

NORTHEAST NATIONAL PETROLEUM RESERVE - ALASKA FINAL SUPPLEMENTAL INTEGRATED ACTIVITY PLAN/ ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Lead Agency: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management

Proposed Action: Northeast National Petroleum Reserve – Alaska Supplemental Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement for certain lands within the North Slope Borough, Alaska.

Abstract: The Bureau of Land Management is proposing to supplement its 2005 Northeast National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A) Amended Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (IAP/EIS). The Amended IAP/EIS and this supplement are designed to address the Nation's need for production of more oil and gas through leasing lands in the Northeast NPR-A in addition to those lands made available to leasing by the 1998 Record of Decision for the Northeast NPR-A IAP/EIS. This supplement considers four alternatives. The alternatives offer a range of options for the amount of lands that would be made available for oil and gas leasing, from 87 percent to 100 percent of the approximately 4.6 million acres in the Northeast NPR-A. In addition, the alternatives offer two types of mitigation for impacts to resources—prescriptive and performance-based. The IAP/EIS evaluates the potential effects to air quality, paleontological resources, soil, water resources, vegetation, wetlands and floodplains, fish, wildlife, threatened and endangered species, cultural and subsistence resources, sociocultural systems, environmental justice, coastal zone management, recreation, visual resources, public health, and the economy. The alternatives propose a range of land allocations as well as stipulations and required operating procedures to mitigate impacts to resources and their uses.

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