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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The East Alaska RMP planning area covers 7.1 million acres of BLM-administered lands. The Draft EARMPP/EIS focuses on the principles of multiple use and sustained yield as prescribed by Section 202 of the FLPMA. The Draft EARMPP/EIS considers and analyzes four alternatives, including a No Action and a Preferred Alternative. The alternatives provide for an array of variable levels of commodity production and resource protection and restoration. The alternatives were developed based on extensive public scoping and involvement.

There are seven main issues addressed through this planning process. Issue 1, Travel Management, addresses management of access, roads, and the use of off-highway vehicles for various purposes, including recreation, commercial uses, subsistence activities, and the general enjoyment of public lands while protecting natural and cultural resources. Issue 2, Recreation, examines how recreation should be managed to provide a diversity of experiences on BLM-managed lands. The document analyzes what measures are necessary to ensure that a diversity of recreational opportunities is maintained and what level of commercial recreational use is appropriate to maintain a diversity of recreational opportunities. Issue 3, Special Resource Values, focuses on those unique, special values located within the planning area that were identified by resource specialists and the public, and includes discussions on wildlife, fisheries, soil, water, air, and vegetation. Issue 4, Lands and Realty, addresses the need to determine the appropriate mix of lands and realty actions needed to provide a balance between land use and resource protection. Special attention is paid to the Slana Settlement area, and the establishment of conditions that would make the area available for disposal while considering the effects of disposal on the social and environmental conditions of the area. Issue 5,

Vegetation Management, examines management to provide for forest health, personal and commercial wood products, and fish and wildlife habitat. The role of fire is also explored. Issue 6, Leasable and Locatable Minerals, addresses the need to determine which areas should be made available for mineral exploration and development. Issue 7, Subsistence/Social and Economic Conditions, examines the need to maintain and protect subsistence opportunities and resources, as well as how the management actions, guidelines, and allowable uses described under the other issues will affect subsistence opportunities and resources. Social and economic effects are also addressed as part of this discussion.

The public involvement and collaboration process implemented for this effort included 30 public scoping meetings, 17 alternative development meetings, and meetings with Native and Village Corporations. The State of Alaska is participating in the planning effort as an informal cooperator.

After comments on the Draft EARMPP/EIS are reviewed and any adjustments to the document are made, a Proposed RMP and Final Environmental Impact Statement are expected to be available in the fall of 2005.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Meeting of the Pinedale Anticline Working Group's Socioeconomic Task Group

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (1976) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (1972), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Pinedale Anticline Working Group (PAWG) Socioeconomic Task Group (subcommittee) will meet in Pinedale, Wyoming, for a business meeting. Task Group meetings are open to the public.

DATES: The PAWG Socioeconomic Task Group will meet May 26, 2005, June 28, 2005 and July 28, 2005. All meetings are from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The May 26 and June 28 meetings of the PAWG Socioeconomic Task Group will be held in the Lovatt room of the Pinedale Library at 155 S. Tyler Ave., Pinedale, WY. The July 28 meeting will be held at the BLM Pinedale Field Office at 432 E. Mill St.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Pinedale Anticline Working Group (PAWG) was authorized and established with release of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Pinedale Anticline Oil and Gas Exploration and Development Project on July 27, 2000. The PAWG's charter is to advise the BLM on development and implementation of monitoring plans and adaptive management decisions for the life of the Pinedale Anticline natural gas field. The PAWG subsequently established seven resource- or activity-specific Task Groups, including one for Socioeconomics.

The agenda for these meetings will include information gathering and discussion related to implementation and funding of the socioeconomic monitoring plan to assess impacts of development in the Pinedale Anticline gas field. At a minimum, public comments will be heard just prior to adjournment of the meeting.

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Notice of Meeting of the Pinedale Anticline Working Group's Air Quality Task Group

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (1976) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (1972), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Pinedale Anticline Working Group (PAWG) Air Quality Task Group (subcommittee) will meet in Pinedale, Wyoming, for a