

findings, then another alternative route or method of access shall be specified that provides adequate and feasible access. The NPS has analyzed alternatives to the proposal and mitigating measures to minimize adverse environmental impacts to the park, but no agency-preferred alternative has been identified in the draft EIS. Section 810 of ANILCA requires an evaluation of "effect of the proposed permit on subsistence uses and needs, the availability of other lands for the purposes sought to be achieved, and other alternatives which would reduce or eliminate the use, occupancy, or deposition of public lands needed for subsistence purposes." Notice to subsistence committees and regional councils and a hearing are required steps for authorizing a federal land use that would significantly restrict subsistence uses. Two of the draft EIS alternatives would significantly restrict subsistence uses.

Informational meetings and public hearings on the draft EIS and subsistence evaluation are scheduled for the locations, dates, and times indicated below:

Anchorage, AL

August 23, 1999, 7–10 p.m.; University of Alaska—Anchorage, Business Education Building, Room BEB-101.

Fairbanks, AL

August 24, 1999, 7–10 p.m.; Noel Wien Library Auditorium; 1215 Cowles Street.

McKinley Village, AL

August 25, 1999, 7–10 p.m.; Community Center; Mile 230 George Parks Highway.

Kantishna, AL

August 26, 1999, 9–11 p.m.; Kantishna Roadhouse library; Mile 90 Denali Park Road.

Washington, DC

September 14, 1999, 2–4 p.m.; Main Interior Building Auditorium; 1849 C Street NW.

The first hour of each meeting will be an open house format. Representatives of the NPS will be available to provide information about the access request and the draft EIS and to answer questions in an informal setting. Public testimony on the draft EIS and subsistence evaluation will be recorded at the public hearing that will begin at the second hour.

Background

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Access to Spruce Creek considers an access proposal and four alternatives to a 20-acre inholding on Spruce Creek in the Kantishna Hills of Denali National Park and Preserve. The inholding lies about 10 miles east of mile 88 of the Denali Park Road. The owners have applied to the NPS for a right-of-way permit to upgrade and maintain a gravel road and airstrip to access, construct, and operate a remote lodge with 30 double-occupancy cabins for overnight visitors. The draft EIS alternatives differ in terms of route, means, or a combination of both, as well as impact on subsistence. The requested access and four alternatives are proximate to but outside of the Denali Wilderness Area.

The proposed Moose Creek Route Alternative (the applicants' proposed action) would be approximately a 10-mile improved road over an existing mining access route, where practical, from the Denali Park Road at mile 88 to the Spruce #4 parcel of land. This alternative includes a spur road to an extension of the Glen Creek landing strip for air access in winter and for optional summer access. This route would cross Moose Creek, Spruce Creek, and other streams a total of 30 times in the form of fords. This alternative would result in a significant restriction of subsistence uses.

Alternatives to the proposed action are:

- North Bench Route Alternative would follow the first three miles of the Moose Creek route. This 9.7-mile route would cross Moose Creek with a new bridge and then traverse benches north of Moose Creek to Spruce #4, crossing Rainy, Dry, and Glen Creeks once each with a reinforced ford. About 5 miles of new road and extension of the Glen Creek landing strip would need to be constructed. This alternative would result in a significant restriction of subsistence uses.

- Skyline Drive Alternative would follow a ridge-top mining access route from mile 91 of the Denali Park Road to Glen Creek and over a bench to Spruce Creek. This 12-mile route would follow 10 miles of existing mining access routes, require 2 miles of new road, and ford Glen Creek 24 times. The existing Kantishna Airstrip would be used as needed for air access. This alternative would not result in a significant restriction of subsistence uses.

- Air-Access-Only Alternative would require a 2,500-foot new airstrip adjacent to the Spruce #4 parcel of land with a short spur road. This alternative

would not result in a significant restriction of subsistence uses.

- No-Action Alternative represents no change from the current management direction. This alternative is included for comparative purposes. The affirmative requirements of Title XI of ANILCA and its implementing regulations preclude selection of this alternative absent a change in circumstances. Those circumstances could include acquisition of the property by the NPS or withdrawal of the application. In the meantime, the applicants could apply for access with no road or airstrip improvements. This alternative would not result in a significant restriction of subsistence uses.

Facilities common to each action alternative would include a lodge with 30 cabins and related utility, maintenance, and staff facilities. Guests would be transported to the lodge by the park Visitor Transport System buses to Kantishna and from there by two 15-passenger vans or by single engine aircraft. About 30 guests would be transported in and out of the lodge each day during the summer season, and in the winter season about 10 people would be transported in and out of the lodge once every 3 days. Recreational activities would include hiking, wildlife viewing, gold panning, sport fishing, dog mushing, skiing, and snowshoeing. About 13 people would be employed during the winter season and 17 to 21 people during the summer season.

Paul R. Anderson,

Acting Regional Director, Alaska.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Subsistence Resource Commission Meeting

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Subsistence Resource Commission meeting.

SUMMARY: The Superintendent of Denali National Park and Preserve and the Chairperson of the Denali Subsistence Resource Commission announce a forthcoming meeting of the Denali National Park Subsistence Resource Commission. The following agenda items will be discussed:

- (1) Call to order by the Chair.
- (2) Roll call and confirmation of quorum.
- (3) Superintendent's welcome and introductions.

- (4) Approval of minutes of last meeting.
- (5) Additions and corrections to the agenda.
- (6) Business:
 - a. Draft Subsistence Management Plan.
- (7) Public and other agency comments.
- (8) Set time and place of next SRC meeting.
- (9) Adjournment.

DATES: The meeting date is: Friday, August 6, 1999, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting location is: McKinley Village Community Center, McKinley, AK.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Hollis Twitchell, Subsistence Coordinator or Andrea Hansen, Denali National Park, P.O. Box 9, Denali Park, AK 99755. Phone (907) 683-9544.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Subsistence Resource Commissions are authorized under Title VIII, Section 808, of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, Public Law 96-487, and operates in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committees Act.

Paul R. Anderson,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Proposed Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing its intention to request approval for the collection of information for three OSM grant forms—OSM-47 (Budget Information Report), OSM-49 (Budget Information and Financial Reporting) and OSM-51 (Performance and Program narrative).

DATES: Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by October 1, 1999, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to John A. Trelease, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Ave, NW, Room 210-SIB, Washington, DC 20240. Comments may also be submitted electronically to jtreleas@osmre.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection request, explanatory information and related forms, contact John A. Trelease, at (202) 208-2783.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR part 1320, which implements the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies an information collection activity that OSM will be submitting to OMB for extension or re-approval. This collection is a series of three forms used by State and Tribal regulatory and reclamation authorities to request grant funds and describe program performance.

OSM has revised burden estimates, where appropriate, to reflect current reporting levels or adjustments based on reestimates of burden or respondents. OSM will request a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) The need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; (2) the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such as use of automated means of collection of the information. A summary of the public comments will accompany OSM's submission of the information collection request to OMB.

This notice provides the public with 60 days in which to comment on the following information collection activity:

Title: Budget information, financial reporting, and performance reporting forms.

OMB Control Number: 1029-0059.

Summary: State and Tribal reclamation and regulatory authorities are requested to provide specific budget and program information as part of the grant application and reporting processes authorized by the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act.

Bureau Form Numbers: OSM-47, OSM-49, OSM-51.

Frequency of Collection: Semiannually and annually.

Description of Respondents: State and Tribal regulatory and reclamation authorities.

Total Annual Responses: 131.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 655 hours.

Dated: July 28, 1999.

Richard G. Bryson,

Chief, Division of Regulatory Support.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Notice of Proposed Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing its intention to request Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) renewal approval for the collection of information for 30 CFR part 80, Abandoned mine reclamation fund—fee collection and coal production reporting.

DATES: Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by October 1, 1999, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to John A. Trelease, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Ave, NW, Room 210-SIB, Washington, DC 20240. Comments may also be submitted electronically to jtreleas@osmre.gov.

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OSM has revised burden estimates, where appropriate, to reflect current reporting levels or adjustments based on reestimates of burden. OSM will request