

Environmental Studies Program functions to implement and manage the responsibilities of research. This study will facilitate the meeting of USDOJ/MMS information needs on subsistence food harvest and sharing activities in coastal Alaska, with specific focus on the Beaufort Sea Planning Area.

Many previous MMS studies have documented aspects of subsistence harvest throughout coastal Alaska, including information about household subsistence harvests by quantity, location, species, and month of harvest. However, most of these studies are limited to representing the importance of subsistence to livelihoods in measures of pounds per capita harvested or average per capita harvest. The study departs from this standard approach by systematically examining the complex social dynamics of sharing and consuming resources after resources have been harvested. In Alaska Native communities, the distribution and exchange of subsistence resources operate under traditional institutions (informal rules; codes of conduct) for reciprocity in exchanging harvested resources and the cultural obligation to share. Changes in ecosystem services, which may result from industrial development and climate change, could affect subsistence activities with related effects on community sharing networks. This research will make an important contribution to the study of northern subsistence by providing baseline quantitative data on the structure of sharing networks and by identifying the characteristics of system components and key nodes of networks. From the findings of the empirical data, we will model thresholds of change in community food distribution networks to assess communities' vulnerabilities and resilience.

The 36-month study involves assessing the vulnerabilities of two North Slope and one interior Alaska village to the potential effects of offshore oil and gas development on subsistence food harvest and sharing activities. We will investigate the resilience of local sharing networks that structure contemporary subsistence-cash economies, using survey research methods that involve residents of the three Alaskan communities.

Potential number of households is approximately 349 from the three partner communities. We seek to interview the "head" of each household, and in some cases that may be two people. This study will be conducted in a face-to-face setting. The questionnaires will be administered under the guidelines of 45 CFR part 46. The introduction that will be covered with

each participant stresses that participation is voluntary and anonymity will be maintained. Procedures designed to protect the confidentiality of the information provided will include the use of coded selection and identification numbers to protect the identities of respondents.

The information to be gathered is intended to inform regulatory agencies, academic researchers, and partner communities about local social systems in a way that can shape development strategies and serve as an interim baseline for impact monitoring to compare against future conditions. Without this data, MMS will not have sufficient information to make informed leasing and development decisions for these areas.

Frequency: Voluntary, one-time event, per study.

Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: Potential number of households is approximately 349 from the three partner communities. We seek to interview the "head" of each household, and in some cases that may be two people.

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: The MMS estimates the total annual burden hours to be 524 rounded hours (349 respondents \times 1.5 hours per questionnaire = 523.5 burden hours).

Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Non-Hour Cost Burden: We have identified no paperwork non-hour cost burdens associated with the collection of information.

Public Disclosure Statement: The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond.

Comments: Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) requires each agency " * * * to provide notice * * * and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information * * * "

Agencies must specifically solicit comments to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of

automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

To comply with the public consultation process, on January 12, 2010, we published a **Federal Register** notice (75 FR 1648) announcing that we would submit this ICR to OMB for approval. The notice provided the required 60-day comment period. This notice also informed the public that they may comment at any time on the collection of information and provided the address to which they should send comments. We received three comments from the same person, but none of the comments were germane to the paperwork burden of the collection. To view the comments that were submitted to MMS, follow the instructions under "Electronically" in the **ADDRESSES** section.

If you wish to comment in response to this notice, you may send your comments to the offices listed under the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. The OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, to ensure maximum consideration, OMB should receive public comments by July 12, 2010.

Public Availability of Comments: Before including your address, phone number, e-mail 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.

MMS Information Collection Clearance Officer: Arlene Bajusz, (202) 208-7744.

Dated: June 5, 2010.

William S. Hauser,
Acting Chief, Office of Offshore Regulatory Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Assessment of a Marine Geophysical Survey by the U.S. Geological Survey in the Arctic Ocean, August–September 2010

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) of a Marine Geophysical Survey by the U.S. Geological Survey in the Arctic Ocean, August–September 2010 and by this notice is announcing the opening of the comment period.

DATES: To ensure comments will be considered, the USGS must receive written comments on the Draft EA of a Marine Geophysical Survey by the U.S. Geological Survey in the Arctic Ocean, August–September 2010 within 30 days following the date this Notice of Availability is published in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments related to the Draft Environmental Assessment of a Marine Geophysical Survey by the U.S. Geological Survey in the Arctic Ocean, August–September 2010 by any of the following methods:

- Web site: http://walrus.wr.usgs.gov/EA/ECS_EA

- E-mail: jchilds@usgs.gov.

- Fax: 650–329–5190.

- Mail: Jonathan R. Childs, U.S. Geological Survey, Mail Stop 999, 345 Middlefield Rd., Menlo Park, CA 94025.

Copies of the Draft EA are available in the USGS Menlo Park Earth Science Information Center, Building 3, Room 3128, 345 Middlefield Rd., Menlo Park, CA 94025, Telephone: (650) 329–4309; the USGS Anchorage Earth Science Information Center, Room 208, 4210 University Dr. Anchorage, AK 99508, Telephone: (907) 786–7011; and at the North Slope Borough Department of Wildlife Management, Barrow, Alaska, Telephone: (907) 852–0350.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information contact Jonathan R. Childs, geophysicist, at the above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The objective of the proposed Geophysical Survey is to provide information relevant to determining the outer limits of the U.S. Extended Continental Shelf under the provisions of Article 76 of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea. Further information is available at: <http://www.continentalshef.gov>.

Prior public input included requests for comment and information early in the project from agencies with potential interest or jurisdiction, and from local North Slope organizations with a potential interest in the proposed project. Survey plans were presented at the Alaskan Eskimo Whaling Captain's meeting on February 11, 2010. A public meeting was held March 23, 2010 in Anchorage, Alaska. Minor issues and

concerns were addressed during the public meeting.

Please note that public comments and information submitted including names, street addresses, and email addresses of persons who submit comments will be available for public review and disclosure at the USGS Menlo Park address above during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Authority: 40 CFR 1506.6, 40 CFR 1506.10.

James F. Devine,

Senior Advisor for Science Applications.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey; Montana

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of filing of plats of survey.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will file the plat of survey of the lands described below in the BLM Montana State Office, Billings, Montana, thirty (30) days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marvin Montoya, Cadastral Surveyor, Branch of Cadastral Survey, Bureau of Land Management, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101–4669, telephone (406) 896–5124 or (406) 896–5009.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This survey was executed at the request of the Program Manager, Bureau of Reclamation, Great Plains Region, Montana Area Office, Billings, Montana, and was necessary to determine the boundaries of Federal Interest lands.

The lands we surveyed are:

Principal Meridian, Montana

T. 36 N., R. 14 E.

The plat, in 3 sheets, representing the dependent resurvey of dependent resurvey of portions of the Ninth Standard Parallel North, through Range 14 West, the subdivisional lines, the subdivision of certain sections, and certain rights-of-way of the United States Reclamation Service (U.S.R.S.) Reserve, St. Mary Storage Unit (Canal), through sections 3, 16, and 27, Township 36 North, Range 14 West, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted June 3, 2010.

We will place a copy of the plat, in 3 sheets, and related field notes we

described in the open files. They will be available to the public as a matter of information. If the BLM receives a protest against this survey, as shown on this plat, in 3 sheets, prior to the date of the official filing, we will stay the filing pending our consideration of the protest. We will not officially file this plat, in 3 sheets, until the day after we have accepted or dismissed all protests and they have become final, including decisions or appeals.

Authority: 43 U.S.C. Chap 3.

Dated: June 4, 2010.

James D. Claffin,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Division of Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Establish and Call for Nominations for the Rio Grande Natural Area Commission, Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The BLM is publishing this notice in accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) gives notice that the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) is establishing the Rio Grande Natural Area Commission (Commission) in the State of Colorado. This notice is also to solicit public nominations for the Commission. The Commission will advise the Secretary with respect to the Rio Grande Natural Area (Natural Area) and prepare a management plan relating to non-Federal land in the Natural Area.

DATES: All nominations must be received no later than July 12, 2010.

ADDRESSES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the address of the BLM Colorado Office accepting nominations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Sample, Public Information Officer, Colorado State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215, telephone (303) 239–3861; or e-mail James_Sample@blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission is a statutory advisory committee established under Section 4 of the Rio Grande Natural Area Act (Act)