

female bonobo (*Pan paniscus*) in interstate commerce from Coriell Cell Repository, Camden, NJ, for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers the one-time acquisition only.

**Applicant:** Sherry V. Nelson,  
Department of Anthropology,  
University of New Mexico,  
Albuquerque, NM, PRT-194491

The applicant requests a permit to import powdered tooth enamel from chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes*) found dead in the wild in Uganda, for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers the one-time importation only.

**Applicant:** Wildlife Conservation Society, Bronx, NY, PRT-195916

The applicant requests a permit to export two male and two female captive born Western gorillas (*Gorilla gorilla*) to the Calgary Zoo, Canada for the purpose of enhancement of the species through captive breeding and conservation education.

**Applicant:** University of Florida, Florida Museum of Natural History, Gainesville, FL, PRT-193170

The applicant requests a permit to import specimens from endangered Crocodilian species from various museums and scientific institutions around the world for the purpose of scientific research. This notification covers activities to be conducted by the applicant over a five-year period.

**Applicant:** Kenneth E. Buch, Silver Spring, MD, PRT-193458

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

**Applicant:** David Clemente, Laredo, TX, PRT-195244

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

**Applicant:** Wesley E. Hixon, Wildwood, GA, PRT-195911

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

**Applicant:** Trent B. Latshaw, Tulsa, OK, PRT-196067

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

**Applicant:** Roger D. Barker,  
Birmingham, AL, PRT-196611

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

**Applicant:** Russell C. Murphy, Little Rock, AR, PRT-196610

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

**Applicant:** Gary L. Joeris, San Antonio, TX, PRT-196633

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

**Applicant:** Robert W. Barnes, San Antonio, TX, PRT-195287

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

**Applicant:** Raymond M. Waters, III, Columbus, MS, PRT-196478

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus pygargus*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

Dated: October 17, 2008.

**Lisa J. Lierheimer,**

Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits,  
Division of Management Authority.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Rate Adjustments for Indian Irrigation Projects

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rate adjustments.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) owns, or has an interest in, irrigation projects located on or associated with various Indian reservations throughout the United States. We are required to establish irrigation assessment rates to recover the costs to administer, operate, maintain, and rehabilitate these projects. We request your comments on the proposed rate adjustments.

**DATES:** Interested parties may submit comments on the proposed rate adjustments on or before *December 29, 2008*.

**ADDRESSES:** All comments on the proposed rate adjustments must be in writing and addressed to: John Anevski, Chief, Division of Irrigation, Power and Safety of Dams, Office of Trust Services, Mail Stop 4655-MIB, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240, Telephone (202) 208-5480.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For details about a particular irrigation project, please use the tables in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section to contact the regional or local office where the project is located.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The first table in this notice provides contact information for individuals who can give further information about the irrigation projects covered by this notice. The second table provides the current 2008 irrigation assessment rates, the proposed rates for the 2009 irrigation season, and proposed rates for subsequent years where these are available.

#### What is the meaning of the key terms used in this notice?

In this notice:

*Administrative costs* means all costs we incur to administer our irrigation projects at the local project level and is a cost factor included in calculating your O&M assessment. Costs incurred at the local project level do not normally include Agency, Region, or Central Office costs unless we state otherwise in writing.

*Assessable acre* means lands designated by us to be served by one of our irrigation projects, for which we collect assessments in order to recover

costs for the provision of irrigation service. (See total assessable acres.)

*BIA* means the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

*Bill* means our statement to you of the assessment charges and/or fees you owe the United States for administration, operation, maintenance, and/or rehabilitation. The date we mail or hand-deliver your bill will be stated on it.

*Costs* means the costs we incur for administration, operation, maintenance, and rehabilitation to provide direct support or benefit to an irrigation facility. (See administrative costs, operation costs, maintenance costs, and rehabilitation costs).

*Customer* means any person or entity to which we provide irrigation service.

*Due date* is the date on which your bill is due and payable. This date will be stated on your bill.

*I, me, my, you, and your* means all persons or entities that are affected by this notice.

*Irrigation project* means a facility or portion thereof for the delivery, diversion, and storage of irrigation water that we own or have an interest in, including all appurtenant works. The term "irrigation project" is used interchangeably with irrigation facility, irrigation system, and irrigation area.

*Irrigation service* means the full range of services we provide customers of our irrigation projects. This includes our activities to administer, operate, maintain, and rehabilitate our projects in order to deliver water.

*Maintenance costs* means costs we incur to maintain and repair our irrigation projects and associated equipment and is a cost factor included in calculating your operation and maintenance (O&M) assessment.

*Operation and maintenance (O&M) assessment* means the periodic charge you must pay us to reimburse costs of administering, operating, maintaining, and rehabilitating irrigation projects consistent with this notice and our supporting policies, manuals, and handbooks.

*Operation or operating costs* means costs we incur to operate our irrigation projects and equipment and is a cost factor included in calculating your O&M assessment.

*Past due bill* means a bill that has not been paid by the close of business on the 30th day after the due date as stated on the bill. Beginning on the 31st day after the due date, we begin assessing additional charges accruing from the due date.

*Rehabilitation costs* means costs we incur to restore our irrigation projects or features to original operating condition

or to the nearest state which can be achieved using current technology and is a cost factor included in calculating your O&M assessment.

*Responsible party* means an individual or entity that owns or leases land within the assessable acreage of one of our irrigation projects and is responsible for providing accurate information to our billing office and paying a bill for an annual irrigation rate assessment.

*Total assessable acres* means the total acres served by one of our irrigation projects.

*Water delivery* is an activity that is part of the irrigation service we provide our customers when water is available.

*We, us, and our* means the United States Government, the Secretary of the Interior, the BIA, and all who are authorized to represent us in matters covered under this notice.

#### **Does this notice affect me?**

This notice affects you if you own or lease land within the assessable acreage of one of our irrigation projects or if you have a carriage agreement with one of our irrigation projects.

#### **Where can I get information on the regulatory and legal citations in this notice?**

You can contact the appropriate office(s) stated in the tables for the irrigation project that serves you, or you can use the Internet site for the Government Printing Office at <http://www.gpo.gov>.

#### **Why are you publishing this notice?**

We are publishing this notice to notify you that we propose to adjust our irrigation assessment rates. This notice is published in accordance with the BIA's regulations governing its operation and maintenance of irrigation projects, found at 25 CFR part 171. This regulation provides for the establishment and publication of the rates for annual irrigation assessments as well as related information about our irrigation projects.

#### **What authorizes you to issue this notice?**

Our authority to issue this notice is vested in the Secretary of the Interior by 5 U.S.C. 301 and the Act of August 14, 1914 (38 Stat. 583; 25 U.S.C. 385). The Secretary has in turn delegated this authority to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs under Part 209, Chapter 8.1A, of the Department of the Interior's Departmental Manual.

#### **When will you put the rate adjustments into effect?**

We will put the rate adjustments into effect for the 2009 irrigation season and subsequent years where applicable.

#### **How do you calculate irrigation rates?**

We calculate annual irrigation assessment rates in accordance with 25 CFR part 171.500 by estimating the annual costs of operation and maintenance at each of our irrigation projects and then dividing by the total assessable acres for that particular irrigation project. The result of this calculation for each project is stated in the rate table in this notice.

#### **What kinds of expenses do you consider in determining the estimated annual costs of operation and maintenance?**

Consistent with 25 CFR part 171.500, these expenses include the following:

- (a) Salary and benefits for the project engineer/manager and project employees under the project engineer/manager's management or control;
- (b) Materials and supplies;
- (c) Vehicle and equipment repairs;
- (d) Equipment costs, including lease fees;
- (e) Depreciation;
- (f) Acquisition costs;
- (g) Maintenance of a reserve fund available for contingencies or emergency costs needed for the reliable operation of the irrigation facility infrastructure;
- (h) Maintenance of a vehicle and heavy equipment replacement fund;
- (i) Systematic rehabilitation and replacement of project facilities;
- (j) Contingencies for unknown costs and omitted budget items; and
- (k) Other expenses we determine necessary to properly perform the activities and functions characteristic of an irrigation project.

#### **When should I pay my irrigation assessment?**

We will mail or hand-deliver your bill notifying you of: (a) The amount you owe to the United States, and (b) when such amount is due. If we mail your bill, we will consider it as being delivered no later than 5 business days after the day we mail it. You should pay your bill by the due date stated on the bill.

#### **What information must I provide for billing purposes?**

All responsible parties are required to provide the following information to the billing office associated with the irrigation project where you own or lease land within the project's assessable acreage or to the billing office

associated with the irrigation project with which you have a carriage agreement:

(1) The full legal name of person or entity responsible for paying the bill;

(2) An adequate and correct address for mailing or hand delivering our bill; and

(3) The taxpayer identification number or social security number of the person or entity responsible for paying the bill.

**Why are you collecting my taxpayer identification number or social security number?**

Public Law 104–134, the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, requires that we collect the taxpayer identification number or social security number before billing a responsible party and as a condition to servicing the account.

**What happens if I am a responsible party but I fail to furnish the information required to the billing office responsible for the irrigation project within which I own or lease assessable land or for which I have a carriage agreement?**

If you are late paying your bill because of your failure to furnish the required information listed above, you will be assessed interest and penalties as provided below, and your failure to provide the required information will

not provide grounds for you to appeal your bill or any penalties assessed.

**What can happen if I do not provide the information required for billing purposes?**

We can refuse to provide you irrigation service.

**If I allow my bill to become past due, could this affect my water delivery?**

If we do not receive your payment before the close of business on the 30th day after the due date stated on your bill, we will send you a past due notice. This past due notice will have additional information concerning your rights. We will consider your past due notice as delivered no later than 5 business days after the day we mail it. We have the right to refuse water delivery to any irrigated land for which the bill is past due. We can continue to refuse water delivery until you pay your bill or make payment arrangements to which we agree. We follow the procedures provided in 31 CFR 901.2, "Demand for Payment," when demanding payment of your past due bill.

**Are there any additional charges if I am late paying my bill?**

Yes. We will assess you interest on the amount owed, using the rate of interest established annually by the Secretary of the United States Treasury (Treasury) to calculate what you will be

assessed (31 CFR 901.9(b)). You will not be assessed this charge until your bill is past due. However, if you allow your bill to become past due, interest will accrue from the original due date, not the past due date. Also, you will be charged an administrative fee of \$12.50 for each time we try to collect your past due bill. If your bill becomes more than 90 days past due, you will be assessed a penalty charge of six percent (6%) per year, which will accrue from the date your bill initially became past due. As a Federal agency, we are required to charge interest, penalties, and administrative costs on debts owed to us pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3717 and 31 CFR 901.9, "Interest, penalties, and administrative costs."

**What else will happen to my past due bill?**

If you do not pay your bill or make payment arrangements to which we agree, we are required to send your past due bill to the Treasury for further action. Under the provisions of 31 CFR 901.1, "Aggressive agency collection activity," we must send any unpaid annual irrigation assessment bill to Treasury no later than 180 days after the original due date of the bill.

**Who can I contact for further information?**

The following tables are the regional and project/agency contacts for our irrigation facilities.

**Northwest Region Contacts**

Stanley Speaks, Regional Director  
Bureau of Indian Affairs, Northwest Regional Office  
911 N.E. 11th Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97232–4169  
Telephone: (503) 231–6702

Project Name	Project/Agency Contacts
Flathead Irrigation Project	Chuck Courville, Superintendent Ed McKay, Acting Irrigation Manager Flathead Agency Irrigation Division P.O. Box 40 Pablo, MT 59855–0040 Telephone: (406) 675–2700
Fort Hall Irrigation Project	Eric J. LaPointe, Superintendent Alan Oliver, Supervisory General Engineer Fort Hall Agency P.O. Box 220 Fort Hall, ID 83203–0220 Telephone: (208) 238–2301
Wapato Irrigation Project	Pierce Harrison, Project Administrator Wapato Irrigation Project P.O. Box 220 Wapato, WA 98951–0220 Telephone: (509) 877–3155

**Rocky Mountain Region Contacts**

Ed Parisian, Regional Director

Bureau of Indian Affairs, Rocky Mountain Regional Office  
316 North 26th Street  
Billings, Montana 59101  
Telephone: (406) 247-7943

Project Name	Agency/Project Contacts
Blackfeet Irrigation Project	Stephen Pollock, Superintendent Ted Hall, Irrigation Project Manager Box 880 Browning, MT 59417 Telephones: (406) 338-7544, Superintendent (406) 338-7519, Irrigation Project Manager
Crow Irrigation Project	George Grover, Superintendent Karl Helvik, Irrigation Project Manager P.O. Box 69 Crow Agency, MT 59022 Telephones: (406) 638-2672, Superintendent (406) 638-2863, Irrigation Project Manager
Fort Belknap Irrigation Project	Judy Gray, Superintendent Ralph Leo, Irrigation Project Manager R.R.1, Box 980 Harlem, MT 59526 Telephones: (406) 353-2901, Superintendent (406) 353-2905, Irrigation Project Manager
Fort Peck Irrigation Project	Florence White Eagle, Superintendent P.O. Box 637 Poplar, MT 59255 Richard Kurtz, Irrigation Manager 602 6th Avenue North Wolf Point, MT 59201 Telephones: (406) 768-5312, Superintendent (406) 653-1752, Irrigation Manager
Wind River Irrigation Project	Ed Lone Flight, Superintendent Ray Nation, Acting Irrigation Project Manager P.O. Box 158 Fort Washakie, WY 82514 Telephones: (307) 332-7810, Superintendent (307) 332-2596, Irrigation Project Manager

#### Southwest Region Contacts

William T. Walker, acting Regional Director  
Bureau of Indian Affairs, Southwest Regional Office  
1001 Indian School Road  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87104  
Telephone: (505) 563-3100

Project Name	Project/Agency Contacts
Pine River Irrigation Project	Vacant, Superintendent John Formea, Irrigation Engineer P.O. Box 315 Ignacio, CO 81137-0315 Telephones: (970) 563-4511, Superintendent (970) 563-9484, Irrigation Engineer

#### Western Region Contacts

Allen Anspach, Regional Director  
Bureau of Indian Affairs, Western Regional Office  
Two Arizona Center  
400 N. 5th Street, 12th floor  
Phoenix, Arizona 85004  
Telephone: (602) 379-6600

Project Name	Project/Agency Contacts
Colorado River Irrigation Project	Janice Staudte, Superintendent Ted Henry, Irrigation Project Manager 12124 1st Avenue Parker, AZ 85344 Telephone: (928) 669-7111

Duck Valley Irrigation Project	Joseph McDade, Superintendent 1555 Shoshone Circle Elko, NV 89801 Telephone: (775) 738-0569
Fort Yuma Irrigation Project	Raymond Fry, Superintendent P.O. Box 11000 Yuma, AZ 85366 Telephone: (520) 782-1202
San Carlos Irrigation Project Joint Works	Bryan Bowker, Project Manager Carl Christensen, Supervisory General Engineer P.O. Box 250 Coolidge, AZ 85228 Telephone: (520) 723-6216
San Carlos Irrigation Project Indian Works	Cecilia Martinez, Superintendent Joe Revak, Supervisory General Engineer Pima Agency, Land Operations P.O. Box 8 Sacaton, AZ 85247 Telephone: (520) 562-3326 Telephone: (520) 562-3372
Uintah Irrigation Project	Daniel Picard, Superintendent Lynn Hansen, Irrigation Manager P.O. Box 130 Fort Duchesne, UT 84026 Telephone: (435) 722-4300 Telephone: (435) 722-4341
Walker River Irrigation Project	Athena Brown, Superintendent 311 E. Washington Street Carson City, NV 89701 Telephone: (775) 887-3500

**What irrigation assessments or charges are proposed for adjustment by this notice?**

The rate table below contains the current rates for all irrigation projects

where we recover costs of administering, operating, maintaining, and rehabilitating them. The table also contains the proposed rates for the 2009 season and subsequent years where

applicable. An asterisk immediately following the name of the project notes the irrigation projects where rates are proposed for adjustment.

Project name	Rate category	Final 2008 rate	Final 2009 rate	Proposed 2010 rate
<b>Northwest Region Rate Table</b>				
Flathead Irrigation Project * (See Note #1)	Basic per acre—A .....	\$23.45	\$23.45	\$23.45
	Basic per acre—B .....	10.75	10.75	11.75
	Minimum Charge per tract .....	65.00	65.00	65.00
Fort Hall Irrigation Project * .....	Basic per acre .....	31.00	40.50	To be determined.
	Minimum Charge per tract .....	27.00	30.00	
Fort Hall Irrigation Project—Minor Units * ..	Basic per acre .....	21.00	21.00	
	Minimum Charge per tract .....	27.00	30.00	
Fort Hall Irrigation Project—Michaud * .....	Basic per acre .....	39.75	41.50	
	Pressure per acre .....	55.50	58.00	
	Minimum Charge per tract .....	27.00	30.00	
	Minimum Charge for farm unit/land tracts up to one acre.	14.00	15.00	
	Farm unit/land tracts over one acre—per acre.	14.00	15.00	
Wapato Irrigation Project—Toppenish/Simcoe Units *.	Minimum Charge for per tract .....	14.00	15.00	
	Basic per acre .....	14.00	15.00	
Wapato Irrigation Project—Ahtanum Units *.	Minimum Charge per tract .....	14.00	15.00	
	Basic per acre .....	14.00	15.00	
Wapato Irrigation Project—Satus Unit * .....	Minimum Charge for per tract .....	55.00	58.00	
	"A" Basic per acre .....	55.00	58.00	
	"B" Basic per acre .....	65.00	68.00	
Wapato Irrigation Project—Additional Works *.	Minimum Charge per tract .....	60.00	63.00	
	Basic per acre .....	60.00	63.00	
Wapato Irrigation Project—Water Rental *	Minimum Charge .....	67.00	70.00	
	Basic per acre .....	60.00	63.00	

Project name	Rate category	Final 2008 rate	Final 2009 rate	Proposed 2010 rate
	Basic per acre .....	67.00	70.00	

Project name	Rate category	Final 2008 rate	Proposed 2009 rate
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**Rocky Mountain Region Rate Table**

Blackfeet Irrigation Project * .....	Basic-per acre .....	\$17.00	\$18.00
Crow Irrigation Project—Willow Creek O&M (includes Agency, Lodge Grass #1, Lodge Grass #2, Reno, Upper Little Horn, and Forty Mile Units).	Basic-per acre .....	20.80	20.80
Crow Irrigation Project—All Others (includes Bighorn, Soap Creek, and Pryor Units).	Basic-per acre .....	20.50	20.50
Crow Irrigation Two Leggins Drainage District .....	Basic-per acre .....	2.00	2.00
Fort Belknap Irrigation Project * .....	Basic-per acre .....	13.88	20.00
Fort Peck Irrigation Project * .....	Basic-per acre .....	22.00	25.75
Wind River Irrigation Project * .....	Basic-per acre .....	16.00	18.00
Wind River Irrigation Project—LeClair District * .....	Basic-per acre .....	17.00	19.00

Project name	Rate category	Final 2008 rate	Proposed 2009 rate
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**Southwest Region Rate Table**

Pine River Irrigation Project .....	Minimum Charge per tract .....	\$50.00	\$50.00
	Basic-per acre .....	15.00	15.00

Project name	Rate category	Final 2008 rate	Proposed 2009 rate	Proposed 2010 rate	Proposed 2011 rate
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**Western Region Rate Table**

Colorado River Irrigation Project * ....	Basic per acre up to 5.75 acre-feet	\$47.00	\$51.00	\$52.50 .....	\$54.00
	Excess Water per acre-foot over 5.75 acre-feet.	17.00	17.00		
Duck Valley Irrigation Project .....	Basic per acre .....	5.30	5.30	To be determined	To be determined.
Fort Yuma Irrigation Project * (See Note #2).	Basic per acre up to 5.0 acre-feet ..	77.00	77.00	To be determined	To be determined.
	Excess Water per acre-foot over 5.0 acre-feet.	14.00	14.00		
	Basic per acre up to 5.0 acre-feet (Ranch 5).	28.00	77.00		
San Carlos Irrigation Project (Joint Works) (See Note #3).	Basic per acre .....	21.00	21.00	21.00 .....	To be determined.
San Carlos Irrigation Project (Indian Works).	Basic per acre .....	57.00	57.00	To be determined	To be determined.
Uintah Irrigation Project * .....	Basic per acre .....	12.50	13.70		
	Minimum Bill .....	25.00	25.00		
Walker River Irrigation Project * .....	Indian per acre .....	13.00	16.00	19.00 .....	21.00
(See Note #4) .....	non-Indian per acre .....	16.00	16.00	19.00 .....	21.00

\* Notes irrigation projects where rates are proposed for adjustment.

Note #1—The 2009 rate was established by final notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on June 5, 2008 (Vol. 73, No. 109, page 32046). The 2010 rate is to be determined.

Note #2—The O&M rate for the Fort Yuma Irrigation Project has two components. The first component is the O&M rate established by the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), the owner and operator of the Project. The BOR rate for 2009 remains unchanged at 70.00/acre. The second component is for the O&M rate established by BIA to cover administrative costs including billing and collections for the Project. The 2009 BIA rate remains unchanged at 7.00/acre. In 2009, the BOR rate for "Ranch 5" will be increased from 28.00/acre to 70.00/acre, and BIA will begin charging the 7.00/acre administrative fee on "Ranch 5" acreage.

Note #3—The 2009 rate was established by final notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on April 20, 2007 (Vol. 72, No. 76, page 19954).

Note #4—The 2009 rate was established by final notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER on June 5, 2008 (Vol. 73, No. 109, page 32047). The 2010 and 2011 rates are proposed through this notice.

### Consultation and Coordination With Tribal Governments (Executive Order 13175)

To fulfill its consultation responsibility to tribes and tribal

organizations, BIA communicates, coordinates, and consults on a continuing basis with these entities on issues of water delivery, water availability, and costs of administration,

operation, maintenance, and rehabilitation of projects that concern them. This is accomplished at the individual irrigation project by Project, Agency, and Regional representatives,

as appropriate, in accordance with local protocol and procedures. This notice is one component of our overall coordination and consultation process to provide notice to, and request comments from, these entities when we adjust irrigation assessment rates.

#### **Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use (Executive Order 13211)**

The rate adjustments will have no adverse effects on energy supply, distribution, or use (including a shortfall in supply, price increases, and increase use of foreign supplies) should the proposed rate adjustments be implemented. This is a notice for rate adjustments at BIA-owned and operated irrigation projects, except for the Fort Yuma Irrigation Project. The Fort Yuma Irrigation Project is owned and operated by the Bureau of Reclamation with a portion serving the Fort Yuma Reservation.

#### **Regulatory Planning and Review (Executive Order 12866)**

These rate adjustments are not a significant regulatory action and do not need to be reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866.

#### **Regulatory Flexibility Act**

These rate adjustments are not a rule for the purposes of the Regulatory Flexibility Act because they establish "a rule of particular applicability relating to rates." 5 U.S.C. 601(2).

#### **Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995**

These rate adjustments do not impose an unfunded mandate on State, local, or tribal governments in the aggregate, or on the private sector, of more than \$130 million per year. The rule does not have a significant or unique effect on State, local, or tribal governments or the private sector. Therefore, the Department is not required to prepare a statement containing the information required by the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (2 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

#### **Takings (Executive Order 12630)**

The Department has determined that these rate adjustments do not have significant "takings" implications. The rate adjustments do not deprive the public, State, or local governments of rights or property.

#### **Federalism (Executive Order 13132)**

The Department has determined that these rate adjustments do not have significant Federalism effects because

they will not affect the States, the relationship between the national government and the States, or the distribution of power and responsibilities among various levels of government.

#### **Civil Justice Reform (Executive Order 12988)**

In issuing this rule, the Department has taken the necessary steps to eliminate drafting errors and ambiguity, minimize potential litigation, and provide a clear legal standard for affected conduct, as required by section 3 of Executive Order 12988.

#### **Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995**

These rate adjustments do not affect the collections of information which have been approved by the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The OMB Control Number is 1076-0141 and expires August 31, 2009.

#### **National Environmental Policy Act**

The Department has determined that these rate adjustments do not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and that no detailed statement is required under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321-4370(d)).

#### **Information Quality Act**

In developing this notice, we did not conduct or use a study, experiment, or survey requiring peer review under the Information Quality Act (Pub. L. No. 106-554).

Dated: October 22, 2008.

**George T. Skibine,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Economic Development—Indian Affairs.*  
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### **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

#### **Bureau of Land Management**

**[F-14875-A, F-14875-A2; AK-965-1410-KC-P]**

#### **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 the surface estate in certain lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska

Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to Kugakhtlik Limited. The lands are in the vicinity of Kipnuk, Alaska, and are located in:

Lots 6, 8, and 10, U.S. Survey No. 11316, Alaska.

Containing 73.63 acres.

Lot 8, U.S. Survey No. 11340, Alaska.

Containing 7.90 acres.

Lots 5 and 6, U.S. Survey No. 11368, Alaska.

Containing 3.30 acres.

Lots 12, 13, and 14, U.S. Survey No. 11387, Alaska.

Containing 67.79 acres.

#### **Seward Meridian, Alaska**

T. 1 S., R. 84 W.,  
Secs. 23 to 27, inclusive;  
Secs. 33 and 34.

Containing approximately 3,913 acres.

T. 2 S., R. 84 W.,  
Secs. 3 to 10, inclusive;  
Secs. 16, 17, and 18.

Containing approximately 5,789 acres.

T. 3 S., R. 84 W.,  
Secs. 1 to 36, inclusive.

Containing approximately 16,275 acres.

T. 4 S., R. 84 W.,  
Secs. 1 to 4, inclusive;  
Secs. 9 to 16, inclusive;  
Secs. 21 to 28, inclusive.

Containing approximately 8,107 acres.

T. 2 S., R. 85 W.,  
Secs. 7 and 8;  
Secs. 11 to 15, inclusive;  
Secs. 16, 17, and 18;

Sec. 28, those lands formerly within Native allotment application F-18086, Parcel A;  
Sec. 33, those lands formerly within Native allotment application F-18081, Parcel B.

Containing approximately 5,409 acres.

T. 3 S., R. 85 W.,  
Sec. 6, those lands formerly within Native allotment application F-18080, Parcel B;  
Sec. 7, those lands formerly within Native allotment application F-16585, Parcel B.

Containing approximately 160 acres.

T. 4 S., R. 85 W.,  
Sec. 1, those lands formerly within Native allotment application F-18159, Parcel B.

Containing approximately 40 acres.

T. 2 S., R. 86 W.,  
Sec. 25;

Sec. 28, those lands formerly within Native allotment application F-18110, Parcel A;  
Secs. 34, 35, and 36.

Containing approximately 1,927 acres.

T. 3 S., R. 86 W.,  
Sec. 32, those lands formerly within Native allotment application F-18089, Parcel C;  
Sec. 33, those lands formerly within Native allotment application F-18089, Parcel C.

Containing approximately 78 acres.

T. 4 S., R. 86 W.,  
Secs. 14, 15, and 16;  
Secs. 21 to 24, inclusive.

Containing approximately 2,121 acres.  
Aggregating approximately 43,972 acres.

A portion of the subsurface estate in these lands will be conveyed to Calista