



South National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska

Public participation begins

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is beginning a new planning effort to examine potential future management of the southern part of the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska. The planning area includes 9.2 million acres, much of which is in the foothills and mountains of the upper Colville and Utukok River drainages (see pages 2 and 3 for maps).

The BLM is starting its planning effort by seeking input from the public and other agencies. The BLM asks the public and agencies for topics of concern as well as ideas for how the land should be managed. The agency welcomes comments during the “scoping” period, which extends through August 26, 2005.

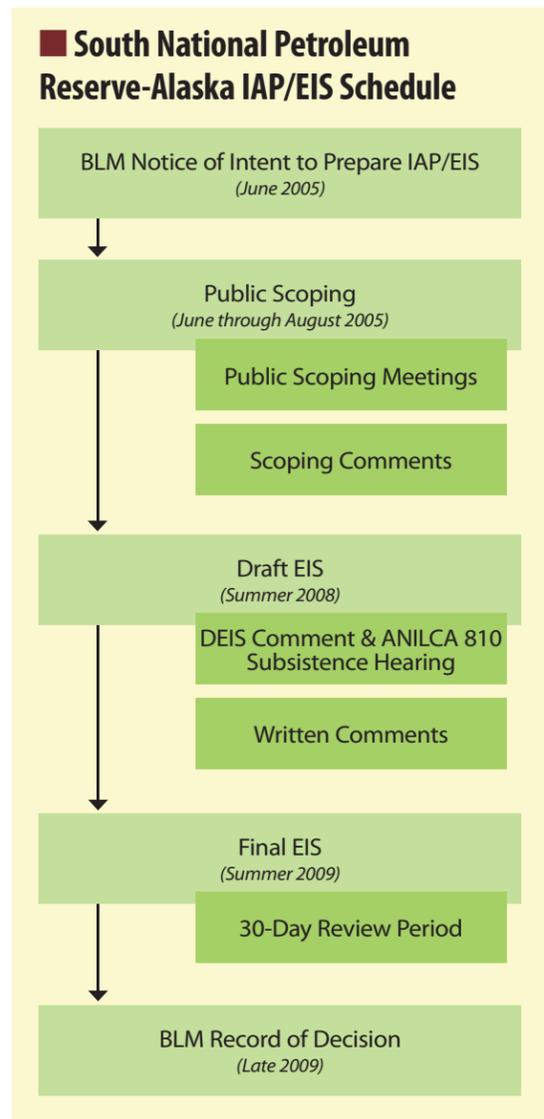
Think about what is important to include in the analysis of the impacts. Be as specific as you can — describe **what** resource (surface and subsurface), **where** it is, and **why** it is important.

You can comment on the South National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska Integrated Activity Plan (IAP)/ Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) by:

- **Attending a scoping meeting**
Fifteen meetings have been scheduled in northwest Alaska, Anchorage and Fairbanks. See the back page for meeting information.

Or

- **Sending us a letter.**
Please mail your comments to:
South NPR-A Planning Team
BLM Alaska State Office
222 W. 7th Ave. #13
Anchorage, AK 99513



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Scoping Meeting Schedule for South National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska IAP/EIS

BLM will announce any schedule changes through the local media or you can call 907-271-5960 for more information.

COMMUNITY	MEETING DATE	LOCATION & TIME
Ambler	July 19, 2005	Ambler School 6:30-9:00pm
Anaktuvuk Pass	August 11, 2005	Community Center 6:30-9:00pm
Anchorage	August 8, 2005	Loussac Library 6:30-9:00pm
Atqasuk	July 29, 2005	Community Center 6:30-9:00pm
Barrow	July 27, 2005	Inupiat Heritage Center 6:30-9:00pm
Buckland	August 1, 2005	City Building 6:30-9:00pm
Fairbanks	August 10, 2005	Noel Wein Library 6:30-9:00pm
Kiana	July 18, 2005	Community Bingo Hall 6:30-9:00pm
Kivalina	July 21, 2005	Community Hall 6:30-9:00pm
Koyuk	August 2, 2005	City Building 6:30-9:00pm
Kotzebue	July 20, 2005	Alaska Technology Center 6:30-9:00pm
Nome	August 3, 2005	Old Catholic Church 6:30-9:00pm
Point Hope	July 28, 2005	Community Center 2:00-4:00pm
Point Lay	July 26, 2005	TBD
Wainwright	July 25, 2005	Community Center 6:30-9:00pm

Attention: BLM Website Unavailable

As of this printing, the BLM Alaska website is unavailable. However, information on this plan can be obtained at BLM's national website www.blm.gov. If you need more information about the South National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska planning effort, please visit the Public Information Center at the BLM Alaska State Office, 222 W. 7th Ave. #13, Anchorage AK 99513, or call 907-271-5960.

South unlike previous planning areas

The South National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska plan will address the only remaining unplanned portion of the Reserve. In early 2004 the Secretary of the Interior adopted the BLM's plan for the northwest part of the Reserve and the agency is in the final stages of amending its 1998 plan for the northeast part of the Reserve.

The South planning area is strikingly different from the other areas of the Reserve. While the lake-dotted arctic coastal plain dominates the Northeast and Northwest planning areas, the southern area of the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska is dominated by relatively dry uplands, ranging from a couple hundred feet above sea level to peaks of several thousand feet at the crest of the Brooks Range on the Reserve's southern boundary. While villages are sited along the coast and rivers of the northeastern and northwestern Reserve, there are no communities in the South planning

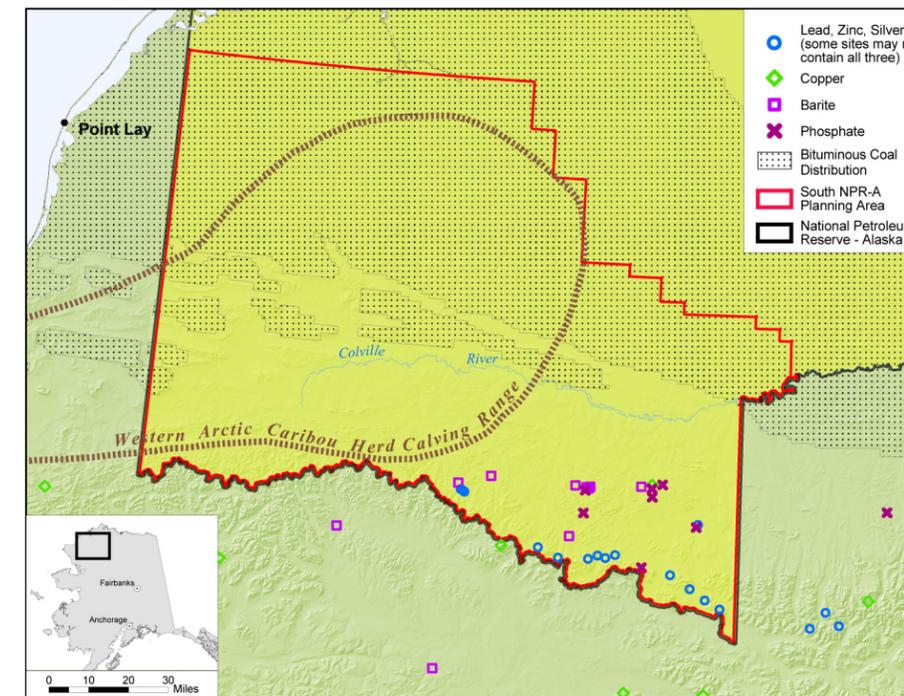


area. Oil and gas potential was considered high in both the Northwest and Northeast planning areas, the oil and gas potential is lower in the South planning area. There is potential for hard rock, such as lead and zinc, and coal and coalbed methane.

Western Arctic Caribou Herd

The South plan area includes important surface values that the BLM wants to protect. Much of the western two-thirds of the area comprises

Planning Area Resources



the calving grounds for the Western Arctic Caribou Herd, considered to be the largest herd in Alaska. The foothills of the Brooks Range also provide important areas for the herd to seek relief from insects. Residents of more than two dozen villages harvest caribou from this herd. Congress recognized the importance of the calving area by mandating special protection for the Utukok Uplands Special Area.



Recreational Values

The plan area also has important visual and recreational values. The BLM will assess the Wild and Scenic River potential for streams in the plan area, including the Colville River, much of which is encompassed in the Colville River Special Area.

Oil & Gas Leasing

The BLM will consider what, if any, of the planning area should be made available for oil and gas leasing. If there are areas that would be made available, determining what measures need to be in place to protect the important surface resources of the area will be an important component to the plan.

Hard Rock and Coal Mining Potential

Hard rock and coal mining are prohibited in the Petroleum Reserve by law, so only Congress can make a decision to open the area for mining.

