

Sec. 6;

Sec. 9 to 16, inclusive;

Secs. 21 to 24, inclusive;

Sec. 31.

Containing approximately 8,952 acres.

T. 16 N., R. 5 W.,

Secs. 2 and 15.

Containing approximately 1,280 acres.

T. 16 N., R. 8 W.,

Secs. 14, 22, and 23.

Containing approximately 1,840 acres.

Aggregating approximately 39,085 acres.

The subsurface estate in these lands will be conveyed to NANA Regional Corporation, Inc. when the surface estate is conveyed to NANA Regional Corporation, Inc., Successor in Interest to Akuliuk Corporation. Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the Arctic Sounder.

DATES: The time limits for filing an appeal are:

1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until October 15, 2008 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Bureau of Land Management by phone at 907-271-5960, or by e-mail at ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunication device (TTD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact the Bureau of Land Management.

Hillary Woods,

Land Law Examiner, Land Transfer Adjudication I.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[F-19155-16; AK-964-1410-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 and subsurface estates in certain lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to Doyon, Limited. The lands are in the vicinity of Koyukuk, Alaska, and are located in:

Kateel River Meridian, Alaska

T. 8 S., R. 4 E.,

Secs. 1 and 2;

Secs. 11 and 12.

Containing approximately 2,141 acres.

T. 7 S., R. 5 E.,

Secs. 24 and 29.

Containing approximately 71 acres.

T. 6 S., R. 6 E.,

Secs. 4, 9, 16, 21, 28, and 31.

Containing approximately 3,747 acres.

T. 7 S., R. 7 E.,

Sec. 30;

Secs. 32 and 33.

Containing approximately 312 acres.

Aggregating approximately 6,271 acres.

Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner.

DATES: The time limits for filing an appeal are:

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Jenny M. Anderson,

Land Law Examiner, Land Transfer Adjudication I.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-025-1990-EX-241A; HAG8-0195]

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Celatom Mine Expansion Plan of Operations From EP Minerals, LLC

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Burns District, Three Rivers Resource Area.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and surface management regulations at 43 CFR part 3809 and 43 CFR part 3715 for operations authorized by the mining laws on public lands, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is initiating preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze potential environmental effects resulting from proposed expansion of an existing diatomite mine.

DATES: Scoping comments will be accepted for 45 days following publication of this notice. The scoping comments will be used as BLM prepares the Draft EIS. Public notice will be provided when the Draft EIS becomes available in 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Celatom Mine Expansion EIS Lead, Bureau of Land Management, Burns District Office, 28910, Highway 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738; (541) 573-4400; Fax (541) 573-4411; or e-mail (OREPCME@blm.gov). Documents pertinent to this project may be examined at the Burns District Office west of Hines, Oregon, during regular business hours, 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Celatom Mine is currently on Federal, State, and private land covering approximately 450 acres. On Federal land it is operating under a Mine Plan of Operations received by Burns District BLM in 1984 that was approved by BLM after completion of an Environmental Assessment in 1985. Proposed expansion of the Celatom Mine and changes in mining methods require additional environmental analysis. The existing disturbance, coupled with proposed mine expansion and areas proposed for exploratory drilling, encompasses 8,115 acres of public land managed by BLM, 1,280 acres of state

land, 1,640 acres of private land, and 1,600 acres of private surface estate with Federal mineral estate patented under the Stock Raising Homestead Act. The mine area is located almost entirely in Three Rivers Resource Area of Burns District BLM with 35 acres in Vale District BLM.

An interdisciplinary approach will be used to develop the EIS in order to consider the variety of resource issues and concerns identified through the scoping process. Disciplines involved in the planning process will include (but not be limited to) those with expertise in air quality, American Indian traditional practices, biological soil crusts, cultural heritage, fire management, fisheries, grazing management, migratory birds, minerals, noxious weeds, recreation, soils, transportation/roads, vegetation, visual resources, water quality, riparian zones, wildlife, and wilderness characteristics.

Public Participation

Cooperating agencies having specific expertise or interests in the project are invited to participate. The public and interest groups will have every opportunity to participate during formal comment periods. In addition, public meetings will be held during the public comment period for the Draft EIS. Public meetings will be held in Burns, Oregon, and Vale, Oregon, plus other communities if the interest warrants. Early participation is encouraged and will help determine the future management of the Celatom Mine. Meetings and comment deadlines will be announced through the local news media and the Burns BLM Web site (<http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/burns>). Written comments will be accepted throughout the planning process at the address above. 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.

Background Information

The Celatom Mine currently consists of three open pit mines located within four miles of each other in Harney and Malheur Counties, Oregon. One mine is on land managed by BLM's Burns District; another mine is on land managed by the State of Oregon, and the third mine is on private land. EP

Minerals excavates diatomaceous earth during the summer, stockpiles ore and waste rock in the vicinity of each mine, and hauls the ore approximately 60 miles year-round to their mill located on private land west of Vale, Oregon. Some ore is stockpiled at a site on land administered by BLM in the vicinity of the mill. Mill waste is backhauled to the mine site and used in backfilling the open pits as part of reclamation.

Brendan J. Cain,

Acting Burns District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-680-1430-ET; CACA 50194]

Notice of Proposed Legislative Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of withdrawal application and segregation.

SUMMARY: The Act of February 28, 1958 (43 U.S.C. 155-158), sometimes referred to as the Engle Act, places on the Secretary of the Interior the responsibility to process Department of Defense applications for national defense withdrawals, reservations or restrictions aggregating 5,000 acres or more for any one project or facility. These withdrawals, reservations or restrictions may only be made by an act of Congress, except in time of war or national emergency declared by the President or the Congress and except as otherwise expressly provided in the Act of February 28, 1958.

The U.S. Department of the Navy, in accordance with the Engle Act, has filed an application requesting the Secretary of the Interior to process a proposed legislative withdrawal and reservation of public lands for military training exercises involving the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms, San Bernardino County, California. The proposal seeks the transfer of jurisdiction and the withdrawal of approximately 365,906 acres of public lands and approximately 507 acres of Federal subsurface mineral estate from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including surface entry, mining, mineral leasing, and the Materials Act of 1947.

This notice temporarily segregates for two years the public lands and mineral estate described from settlement, sale,

location, or entry under the public land laws, including the mining laws, and the operation of the mineral leasing laws and the Materials Act of 1947. In addition, the surface estate of the 507 acres of mineral estate and the surface and mineral estate of an approximately 72,186 acres of other non-federally owned property in the proposed withdrawal area, if they should be acquired by or returned to the United States by any means, would also be included in the proposed withdrawal and subject to the temporary segregation authorized by this notice.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before December 15, 2008. In addition, at least one public meeting will be held during the comment period to help the public understand both the proposed action and the decision-making processes. The public meeting will be announced at least 30 days in advance through local news media, public notices, mailings, and agency Web sites.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Roxie Trost, Field Manager, Barstow Field Office, 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, California 92311.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roxie Trost, BLM Barstow Field Office, 760-252-6000; or Joseph Ross, USMC MCAGCC, 760-830-7683.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Acting on behalf of the U.S. Marine Corps (USMC), the Department of the Navy has filed an application with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) requesting the Secretary of the Interior to process a legislative withdrawal pursuant to the Engle Act (43 U.S.C. 155-158). The proposal would withdraw the following areas, as described below, and located adjacent to the exterior boundaries of the USMC's Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC), located in Twentynine Palms, California:

1. *Federally owned surface and mineral estate:* Subject to valid existing rights, the following described federally owned surface and mineral estate are withdrawn from settlement, sale, location or entry under the public land laws, including the mining laws, and to the operation of the mineral leasing laws and the Materials Act of 1947:

All Are San Bernardino Meridian

Western Expansion Area

T. 4 N., R. 2 E.,

Sec. 1, all;

Sec. 2, lots 3 to 90, inclusive.

T. 5 N., R. 2 E.,

Secs. 1 to 2, all, inclusive;

Secs. 11 to 14, all, inclusive;

Secs. 23 to 26, all, inclusive;

Sec. 35, all.

T. 6 N., R. 2 E.,