

are proposed as part of this renewal. No third party notification or public disclosure burden is associated with this collection. There is no change to the approved burden hours for this information collection.

## II. Request for Comments

OFA requests that you send your comments on this collection to the location listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. Your comments should address: (a) The necessity of the information collection for the proper performance of the agencies, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of our estimate of the burden (hours and cost) of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways we could enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways we could minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents, such as through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that an agency may not sponsor or conduct, and an individual need not respond to, a collection of information unless it has a valid OMB Control Number. This information collection expires April 30, 2010.

It is our policy to make all comments available to the public for review at the location listed in the **ADDRESSES** section during the hours of 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday except for legal holidays. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address or other personally identifiable information, be advised that your entire comment—including your personally identifiable information—may be made public at any time. While you may request that we withhold your personally identifiable information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

## III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 1076–0104.

*Title:* Documented Petitions for Federal Acknowledgment as an Indian Tribe, 25 CFR Part 83.

*Brief Description of Collection:* Submission of this information allows OFA to review applications for the Federal acknowledgment of a group as an Indian Tribe. The acknowledgment regulations at 25 CFR part 83 contain seven criteria that unrecognized groups seeking Federal acknowledgment as Indian Tribes must demonstrate that they meet. Information collected from petitioning groups under these regulations provide anthropological, genealogical and historical data used by

the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs to establish whether a petitioning group has the characteristics necessary to be acknowledged as having a government-to-government relationship with the United States. Respondents are not required to retain copies of information submitted to OFA but will probably maintain copies for their own use; therefore, there is no recordkeeping requirement included in this information collection. Response is required to obtain a benefit.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents:* Groups petitioning for Federal acknowledgment as Indian Tribes.

*Number of Respondents:* 10 per year, on average.

*Total Number of Responses:* 10 per year, on average.

*Frequency of Response:* Once.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 2,075 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 20,750 hours.

Dated: April 20, 2010.

**Alvin Foster,**

*Acting Chief Information Officer—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Application for a Recordable Disclaimer of Interest for Lands Underlying the Tanana River in Alaska

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The State of Alaska has filed an application with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for a Recordable Disclaimer of Interest from the United States in those lands underlying the Tanana River in Interior Alaska. The State asserts that the Tanana River was navigable and unreserved at the time of Statehood; therefore title to the submerged lands passed to the State at the time of Statehood (1959).

**DATES:** All comments to this action should be received on or before July 28, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the State of Alaska's application or the BLM Draft Summary Report must be filed with the Chief, Branch of Survey Planning and

Preparation (AK–927), Division of Cadastral Survey, BLM Alaska State Office, 222 W. 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513–7599.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Callie Webber, Navigability Section Chief, at the above address, (907) 271–3167, or [cwebber@blm.gov](mailto:cwebber@blm.gov), or visit the BLM Recordable Disclaimer of Interest Web site at <http://www.blm.gov/ak/st/en/prog/rdi.html>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 10, 2006, the State of Alaska filed an application for a Recordable Disclaimer of Interest pursuant to section 315 of the Federal Lands Policy and Management Act and the regulations contained in 43 CFR subpart 1864 for the lands underlying the Tanana River (FF–94683). A Recordable Disclaimer of Interest, if issued, will confirm that the United States has no valid interest in the subject lands. The notice is intended to notify the public of the pending application and the State's reasons for supporting it. The State asserts that this river was navigable at the time of Statehood, and therefore, ownership of the lands underlying the river automatically passed from the United States to the State at the time of Statehood in 1959, pursuant to the Equal Footing Doctrine, the Submerged Lands Act of 1953, the Submerged Lands Act of 1988, the Alaska Statehood Act, or any other legally cognizable reason.

The State's application, FF–94683, is for "all submerged lands lying within the bed of the Tanana River, between the ordinary high water lines of the left and right banks from its origins at the confluence with the Chisana and the Nabesna Rivers within Section 29 and 30, Township 15 North, Range 19 East, Copper River Meridian, Alaska, flowing generally northwesterly to all points of confluence with the Yukon River in Section 23, Township 4 North, Range 22 West, Fairbanks Meridian, Alaska." The State did not identify any known adverse claimant or occupant of the affected lands.

A final decision on the merits of the application will not be made before July 28, 2010. During the 90-day period, interested parties may comment on the State's application, FF–94683, and supporting evidence. Interested parties may also comment during this time on the BLM's Draft Summary Report.

Comments, including names and street addresses of commenters, will be available for public review at the Alaska State Office (*see ADDRESSES* above), during regular business hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

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.

If the evidence is sufficient to find a determination of navigability for title purposes, and the records do not disclose a reason not to issue the disclaimer, and there is no valid objection by another Federal agency, then the application may be approved.

**Authority:** 43 CFR subpart 1864.

**Michael H. Schoder,**

*Deputy State Director, Division of Cadastral Survey.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for Domestic Sheep Grazing on the Dog Creek and Green Creek Allotments, Mono County, CA, and Possible Land Use Plan Amendment

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Bishop Field Office, Bishop, California intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA), which may include an amendment to the Bishop Resource Management Plan (RMP), dated March 25, 1993. By this notice the Bishop Field Office is announcing the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues.

**DATES:** This notice initiates the public scoping process for the EA and possible plan amendment. Comments on issues may be submitted in writing until June 1, 2010. The date(s) and location(s) of any scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local media and the BLM Web site at: <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/bishop.html>. In order to be considered

in the EA, all comments must be received before the close of the scoping period or 15 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later. The BLM will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the EA.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria related to the EA and possible plan amendment by any of the following methods:

- *Web site:* <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/bishop.html>.
- *E-mail:* [Jeffrey\\_Starosta@blm.gov](mailto:Jeffrey_Starosta@blm.gov).
- *Fax:* (760) 872-5050.
- *Mail:* BLM Bishop Field Office, 351 Pacu Lane, Suite 100, Bishop, California 93514, Attn: Jeff Starosta, Rangeland Management Specialist.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Bishop Field Office.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Jeff Starosta, Rangeland Management Specialist, telephone (760) 872-5032; mail BLM Bishop Field Office, 351 Pacu Lane, Suite 100, Bishop, California 93514; or e-mail [Jeffrey\\_Starosta@blm.gov](mailto:Jeffrey_Starosta@blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The BLM Bishop Field Office intends to prepare an EA that will evaluate a range of alternatives for grazing domestic sheep on the Dog Creek and Green Creek allotments in Mono County, California. The purpose of this action is to consider whether or not, or under what terms and conditions, to issue 10-year grazing permits for these two allotments. The selection of any alternative that would modify the mandatory terms and conditions of the allotments, or that would make all or portions of the allotments unavailable for grazing by domestic livestock, would not conform to the Bishop RMP, and would therefore require a plan amendment.

The Dog Creek allotment consists of approximately 6,527 acres of public land and 1,148 acres of private land. The Green Creek allotment consists of approximately 3,861 acres of public land, 160 acres of state land, and 364 acres of private land. The Dog Creek allotment includes the majority of the Conway Summit Area of Critical Environmental Concern. No threatened or endangered species are known to occur in the allotments and there is no designated critical habitat for any listed species in either allotment.

Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep (*Ovis canadensis sierrae*), a federally listed endangered species, inhabit the Sierra Nevada Range south and west of the two allotments. In the final Recovery Plan

for the Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep (SNBS Recovery Plan), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) recommended that the Dog Creek and Green Creek allotments be closed to domestic sheep grazing due to the risk of disease transmission between domestic sheep and bighorn sheep. These two allotments were specifically identified by the FWS as posing a high risk for disease transmission because of their proximity to occupied Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep habitat.

The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, and guide the process for developing the EA. At present, the BLM has identified the following preliminary issues: livestock management; specially designated areas; cultural resources; recreation; invasive, non-native species; social and economic values; wetlands and riparian habitats; and vegetation and wildlife, including threatened, endangered, and sensitive species.

Preliminary planning criteria include:

- Incorporating the Central California Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management;

- Complying with Appendix C of the BLM Land Use Planning Handbook (H 1601-1) in making resource specific determinations;

- Analyzing allotment closure recommendations provided by the FWS in the SNBS Recovery Plan;

- Developing any required plan amendment in compliance with the FLPMA, all other applicable laws, regulations, executive orders, and BLM supplemental program guidance;

- Considering the extent to which the action alternative and any required plan amendment supports the recovery goals outlined in the SNBS Recovery Plan; and

- Assuring that any required plan amendment is compatible, to the extent possible, with existing plans and policies of adjacent local, state, Tribal, and Federal agencies.

Authorization of any alternative analyzed in the EA may require amendment of the Bishop RMP, dated March 25, 1993. By this notice, the BLM is complying with requirements in 43 CFR 1610.2(c) to notify the public of potential amendments to land use plans, predicated on the findings of the EA. If a land use plan amendment is necessary, the BLM will integrate the land use planning process with the NEPA process for this project. The BLM will use and coordinate the NEPA commenting process to satisfy the public involvement process for Section