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Next Steps

If we decide to issue a permit to the applicant listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**.

Authority

We publish this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Rolland White,

Assistant Regional Director—U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, Interior Regions 9 and 12.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Geological Survey**

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Public Meeting (via Teleconference) of the National Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council (NEPEC) Federal Advisory Committee

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting (via teleconference).

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is publishing this notice to announce that the National Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council (NEPEC) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The virtual meeting will be held on Monday, September 30, 2019, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Michael Blanpied, U.S. Geological

Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Mail Stop 905, Reston, VA 20192; by email at mblanpied@usgs.gov; or by telephone at (703) 648–6696.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NEPEC provides advice and recommendations to the Director of the USGS on earthquake predictions and related scientific research.

Purpose of the Meeting: The USGS will update the NEPEC on work in response to prior recommendations, most notably on initial implementation of a nationwide operational aftershock forecasting system, and on planned improvements to that system in the coming year. The USGS will also solicit input from the NEPEC on the agenda for a face-to-face meeting to be scheduled in the next fiscal year. Additional information about the NEPEC meeting is available at: <http://earthquake.usgs.gov/aboutus/nepec/>.

Agenda Topics:

- Updates to the council on implementation of a nationwide operational aftershock forecasting system, and future planned improvements;
- Soliciting input from the council on the agenda for a face-to-face meeting to be scheduled in the next fiscal year; and
- Public comment period.

Meeting Accessibility/Special Accommodations: The virtual meeting is open to the public. Members of the public wishing to participate in the virtual meeting should contact Dr. Michael Blanpied by email at mblanpied@usgs.gov to register no later than five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Virtual meeting (teleconference) call-in information will be provided at that time. Time will be allowed at the virtual meeting for any individual or organization wishing to make formal oral comments.

Public Disclosure of Comments: Interested members of the public may submit relevant information for the NEPEC to consider during the teleconference. To allow for full consideration of information by the NEPEC members, written notice must be provided to Dr. Michael Blanpied, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Mail Stop 905, Reston, VA 20192; by email at mblanpied@usgs.gov; or by telephone at (703) 648–6696, at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Any written comments received will be provided to the NEPEC members.

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Authority: 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2.

Trent Richardson,

Deputy Associate Director for Natural Hazards.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

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Notice of Availability of the Ambler Road Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Alaska

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Ambler Road and by this notice is announcing the opening of the comment period. The BLM is also announcing that it will be holding public meetings on the Draft EIS and subsistence-related hearings to receive comments on the Draft EIS and the project's potential to impact subsistence resources and activities.

DATES: To ensure that comments will be considered, the BLM must receive written comments on the Draft EIS within 45 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS in the **Federal Register**. The BLM will hold public meetings in: Alatna, Allakaket, Ambler, Anaktuvuk Pass, Anchorage, Bettles, Buckland, Coldfoot, Evansville, Fairbanks, Hughes, Huslia, Kiana, Kobuk, Kotzebue, Noatak, Noorvik, Selawik, Shungnak, Stevens Village, Tanana, Wiseman, Alaska and in Washington, DC. The dates, times, and locations of the meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media releases, and/or mailings.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments related to the Ambler Road Draft EIS by any of the following methods: