

for geothermal development. The lands available for exploration and leasing include public, withdrawn, reserved and acquired lands administered by the BLM.

The regulations within 43 Group 3100 outline procedures for obtaining a lease to explore for, develop, and produce oil and gas resources located on federal lands. The regulations within 43 CFR Group 3200 provide for issuing geothermal leases and the exploration, development and utilization of federally owned geothermal resources. BLM needs the information requested on the two forms to process bids for oil and gas and geothermal lands and to complete environmental reviews required by NEPA.

For Form 3000-2, "Competitive Oil and Gas or Geothermal Resources Lease Bid," the information will be used to determine the highest qualified bonus bid submitted for a competitive oil and gas or geothermal resources parcel. For Form 3200-9, "Notice of Intent to Conduct Geothermal Resources Exploration Operations," the information will be used to enable the BLM to complete environmental reviews in compliance with NEPA. BLM needs the information requested to determine the eligibility of an applicant to hold, explore for, develop and produce oil and gas and geothermal resources on federal lands.

The forms are submitted in person or by mail to the proper BLM office. On Form 3000-2, the name and address of the bidder is needed to identify the bidder and to allow the authorized officer to ensure that the bidder meets the requirements of the regulations. The total bid and payment submitted with the bid is necessary to determine the specific bid and that the bid is accompanied by one-fifth of the amount of the bid, as required by the regulations for a geothermal bid, or the minimum acceptable bid, first year's rental, and administrative fee, as required by the regulations for an oil and gas bid.

On Form 3200-9, names and addresses are needed to identify entities who will be conducting operations on the land. The land description is necessary to determine the area to be entered or disturbed by the proposed exploration operation. Dates of commencement and completion are used to determine how long the applicant/operator/contractor intends to conduct operations on the land.

BLM developed the forms in 1990 and 1996, respectively, and the information required from the public remains the same.

Based on its experience in conducting oil and gas and geothermal lease sales and administering geothermal exploration operations, BLM estimates that the public reporting burden is 2 hours for completing the Competitive Oil and Gas or Geothermal Resources Lease Bid (Form 3000-2) and 2 hours for completing the Notice of Intent to Conduct Geothermal Resources Exploration Operations (Form 3200-9). The bidder/lessee/operator/contractor has access to records, plats, and maps necessary for providing land descriptions. These estimates include the time spent on research, gathering and assembling information, reviewing instructions, and completing and reviewing the respective forms.

BLM estimates that approximately 393 lease bids and 50 notices of intent will be filed annually, with a total annual burden of 886 reporting hours. Respondents vary from individuals and small businesses to large corporations.

Any interested member of the public may request and obtain, without charge, a copy of Form 3000-2 or 3200-9 by contacting the person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also become part of the public record.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Notice of Extension for the Spruce Creek Access Proposal, Final Environmental Impact Statement

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) is preparing a final environmental impact statement (EIS) to evaluate an application for access to a private inholding on Spruce Creek in the Kantishna Hills of Denali National Park and Preserve. The Notice of Intent to prepare the EIS was published Thursday, March 19, 1998 (**Federal Register**/Vol. 63, No. 53). The owners of the inholding submitted an application for the right-of-way pursuant to the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980 (ANILCA), title XI, Section 1110(b) and the implementing regulations at 43 CFR Part 36. The application states that the right-of-way would provide access in the form of a road and airstrip for the owners to construct and operate a

remote backcountry lodge. On January 7, 1998, the NPS accepted an application for access to a 20-acre parcel on Spruce Creek. The applicants amended the request for access on January 26, 1998, to request a revised location of an airstrip.

The NPS provided notice on Tuesday, October 6, 1998 (**Federal Register**/Vol. 63, No. 193) and Monday, February 8, 1999 (**Federal Register**/Vol. 64, No. 25) stating additional time was needed to complete the draft EIS because the applicants continued to modify and clarify the project proposal. The NPS needed additional time to analyze those modifications and clarifications and extended the dates of publication and distribution of the draft EIS until July 1999. Notices of Availability of the draft EIS were published on August 2 and August 6, 1999 (**Federal Register**/Vol. 64, No. 147, and Vol. 54, No. 151.) The public comment period ended October 6, 1999. Due to extensive agency and public comment on the draft EIS and the need to conduct an economic feasibility study of the access alternatives, the NPS is giving notice to extend the time period to complete the final EIS beyond the time specified in 43 CFR 36.6.

DATES: The final EIS will be available on or about May 26, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before February 26, 2000. Pursuant to § 60.13 of 36 CFR Part 60 written comments concerning the significance of these properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation may be forwarded to the National Register, National Park Service, 1849 C St. NW, NC400, Washington, DC 20240. Written