

Campbell Tract Facility Plan Amendment

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OVERVIEW:

- ✘ Purpose of Open House
- ✘ BLM's Proposed Action
- ✘ Campbell Tract History
- ✘ BLM Planning Process
- ✘ How to learn more and submit comments
- ✘ Next steps

ADMINISTRATIVE SITE WITHDRAWAL

- × Public Land Order 6127

- × “withdrawals and reserves certain land uses of the BLM as an administrative site known as Campbell Tract”

- × Public Land Order 7471

- × Withdrawal renewed for another 20 years, to include Science Center facility, extended until Feb. 11, 2022.

PURPOSE OF OPEN HOUSE

PROPOSED ACTION

- ✘ Amend the Ring of Fire Resource Management Plan to address the 730-acre Campbell Tract Facility (CTF) administrative site (2008).
- ✘ Perform an associated environmental analysis for managing and allocating uses and resources at CTF.

PURPOSE AND NEED FOR AMENDMENT

- ✘ To provide updated guidance for managing issues and opportunities for the four management areas at BLM's Campbell Tract Administrative Site.
- ✘ When approved, the plan amendment will provide current guidance and clear management direction to maintain, renovate and develop the management areas. Current issues and opportunities include: increased annual visitation, new outdoor recreation opportunities, the expanding role of environmental education, potential new commercial uses, and public safety concerns.



Administrative Site





Airstrip





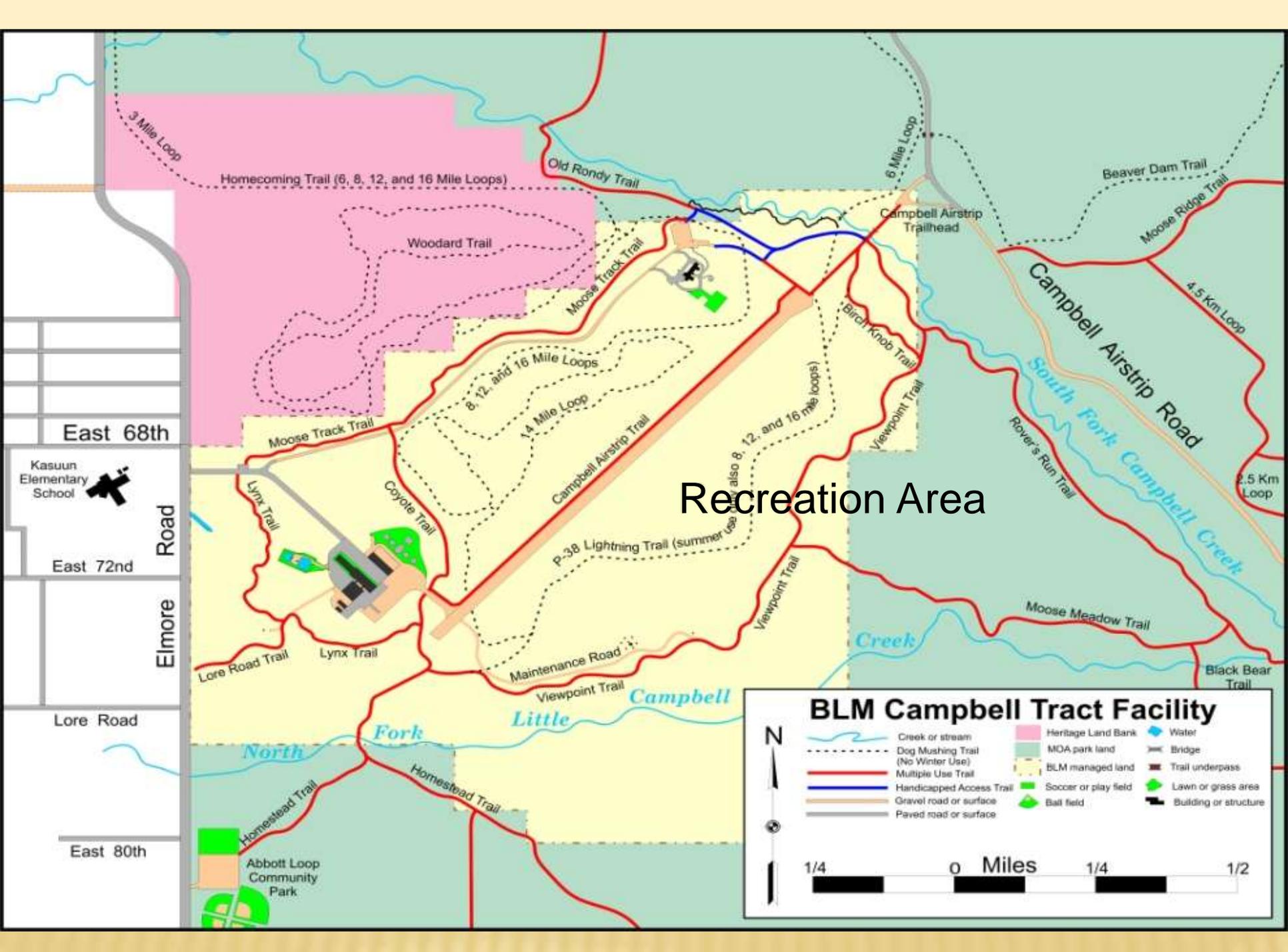






Recreation Area





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BLM Campbell Tract Facility

	Creek or stream		Heritage Land Bank		Water
	Dog Mushing Trail (No Winter Use)		MOA park land		Bridge
	Multiple Use Trail		BLM managed land		Trail underpass
	Handicapped Access Trail		Soccer or play field		Lawn or grass area
	Gravel road or surface		Ball field		Building or structure
	Paved road or surface				

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 1/4 0 Miles 1/4 1/2

East 68th
 Kasuun Elementary School
 East 72nd
 Elmore Road
 Lore Road
 East 80th
 Abbott Loop Community Park

3 Mile Loop
 Homecoming Trail (6, 8, 12, and 16 Mile Loops)
 Woodard Trail
 Moose Track Trail
 Old Rondo Trail
 Campbell Airstrip Trailhead
 6 Mile Loop
 Beaver Dam Trail
 Moose Ridge Trail
 4.5 Km Loop
 Birch Knobs Trail
 Viewpoint Trail
 Campbell Airstrip Road
 South Fork Campbell Creek
 Rover's Run Trail
 2.5 Km Loop
 Moose Meadow Trail
 Black Bear Trail
 P-38 Lightning Trail (summer use only also 8, 12, and 16 mile loops)
 Viewpoint Trail
 Maintenance Road
 Lynx Trail
 Coyote Trail
 Campbell Airstrip Trail
 Lynx Trail
 Lore Road Trail
 North Fork Little Campbell Creek
 Viewpoint Trail
 Homestead Trail
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Science Center



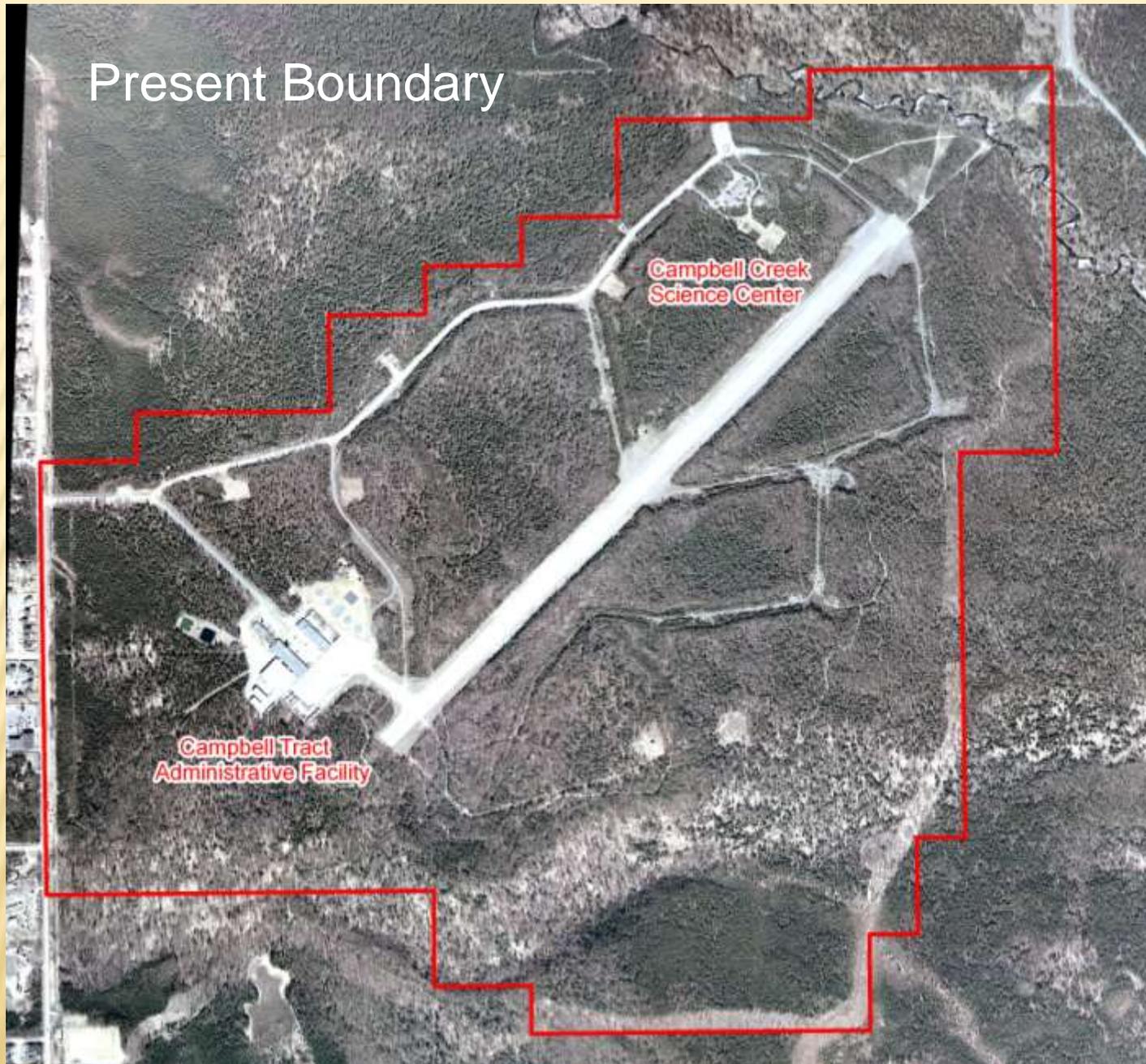
Circa 1965



CAMPBELL TRACT HISTORY

- Before WW II, Campbell Tract was part of the Public Domain administered by BLM.
- 1942 - 7,680 acres withdrawn for military purposes.
- 1964 - BLM moves to Campbell Tract following the 1964 earthquake.
- 1965 - 160 acres withdrawn for a BLM Administrative Site:
Land used for Office/Warehouse Complex, Communication Support, Aircraft Services and Fire Fighting Support.
- 1971 - Military relinquishes their withdrawal and land returned to the Public Domain.
- 1980 - State receives 4,325 Acres pursuant to Public Land Order 92-204 and Recreation & Public Purposes Act.
- 1981 - State re-conveys land to MOA for the Far North Bicentennial Park.
- 1982 - 730 acres of land withdrawn for a BLM Administrative site for 20 years.
- 2002 – Withdrawn for another 20 years.
- 2022 - Withdrawal expires.

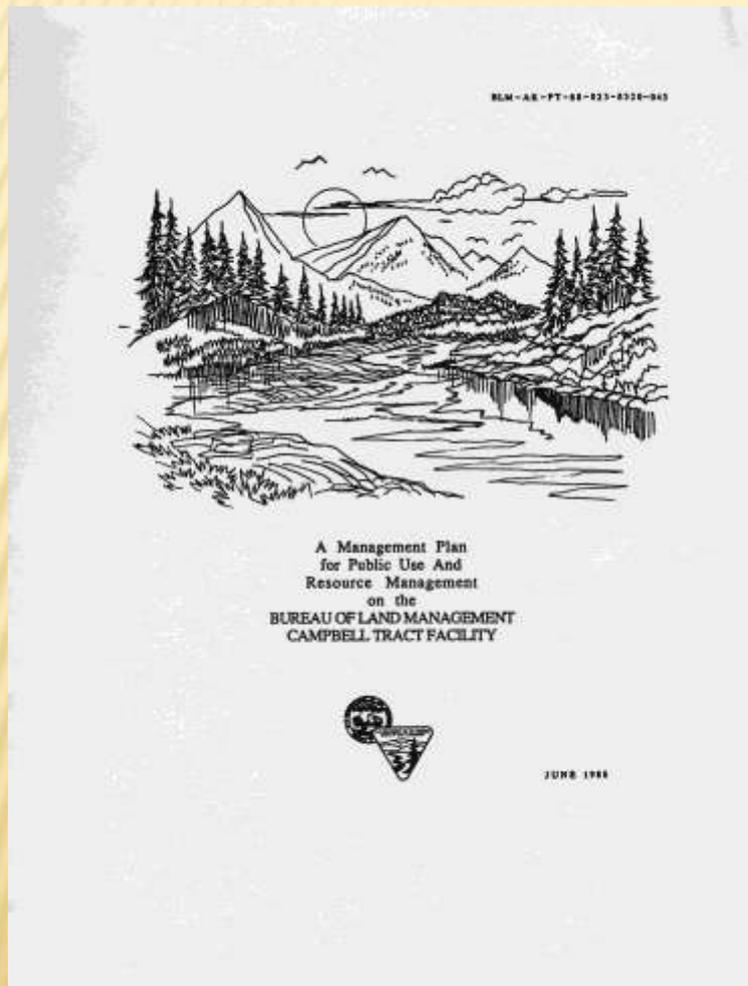
Present Boundary



CAMPBELL TRACT TODAY

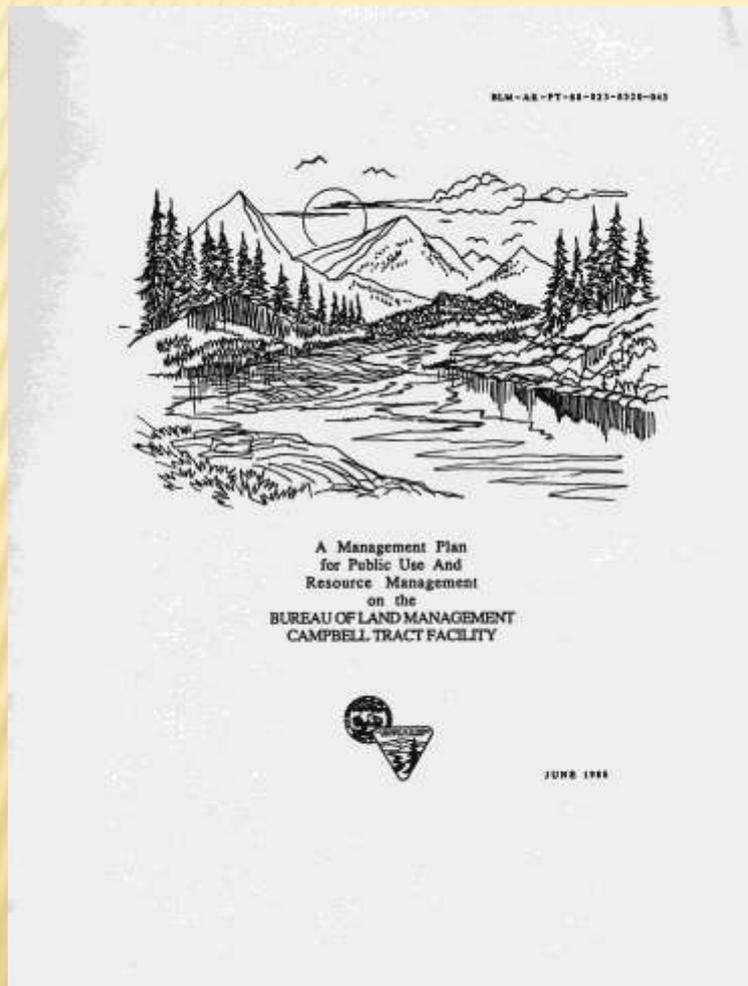
- ✘ Administrative site for BLM offices and interagency warehouse.
- ✘ Communication site for BLM and other federal agencies.
- ✘ Alternate runway in the event of emergencies.
- ✘ FEMA secondary disaster coordination site.
- ✘ Campbell Creek Science Center – 25,000 in 2001 to 42,000 in 2009.
- ✘ Campbell Tract Special Recreation Management Area and Campbell Tract Loop National Recreation Trail – 17,000 in 1988 to 162,000 2009.
- ✘ Management integrated with the MOA and Far North Bicentennial Park.
- ✘ Increasing visitor use and unique urban interface.

EXISTING PLAN



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× 1988



PRELIMINARY DECISIONS TO BE MADE:

- ✘ Determine which types of commercial use may be authorized within the four management areas.

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 - ✘ **Develop a Special Recreation Management Area Plan plan for Campbell Tract.**

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 - ✘ **Determine ongoing maintenance to facilities & trails.**

ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS ON PURPOSE AND NEED:

- ✘ Dynamic, changing with new information from public and internal scoping.

BLM PLAN PROCESS

- ✘ The scope and complexity of the issues to be analyzed will determine required planning steps. At a minimum:
 - + Published notice in the Federal Register
 - + Public Scoping with 30-day comment period
 - + Formulate and analyze alternatives
 - + Prepare an environmental analysis for the Plan Amendment
 - + Conduct another Open House
 - + Provide minimum 30-day comment period

HOW TO LEARN MORE AND SUBMIT COMMENTS:

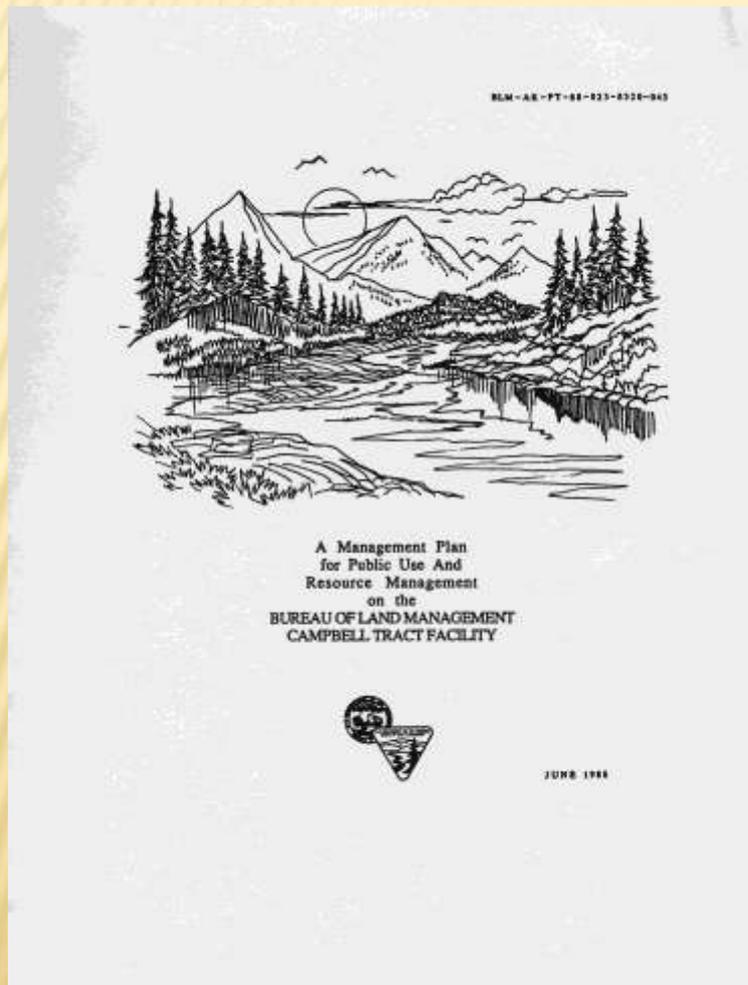
- ✘ Trailhead Visitor Use Surveys.
- ✘ Open House followed by 30-day comment period.
- ✘ Comment Forms Due by **April 30, 2010**.
- ✘ Regular mail: BLM Anchorage Field Office, 4700 BLM Road, Anchorage, AK 99507.
- ✘ E-mail to ak_ctf_amend@blm.gov.
- ✘ FAX to 267-1267.

COMMENT FORM

✘ What is the BLM looking for in public comments?

Scoping is an opportunity for the public to share thoughts and recommendations regarding management of the Campbell Tract Facility. Comments may include what you like or don't like about current management of the area, new ideas or information for the BLM to consider, or suggestions for improvement. All thoughts and recommendations should be clear and accurate and/or present a reasonable recommendation to a specific opportunity or issue.

CURRENT MANAGEMENT GOALS & OBJECTIVES



www.blm.gov/ak/st/en/prog/planning/ct_amendment.html

NEXT STEPS

- ✘ Review and consider all comments received by 4/30/2010.
- ✘ Develop alternatives.
- ✘ Write an environmental analysis for the Plan Amendment.
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- ✘ Another 30-day comment period.

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