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Dear Reader:

We are pleased to make the Alpine Satellite Development Plan (ASDP) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) available to you. This Draft EIS responds to a proposal by ConocoPhillips Alaska Inc. (CPAI) to develop five satellite oil production pads to its Alpine field. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is conducting this EIS with four cooperating agencies: the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Environment Protection Agency, the U.S. Coast Guard, and the State of Alaska. These agencies have contributed to this Draft EIS and will use the results of the Final EIS in making their decisions on CPAI's proposal.

But this draft is mostly for you. It is to let you know the alternatives we are considering and the impacts to resources we foresee. We have tried to be accurate with our information, but we are looking for ways to improve. If you see errors in our portrayal of the area's resources or in our analyses, please offer corrections. When you share your comments with us, please be specific. Please identify the specific mistake or concern you have, where it appears in the Draft EIS, and the correction you feel is necessary.

We do not have a preferred alternative. We are interested in your reasons for preferring one approach or design for this project over another. If you think the best alternative uses elements from several of the existing alternatives, tell us what these features are, why they are the best approach, and how we should use them in crafting the preferred alternative in our Final EIS.

There are four ways to get your ideas to us. You may go to our plan online at [www.alpine-satellites-eis.com](http://www.alpine-satellites-eis.com) and use the comment form. You may write to us via our contractor, Entrix Environmental Consulting, at:

Alpine Satellite Development Plan EIS  
Entrix Project Team  
3701 E. Tudor Road, Suite 208  
Anchorage, AK 99507

You may fax it to Entrix at 907-563-0439, or you can hand-deliver your letter to us at the contractor's address or to the BLM Public Information Center in the Federal Building, 222 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Anchorage.

It is the BLM's practice to make comments, including names and addresses of individual commenters, available for public review during regular business hours. Individual commenters may request confidentiality. If you ask us to withhold your name or street address from public view or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you may do so by stating this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. The agency will honor your request to the extent allowed by law. However, the BLM will not consider anonymous comments. All submittals from organizations and businesses and from individuals who identify themselves as representatives or officials of organizations and businesses will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

The public comment period for the Draft EIS extends for 45 days from the filing of a notice of its availability by the Environmental Protection Agency in the *Federal Register* in January 2004. The precise date when comments will be due can be found on the ASDP EIS website at [www.alpine-satellites-eis.com](http://www.alpine-satellites-eis.com) or by calling Entrix at 907-563-0438. Public meetings and ANILCA 810 subsistence hearings will be held in Nuiqsut, Barrow, Atqasuk, and Anaktuvuk Pass, and public meetings will take place in Anchorage and Fairbanks. The dates for these meetings will be announced in newspaper advertisements and on the ASDP EIS website.

If you have questions about the public comment process or this Draft EIS, please call Jim Ducker, BLM Alaska State Office at (907) 271-3130 or Gary Foreman, BLM Northern Field Office at (907) 474-2339.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Henri R. Bisson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "H" and "B".

Henri R. Bisson  
State Director