

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management****[AK-961-1410-HY-P; AA-10525; SEA-1]****Alaska Native Claims Selection****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.

**SUMMARY:** As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to Sealaska Corporation for lands located in the vicinity of Icy Straits, Alaska. Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the Juneau Empire.

**DATES:** The time limits for filing an appeal are:

1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until June 22, 2005 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4, Subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Chris Sitbon by phone at 907-271-3226, or by e-mail at [Chris\\_Sitbon@ak.blm.gov](mailto:Chris_Sitbon@ak.blm.gov).

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management****[NV-030-5101-ER-F340; N-76800, N-76897]****Notice of Availability for the North Valleys Rights-of-Way Projects Draft Environmental Impact Statement**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Carson City Field Office, Nevada.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of a draft environmental impact statement (EIS)

for the North Valleys Rights-of-Way Projects and initiation of a 60-day public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 40 CFR 1500-1508 Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (CEQ), notice is given that the Bureau of Land Management Carson City Field Office (BLM) has prepared, with the assistance of a third-party consultant, a Draft EIS for the proposed North Valleys Rights-of-Way Projects, and has made the document available for public and agency review and comment. The proposed Projects include the construction and operation of two separate water supply and transmission projects located in Washoe County, Nevada. Rights-of-way applications were submitted to the BLM from Intermountain Water Supply, LTD and Fish Springs Ranch, LLC for production wells, pump stations, transmission pipelines, terminal water storage tanks, electrical substation, overhead power lines, and access road rights-of-way.

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** The comment period for the Draft EIS will commence with the publication of this notice. The formal comment period will end 60 days after publication of this notice. Comments on issues and concerns should be received on or before the end of the comment period at the address listed below. Public meetings will be held throughout the comment period and preparation of the Final EIS. At least 15 days public notice will be given prior to meetings or activities where the public is invited to attend. Meetings and comment deadlines will be announced through the local and regional news media and the BLM Web site ([www.nv.blm.gov/carson](http://www.nv.blm.gov/carson)).

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to BLM Carson City Field Office, Attn: Terri Knutson, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701; Fax (775) 885-6147; or e-mail address [nvalleyswater\\_eis@blm.gov](mailto:nvalleyswater_eis@blm.gov). A limited number of the Draft EIS may be obtained at the above BLM Field Office in Carson City, NV. In addition, the Draft EIS is available electronically via the Carson City Field Office Home Page at: [www.nv.blm.gov/carson](http://www.nv.blm.gov/carson). Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the above address during regular business hours (7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the EIS. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address

from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. However, we will not consider anonymous comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The BLM Carson City Field Office received separate rights-of-way applications from the Fish Springs Ranch, LLC and Intermountain Water Supply, LTD, two independent water companies, proposing to construct and operate water transmission pipelines across public lands in Washoe County, Nevada. The BLM determined that due to the same timing, geography, and similarity of the types of actions, the two proposals would be analyzed in one EIS, together known as the North Valleys Rights-of-Way Projects. Each company is proposing to construct and operate water supply and transmission projects to meet present and future water demands of the Stead/Silver Lake/Lemmon Valley areas (North Valleys) in Washoe County. The proposed Projects consist of groundwater production wells, pump station(s), transmission pipeline(s), electrical substation, overhead power lines, and terminal water storage tank(s) to convey water. The Fish Springs Ranch LLC proposed pipeline (carrying approximately 8000 acre-feet per year) would begin at the Fish Springs Ranch and proceed approximately 33 miles to the North Valleys. The Intermountain Water Supply, LTD proposed pipeline (carrying approximately 3500 acre-feet per year) would begin in Dry Valley and proceed east a short distance before tying into the same general route south approximately 24 miles to the North Valleys.

The Draft EIS assesses the impacts of the two proposed rights-of-way actions and the No Action alternatives and