

Northeast National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska 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 (NPR-A) Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (IAP/EIS) for lands within the North Slope Borough, Alaska

Abstract: The Northeast NPR-A IAP/EIS will determine the appropriate multiple-use management of 4.6 million acres of public lands in the NPR-A consistent with statutory direction. This document puts forward six alternatives; including the Preferred Alternative. Some alternatives propose designation of some lands in recognition of their outstanding surface values. These designations include establishing a new Special Area (a designation established by the National Petroleum Reserve Production Act for areas of high resource value that would receive especially high protection), enlarging an existing Special Area, recommending that much of the Colville River and lands immediately adjacent to it be designated a National Wild and Scenic River by Congress, and creation of a Bird Conservation Area. The alternatives also include a range of options that would make lands available for oil and gas leasing. The range includes making no lands available and making all lands available. The alternatives also propose a range of stipulations to mitigate impacts to surface resources and uses that would attach to BLM authorizations.

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