

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC); Public Comment on the Proposal To Develop the "Biological Nomenclature and Taxonomy Data Standard" as a Federal Geographic Data Committee Standard

ACTION: Notice; Request for comments.

Note: This announcement extends the deadline for comments stated in an announcement published September 28, 1998, pages 51586, 87, 88, from October 15, 1998, to November 15, 1998.

All other information in the original announcement remains unchanged.

Dated: October 7, 1998.

Richard E. Witmer,

Chief, National Mapping Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Technology Transfer Act of 1986

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the United States Geological Survey (USGS) is planning to enter into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with Texaco Group Inc. to develop X-ray diffraction methods for the quantitative analysis of clay minerals in shales. Any others wishing to pursue the possibility of a CRADA for similar activities should contact U.S. Geological Survey no later than 30 days from the publication of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Information on the proposed CRADA is available to the public upon request at the following location: U.S. Geological Survey, 3215 Marine Street, Boulder, Colorado 80302.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dennis D. Eberl, U.S. Geological Survey, Water Resources Division at the address given above; telephone (303) 541-3028; e-mail ddeberl@usgs.gov; FAX (303) 447-2505.

Robert M. Hirsch,

Chief Hydrologist.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK-962-1410-00-P, AA-8447-A, AA-8447-B, AA-8447-D, AA-8447-A2, AA-8447-B2]

Notice for Publication; Alaska Native Claims Selections

In accordance with Departmental regulation 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that decisions approving lands for conveyance under the provisions of Sec. 14(a) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613(a), will be issued to The Eyak Corporation for approximately 22,415 acres. The lands involved are in the vicinity of Cordova, Alaska:

Lots C and D, U.S. Survey No. 2765, Alaska

Tract B, U.S. Survey No. 2679, Alaska
Lots 11, 12, and 14, U.S. Survey No. 5103, Alaska

Copper River Meridian, Alaska

Tps. 15 and 16 S., R. 1 W.
Tps. 14, 15, and 16 S., R. 2 W.
Tps. 14, 15, and 16 S., R. 3 W.
Tps. 13, 15, and 16 S., R. 4 W.
Tps. 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17 S., R. 5 W.,
T. 13 S., R. 5 E.

Notice of the decisions will be published once a week, for four (4) consecutive weeks, in the Anchorage Daily News. Copies of the decisions may be obtained by contacting the Alaska State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599 ((907) 271-5960).

Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decisions, an agency of the Federal government, or regional corporation, shall have until November 16, 1998 to file an appeal. However, parties receiving service by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal. Appeals must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management at the address identified above, where the requirements for filing an appeal may be obtained. 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.

Heather A. Coats,

Land Law Examiner, Branch of ANCSA Adjudication.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-930-1820-00]

Notice of Office Reorganization and Name Change for the BLM Montana/Dakotas Organization

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice provides information about the BLM Montana/Dakotas reorganization approved by the BLM Director on April 2, 1998, and the subsequent Montana/Dakotas State Director implementation and decision memorandum of May 20, 1998, that changes the 3-tier structure (State Office-District Office-Resource Area Office) to a 2-tier structure (State Office-Field Office). This change is operationally in effect now and will become "officially" in effect on October 11, 1998. None of the offices will be closed. However, office name and jurisdiction for some offices will change.

The District Offices as Described Below are Removed From the Organizational Structure

Butte District Office

Beginning at a point on the Canadian border and the county line between Flathead and Glacier Counties; thence southeasterly along the county line; thence southeasterly along the Flathead-Pondera County line; thence southerly along the Flathead-Lewis and Clark County line; thence southerly along the Powell-Lewis and Clark County line to a point at the southeast corner on Township 15 North, Range 9 West; thence easterly along the township line to the Cascade County line; thence south and east along the Lewis and Clark-Cascade County line; thence southeast along the Lewis and Clark-Meager County line; thence southeast along the Broadwater-Meager County line; thence easterly along the southern line of Meager County; thence south and east along the Park-Sweetgrass County line; thence east along the Park-Stillwater County line; thence south along the Park-Carbon County line to the Wyoming state line; thence west and south along the Wyoming state line to the Idaho state line; thence westerly and northerly along the Idaho state line to the Canadian border; thence east to the point of beginning.

Lewistown District Office

Beginning at a point on the Canadian border and the county line between

Flathead and Glacier Counties; thence east along the Canadian border to the county line between Valley and Daniels Counties; thence southerly along the Valley-Daniels County line; to the Fort Peck Indian Reservation; thence westerly and southerly between Valley County and Fort Peck Indian Reservation to the Missouri River; thence southwesterly along the Valley-McCone county line; thence southwesterly along the Valley-Garfield county line; thence southwesterly along the Phillips-Garfield county line; thence southerly along the Petroleum-Garfield county line; thence southerly along the Petroleum-Rosebud county line; thence westerly along the Petroleum-Musselshell county line; thence westerly along the Fergus-Musselshell county line; thence westerly along the Fergus-Golden Valley county line; thence westerly along the Fergus-Wheatland county line; thence westerly along the Judith Basin-Wheatland county line; thence southerly along the Meager-Wheatland county line to a point on the eastern boundary of the Butte District; thence west and northerly along the east boundary of the Butte District to the point of beginning.

Miles City District Office

Beginning at a point on the Canadian border and the county line between Valley and Daniels county; thence east along the Canadian border to the Montana-North Dakota state line; thence south along the Montana-North Dakota border; thence south along the Montana-South Dakota border to the southeast corner of Montana; thence west along the Montana-Wyoming border to the Park-Carbon county line; thence west and north along the east boundary of the Butte District; thence north, west and northerly along the Lewistown District southern and eastern boundaries to the point of beginning.

Dickinson District Office

All of North and South Dakota.

The Office Name Change and Area of Administration Are Listed Below

1. The Dillon Resource Area Office is now called the *Dillon Field Office* and the boundary (area) of jurisdiction remains the same.

2. The Garnet Resource Area Office is now called the *Missoula Field Office* and the boundary (area) of jurisdiction remains the same.

3. The Headwaters Resource Area Office is now called the *Butte Field Office* and the boundary (area) of jurisdiction remains the same.

4. The Great Falls Resource Area Office is now called the *Great Falls*

Field Office and the boundary (area) of jurisdiction remains the same.

5. The Judith and Havre Resource Area Offices are combined and are called the *Lewistown Field Office* with the boundary (area) of jurisdiction the combination of the two former resource areas.

6. The Havre Resource Area Office is now called the *Havre Field Station* and is attached to and under the supervision of the Lewistown Field Office.

7. The Phillips and Valley Resource Area Offices are combined and are called the *Malta Field Office* with the boundary (area) of jurisdiction the combination of the two former resources areas.

8. The Valley Resource Area Office is now called the *Glasgow Field Station* and is attached to and under the supervision of the Malta Field Office.

9. The Big Dry and Powder River Resource Area Offices are combined and now are called the *Miles City Field Office* with the boundary (area) of jurisdiction the combined resources areas.

10. The Billings Resource Area Office is now called the *Billings Field Office* and the boundary (area) of jurisdiction remains the same.

11. The Dickinson District Office is now called the *North Dakota Field Office* and the boundary (area) of jurisdiction is the State of North Dakota.

12. The Belle Fourche Resource Area Office is now called the *South Dakota Field Office* and the boundary (area) of jurisdiction is the State of South Dakota. The management officer (Field Manager) of each field office is a "line" official and reports to the Montana/Dakotas State Director. A supervisor will be in each of the field stations and will report to a Field Manager.

Business with BLM should be conducted at the above locations as was done in the past as the "new" field offices will, from a non-BLM (external customer) view, operate like the "old" district offices. This reorganization merely renames offices, adjusts some jurisdictional boundaries, as outlined above, and removes a layer of the organizational structure between the identified "old" Resource Areas which are now Field Offices or Field Stations and the Montana State Office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Singer, Deputy State Director, Division of Support Services, 406-255-2742.

Larry E. Hamilton,
State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID-010-02-5700-10; IDI-32281]

Notice of Realty Action—IDI-32281; Direct Sale of Public Lands in Owyhee County, ID

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management—Interior.

SUMMARY: The following described public land in Owyhee County, Idaho has been examined and through the public-supported land use planning process has been determined to be suitable for disposal utilizing direct sale procedures pursuant to Section 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 at no less than the appraised fair market value of \$9,000.00. The land will not be offered for sale until at least 60 days after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Boise Meridian, Idaho

T. 6S., R. 4E., Section 4: W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$,
W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$
Aggregating 30.0 acres more or less.

The patent, when issued will contain a reservation to the United States for ditches and canals.

DATES: On October 15, 1998, the land described above will be segregated from appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, except the sale provisions of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act. The segregative effect will end upon issuance of patent or 270 days from the date of publication, whichever occurs first.

ADDRESSES: Bruneau Resource Area, 3948 Development Ave., Boise, ID 83705.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Mike Austin, at the address shown above or (208) 384-3339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This land is not required for any federal purpose. Because of its location or other characteristics, this land is difficult and uneconomic to manage as part of the public domain. It would be in the public interest to sell this land by direct sale to Owyhee County for solid waste disposal purposes. Their refusal or failure to pay the appraised fair market value shall result in cancellation of the sale.

It has been determined that the subject parcel contains no known mineral values; therefore, mineral interests will be conveyed simultaneously. A separate nonrefundable filing fee of \$50.00 is required from the purchaser for conveyance of mineral interests.