeting will include a review of the development and scenario planning presented to the Oversight Group in October, additional assignments to the STAP to include recommendations for monitoring and discussion on cumulative analysis.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Science Technical Advisory Panel through the Executive Director, North Slope Science Initiative. Each formal meeting will also have time allotted 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. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, transportation, or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the Executive Director, North Slope Science Initiative. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: December 14, 2011.

**Bud C. Cribley,**

*State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Application for Proposed Withdrawal Extension and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Oregon

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Forest Service (USFS) has filed an application with the Department of the Interior,

Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to extend the duration of Public Land Order (PLO) No. 6944 for an additional 20-year term. PLO No. 6944 withdrew approximately 43.75 acres of National Forest System land from location and entry under the United States mining laws in order to protect the Granite Chinese Walls Historic Site. The withdrawal created by PLO No. 6944 will expire on September 30, 2012, unless extended. This notice also gives an opportunity to comment on the application and proposed action and to request a public meeting.

**DATES:** Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by March 20, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the Oregon/Washington State Director, BLM, 333 SW 1st Ave., P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208-2965.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael L. Barnes, BLM Oregon/Washington State Office, (503) 808-6155, or Dianne Torpin, USFS Pacific Northwest Region, (503) 808-2422. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-(800) 877-8339 to reach either of the named contacts during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with either of the above individuals. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The USFS has filed an application requesting that the Secretary of the Interior extend the duration of PLO No. 6944 (57 FR 45321 (1992)), which withdrew 43.75 acres of National Forest System land from location and entry under the United States mining laws, but not leasing under the mineral leasing laws, for an additional 20-year term, subject to valid existing rights. PLO No. 6944 is incorporated herein by reference.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal extension is to continue the protection of the Federal recreation investment of the site along with the archaeological, cultural, and historic values of the Granite Chinese Walls Historic Site.

The use of a right-of-way, interagency agreement, or cooperative agreement would not provide adequate protection.

The USFS would not need to acquire water rights to fulfill the purpose of the requested withdrawal extension.

Records related to the extension application may be examined by contacting Michael L. Barnes at the above BLM address or phone number.