

SUMMARY OF EVENTS—APPENDIX A—Continued

Target date	Event
March 1	Contracting and General Services awards grants.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Application for a Natural Gas Pipeline Right-of-Way

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that under Section 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (41 Stat. 449; 30 U.S.C. 185), as amended by Public Law 93-153, Midcoast Interstate Transmission, Inc. has applied to remove a 3.5-inch natural gas pipeline within an existing right-of-way, and to install and maintain a 12.75-inch pipeline, across approximately 5,142 feet of the Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge, in Morgan County, Alabama, within the existing easement described as follows:

An easement and right-of-way for pipeline on, over, and across two strips of land lying in Morgan County, State of Alabama, in the W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 21, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 28, Township 6 South, Range 4 West, on both sides of the Flint Creek Embayment of Wheeler Lake, approximately 4 miles north of Harselle, each strip being 35 feet wide lying 17.5 feet on each side of the centerline of the pipeline location, the said strips being identified as Parcel No. 1 and Parcel No. 2, the centerlines being described as follows:

Parcel No. 1

Beginning at a point in the centerline of the pipeline location in the west line of Section 21, and in the boundary of the United States of America's land from which US-TVA Monument 136, T. 6 S., R. 4 W., (Coordinates: N. 1,639,961; E. 660,930) in the said section line and in the boundary of the United States of America's land at a corner of the lands of A.L. Handley and Mrs. Adele Russell bears S. 3° 15' W., at a distance of 46 feet; thence from the point of beginning with the centerline of the pipeline location S. 46° 38' E., 53 feet to a point; thence S. 32° 33' E., 214 feet to a point; thence S. 22° 28' E., 143 feet to a point; thence S. 12° 11' E., 419 feet to a point; thence S. 12° 46' E., 310 feet to a point; thence S. 22° 50' W., 61 feet to a point; thence S. 1° 16' W., 185 feet to a point; thence S. 50° 04' E., 61 feet to a point in or near the 556.3-foot contour on the

shore of the Flint Creek Embayment at the south end of the said parcel from which the centerline of the pipeline location continues on a bearing of S. 73° 54' E.

The land described above as Parcel No. 1 contains 1.16 acres, more or less.

Parcel No. 2

Beginning at a point in the centerline of the pipeline location in the south line of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 28, and in the boundary between the lands of the United States of America and S.A. Blair & John T. Kyle from which US-TVA Monument 96, T. 6 S., R. 4 W. (Coordinates N. 1,635,184; E. 661,772) in the said quarter section line and at a corner in the boundary of the United States of America's land bears N. 88° 25' W., at a distance of 46 feet; thence from the point of beginning with the center line of the pipeline location N. 9° 35' W., 1,346 feet to a point; thence N. 10° 50' W., 568 feet to a point; thence N. 4° 17' E. 1,432 feet to a point; thence N. 21° 29' W., 102 feet to a point; thence N. 73° 54' W., approximately 30 feet to a point in the 556.3-foot contour on the shore of the Flint Creek Embayment.

The land described above as Parcel No. 2 contains 2.80 acres, more or less.

The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that the United States Fish and Wildlife Service is currently considering the merits of approving this application.

DATES: Interested persons desiring to comment on this application should do so on or before May 11, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Room 420, Atlanta, Georgia 30345.

Sam D. Hamilton,

Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Request for Public Comments on Information Collection To Be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

A request revising and extending the collection of information listed below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the proposed collection of information and related forms may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's Clearance Officer at the phone number listed below. Comments and suggestions on the requirement should be made within 60 days directly to the Bureau Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, Reston, VA 20192.

As required by OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), the U.S. Geological Survey solicits specific public comments regarding the proposed information collection as to:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Bureau, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. the accuracy of the Bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. the utility, quality, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. how to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: Ferrous Metals Surveys.

Current OMB approval number: 1032-0006.

Abstract: Respondents supply the U.S. Geological Survey with domestic production and consumption data on ferrous and related metals. This information will be published as monthly and annual reports for use by Government agencies, industry, and the general public.

Bureau form number: Various (18 forms).

Frequency: Monthly and Annual.

Description of respondents: Producers and consumers of ferrous and related metals.

Annual Responses: 3,560.

Annual burden hours: 1,997.

Bureau clearance officer: John E. Cordyack, Jr., 703-648-7313.

John H. DeYoung, Jr.,

Chief Scientist, Minerals Information Team.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK-931-1310-00-NPRA]

Northeast National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska Draft Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Announcement of public subsistence-related hearing.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management announces a public subsistence-related hearing concerning the Northeast National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska Draft Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (IAP/EIS). The planning area is roughly bounded by the Colville River to the east and south, the Ikpikpuk River to the west and the Beaufort Sea to the north. The planning area includes Teshekpuk Lake and neighboring habitat used by migratory waterfowl important to southwest Alaska subsistence users.

Section 810 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act requires the BLM to evaluate the effects of the alternative plans presented in this IAP/EIS on subsistence activities in the planning area, and to hold public hearings if it finds that any alternative might significantly restrict subsistence activities. The Association of Village Council Presidents has identified a potential of subsistence impacts in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta based upon activities that might affect migrating waterfowl on the Alaska North Slope. The Association of Village Council Presidents has requested a hearing in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta area. Therefore, the BLM is holding a public hearing on the date given below.

The IAP/EIS contains five alternatives for a land management plan for the 4.6 million-acre planning area and assessments of the impacts on the surface resources present there. These alternatives provide varying answers to two primary questions. First, will the BLM conduct oil and gas lease sales in the planning area and, if so, what lands

will be made available for leasing? Second, what protections and enhancements will be implemented for natural and cultural resources and the activities that are based on these resources? The public hearing noted below will be to receive comments on the potential subsistence impacts to users in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta. **DATES:** Oral and/or written comments may be presented at a public hearing to be held: May 12, 1998, 9 am; KVNA, Bethel, Alaska.

Any change to the hearing schedule will be accompanied by appropriate public notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gene Terland (907-271-3344; gterland@ak.blm.gov) or Jim Ducker (907-271-3369; jducker@ak.blm.gov). They can be reached by mail at the Bureau of Land Management (930), Alaska State Office, 222 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Authority for developing this IAP/EIS is derived from the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act. Authority for holding this hearing is derived from the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act.

Copies of the draft IAP/EIS are available for public review at the Kuskokwim Consortium Library in Bethel, at the BLM Alaska State Office, 222 West 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, AK 99513, or through the internet at: <http://aurora.ak.blm.gov/npra/>.

Sally Wisely,

Associate State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Submission of Study Package to Office of Management and Budget; Opportunity for Public Comment

AGENCY: Department of the Interior; National Park Service; and Acadia National Park.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

ABSTRACT: The National Park Service (NPS) Visitor Services Project and Acadia National Park propose to conduct visitor surveys to learn about visitor demographics and visitor opinions about services and facilities in Acadia National Park. The results of the surveys will be used by park managers

to improve the services they provide to visitors while better protecting park natural and cultural resources. A study package that includes the proposed survey questionnaire for the proposed Acadia National Park study has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR part 1320, Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, the NPS invites public comment on the proposed information collection request (ICR). Comments are invited on: (1) The need for the information including whether the information has practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the reporting burden estimate; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. The purpose of the proposed ICR is to document the demographics of visitors to Acadia National Park, to learn about the motivations and expectations these visitors have for their park visit, and to obtain their opinions regarding services provided by the park and the suitability of the visitor facilities maintained in the park. This information will be used by park planners and managers to plan, develop, and operate visitor services and facilities in ways that maximize use of limited park financial and personnel resources to meet the expectations and desires of park visitors.

There were no public comments received as a result of publishing in the **Federal Register** a 60 day notice of intention to request clearance of information collection for this survey.

DATES: Public comments will be accepted on or before May 11, 1998.

SEND COMMENTS TO: Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention Desk Officer for the Interior Department, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20530; and also to: Margaret Littlejohn; Cooperative Park Studies Unit; Department of Forest Resources; College of Forestry, Wildlife and Range Sciences; University of Idaho; Moscow, ID 83844-1133.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE STUDY PACKAGE SUBMITTED FOR OMB REVIEW, CONTACT:

Margaret Littlejohn, phone: 208-885-7863, fax: 208-885-4261, or email: littlej@uidaho.edu.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: