

Bering Sea - Western Interior Resource Management Plan



Bering Sea - Western Interior RMP

Why We Are Here

BLM is holding this public meeting to introduce you to the Bering Sea Western Interior (BSWI) Resource Management Plan (RMP) process and give you an opportunity to tell us what to include in the RMP. This RMP will provide future direction for approximately 10 million acres of BLM-administered public lands in western interior Alaska.

BLM Land Use Planning

The BLM undertakes land use planning through a collaborative approach with local, state and tribal governments, native corporations, the public, and stakeholder groups to ensure the best balance of uses and resource protections for America's public lands.

The result is a set of land use plans – called Resource Management Plans – that provide the framework to guide decisions for every action and approved use on the National System of Public Lands in accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act.



Ensuring these plans are up-to-date is critical because so many Americans look to the public lands for a wide variety of resources, including energy, rights-of-way that support communications and energy delivery, a variety of recreational uses, and crucial habitat for fish and wildlife.

Resource Management Plan

A Resource Management Plan (RMP) is a BLM land use decision-making document that provides guidance for management decisions in a designated area (called the planning area).

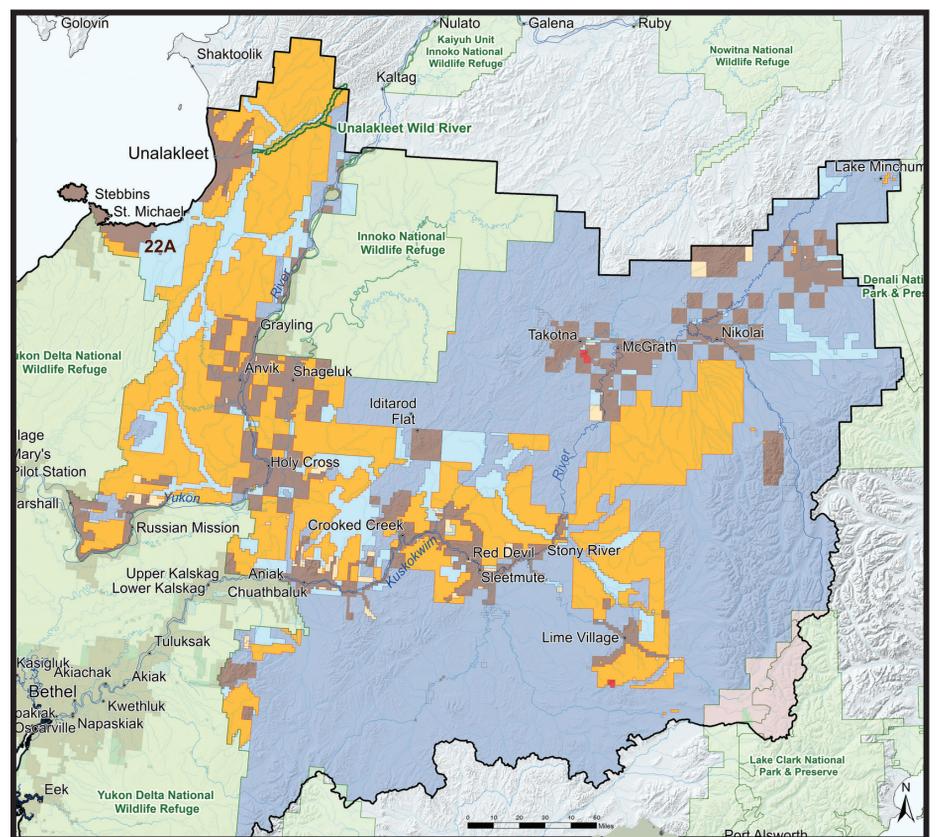
Using the principles of multiple use and sustained yield, the BLM seeks to maximize resource values for present and future generations.

The RMP is created through an open public process, using the input from those who have an interest in these public lands and the surrounding communities.



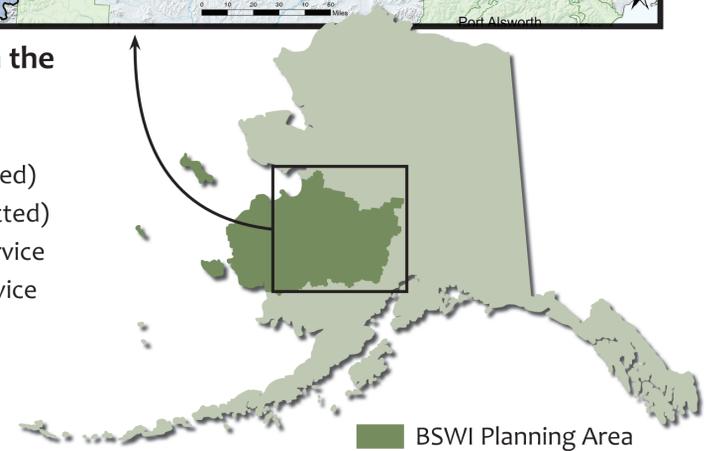
Land Ownership in the Planning Area

The Bering Sea Western Interior Planning Area includes approximately 10.6 million acres of BLM-managed lands shown in yellow on the map below.



Land Ownership in the Planning Area

- BLM
- BLM (State-selected)
- BLM (Native-selected)
- Fish & Wildlife Service
- National Park Service
- Native
- State of Alaska



The Bering Sea - Western Interior RMP

The purpose of the Bering Sea Western Interior RMP is to provide a comprehensive framework to guide management of public lands and interests within the BSWI Planning Area.

The revised RMP is needed to:

- update existing planning documents, including the Southwest Management Framework Plan (BLM 1981) and a small portion of the Central Yukon RMP (BLM 1986)
- address current issues
- meet the requirements of BLM's Land Use Planning Handbook 1601-1