

lands and resources located in North Dakota. This notice also announces the beginning of the scoping process and seeks public input on issues, planning criteria, and nominations for Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC).

The RMP/EIS will fulfill the needs and obligations set forth by FLPMA, NEPA, and BLM management policies. The North Dakota planning area comprises approximately 58,900 acres of BLM-managed surface lands and approximately 4.6 million acres of BLM-administered Federal minerals. The bulk of the Federal mineral estate is coal. Additional acres are Federal oil and gas reserves only. The remaining acres are comprised of all minerals, coal and oil and gas only, and other reservations. The focus of the North Dakota Field Office has been mineral management on split estate lands (private surface and Federal minerals).

The BLM will work collaboratively with interested parties and cooperating agencies to identify the management decisions that are best suited to local, regional, tribal and national needs and concerns. The public scoping process will identify, develop, and refine planning issues and planning criteria, including an evaluation of the existing RMP, in the context of the needs and interests of the public. Planning issues and criteria will guide the planning process. Comments on issues and planning criteria may be submitted in writing to the BLM at any public scoping meeting or by using one of the methods listed earlier.

Preliminary issues, management concerns and planning criteria have been identified by BLM personnel and other agencies. This information represents the BLM's knowledge to date regarding the existing issues and concerns with current land management. The preliminary issues that will be addressed in this planning effort include:

- Minerals and energy development
- Vegetation management (including noxious weeds and invasive species management);
- Fish and wildlife habitat;
- Air quality;
- Recreation and visitor services;
- Livestock grazing;
- Lands and realty authorizations;

and

- Special management area designations (including nominations for ACECs and comments specific to ACECs and other special designation areas).

After public comments are gathered regarding issues the RMP/EIS should address, they will be placed in one of three categories:

1. Issues to be resolved in the RMP/EIS;
2. Issues to be resolved through policy or administrative action; or
3. Issues beyond the scope of the RMP/EIS.

Rationale will be provided in the RMP/EIS for each comment placed in category two or three. In addition to these issues, a number of management concerns will be addressed in the RMP/EIS. The public is encouraged to help identify these questions and concerns during the scoping phase.

The following preliminary planning criteria have been proposed to guide development of the RMP/EIS, avoid unnecessary data collection and analyses, and ensure the RMP/EIS is tailored to the issues. Other criteria may be identified during the public scoping process. After gathering comments on preliminary planning criteria, the BLM will finalize the criteria and provide feedback to the public on the criteria to be used throughout the planning process. Some of the planning criteria that are under consideration include:

- The plan will be completed in compliance with FLPMA and all other applicable laws.
- The plan will recognize valid existing rights.
- The planning process will include an EIS that will comply with NEPA.
- The plan will establish new guidance and identify existing guidance upon which the BLM will rely in managing public lands within the North Dakota Field Office.
- The planning process will include early coordination and Endangered Species Act (ESA) consultation meetings with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service during the development of the plan.
- The plan will recognize the State's responsibility to manage wildlife populations, including uses such as hunting and fishing, within the planning area.
- The planning process would involve American Indian tribal governments and tribal leaders and would provide strategies for the protection of recognized traditional and cultural uses.
- Decisions in the plan will strive to be compatible with the existing plans and policies of adjacent local, State, tribal, and Federal agencies as long as the decisions are in conformance with legal mandates on management of public lands.

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identifiable information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your protest to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7 and 43 CFR 1610.2)

John Mehlhoff,

Montana/Dakotas State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Public Meetings for the Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below:

DATES: The Southeast Oregon RAC will meet Wednesday and Thursday, August 26 and 27, 2020, at 1 p.m. Pacific Time Wednesday and 8 a.m. Thursday. This is a rescheduled meeting for the postponed April 22–23 meeting. A public comment period will be offered at 10:15 a.m. on Thursday, August 27, 2020. If public health restrictions remain in place, the meeting will be held virtually.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Harney County Community Center, 478 N Broadway, Burns, Oregon. If a virtual meeting is necessary, directions to access the meeting will be posted at <https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/near-you/oregon-washington/southeast-oregon-rac>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larisa Bogardus, Public Affairs Officer, 3100 H St., Baker City, Oregon 97814; 541–219–6863; lbogardus@blm.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Southeast Oregon RAC is chartered, and the 15 members are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. Their diverse perspectives are represented in commodity, conservation, and general interests. The RAC serves in an advisory capacity to BLM and U.S. Forest Service officials concerning planning and management of public land and national forest resources located, in whole or part, within the boundaries of the BLM's Vale Field Office of the Vale District, the Burns District, and the Lakeview District and the Fremont-Winema and Malheur National Forests. All meetings are open to the public in their entirety. Information to be distributed to the RAC is requested before the start of each meeting.

Agenda items include updates regarding the Southeast Oregon and Lakeview Resource Management Plan Amendment processes; management of energy and minerals, timber, rangeland and grazing, commercial and dispersed recreation, wildland fire and fuels, and wild horses and burros; review of and/or recommendations regarding proposed actions by the Burns, Vale or, Lakeview BLM Districts; and any other business that may reasonably come before the RAC. A final agenda will be posted online at <https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/near-you/oregon-washington/southeast-oregon-rac> at least one week before the meeting. Comments can be mailed to: BLM Lakeview District; Attn. Todd Forbes; 1301 South G Street; Lakeview, OR 97630.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, please 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 we will be able to do so.

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James (Todd) Forbes,
Lakeview District Manager.

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Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the Ambler Mining District Industrial Access Road Environmental Impact Statement, Alaska

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Ambler Mining District Industrial Access Road Project.

DATES: The BLM issued a ROD for the Ambler Road EIS on July 23, 2020.

ADDRESSES: To access the ROD or to request an electronic or paper copy, please reach out to:

- *Website:* <http://www.blm.gov/alaska>,
- *Email:* tmcmastergoering@blm.gov,
- *Mail:* BLM Alaska State Office, 222 West 7th Avenue #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tina McMaster-Goering, Ambler Road EIS Project Manager, telephone: 907-271-1310; address: 222 West 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS 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 Ambler Road EIS analyzed an application for a Right of Way grant for a year-round industrial access road in support of mining exploration and development, and for construction, operation, and maintenance of facilities associated with that access. The EIS disclosed potential effects associated with the construction, operation, maintenance and reclamation of the road. The road would run from the existing Dalton Highway to the Ambler Mining District. The Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority

(AIDEA), a public corporation of the State of Alaska, is the applicant.

The AIDEA estimates the creation of an annual average of 486 jobs during road construction and up to 68 full-time jobs over the life of the road.

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Chad B. Padgett,
State Director, Alaska.

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Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the Alaska LNG Project

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of its Record of Decision (ROD) for the Alaska LNG project, approving the subsequent grant of right-of-way for a natural gas pipeline and sale of mineral materials on BLM-administered lands in Alaska. The Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Exercising the authority of the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, signed the ROD on July 10, 2020, which constitutes the Department of the Interior's final decision and makes the ROD effective immediately.

ADDRESSES: The ROD is available on the BLM ePlanning website at <https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/124122/510>. Click on the Documents link to find the electronic version of these materials. Hard copies of the ROD are available for public inspection at the following locations:

- BLM Alaska Public Information Center, Federal Building, 222 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99513;
- BLM Fairbanks District Office, 222 University Ave., Fairbanks, Alaska 99709;
- BLM Anchorage District Office, 4700 BLM Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99507; and
- BLM Glennallen Field Office, Milepost 186.5 Glenn Highway, Glennallen, Alaska 99588;

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Earle Williams, BLM Alaska State Office, 907-271-5762. People who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to