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Northwest National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement

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

Proposed Action: Northwest National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A) Final Integrated Activity Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement (IAP/EIS) for lands within the North Slope Borough, Alaska.

Abstract: The Northwest NPR-A IAP/EIS will determine appropriate multiple-use management of 8.8 million acres of public lands in the NPR-A consistent with statutory direction. This final document puts forward five alternatives. The alternatives offer a range of options that would make lands available for oil and gas leasing. The alternatives range from making no lands available for leasing to making all lands available for leasing. The EIS evaluates the potential effects to Air Quality; Birds; Coastal Zone Management; Cultural Resources; Economy; Endangered and Threatened Species (Bowhead Whales and Spectacled and Steller's eiders); Estuarine Water Quality; Environmental Justice; Fish Resources (Anadromous and Amphidromous); Freshwater Quality; Marine and Terrestrial Mammals; Paleontological Resources; Recreation and Wilderness; Sociocultural Systems; Soils; Subsistence-Harvest Patterns; Vegetation and Wetlands; Water Resources; Wild and Scenic Rivers. The alternatives include land allocations as well as stipulations and required operating procedures to mitigate impacts to resources and the uses.

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