

# Bering Sea-Western Interior Resource Management Plan



## BSWI RMP SCOPING

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Bureau of Land Management  
Anchorage Field Office



# PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

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## MEETING FORMAT

1. 20min powerpoint. Pls hold questions.
2. 20min map viewing with *Guiding Questions*.
3. 40min sharing session. Capture comments and concerns from map viewing.
4. Review highlights of sharing session with additional *Guiding Questions*.



# **PRESENTATION OVERVIEW**

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## **MEETING GOALS**

- 1. Why are we here?**
- 2. Review planning area.**
- 3. RMP process overview.**
- 4. Review issues BLM has identified internally.**
- 5. Learn from you.**



# **PRESENTATION OVERVIEW**

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**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN = LAND USE PLAN**

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# WHY ARE WE HERE?

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- BLM will develop an RMP
- Scoping is the 1<sup>st</sup> step in the RMP process
- During scoping, BLM to listens to you:
  - what currently works well on BLM land
  - what concerns you have about BLM land
  - What you would like to see in the future



# THE RMP PROCESS: TIMELINE

Planning Phase	Planned Dates
Public Scoping (30+ days)	July 18 - January 17, 2014
Develop Alternatives	2014
Prepare DRAFT RMP/EIS	2014
Public Comment on DRAFT RMP/EIS (90+ days)	2015
Prepare Proposed RMP/Final EIS	2015 - 2016
Protest Period and Governors Consistency Review	2017
Record of Decision	2017



# SCOPING MEETINGS

Date	Location	Time
November 8	Lower Kalskag	11:00 am
November 8	Upper Kalskag	2:00 pm
November 19	Crooked Creek	1:00pm
November 19	Aniak	6:00 pm
November 20	Bethel	6:00 pm
November 21	Chuathbaluk	1:00 pm
November 22	Unalakleet	7:00 pm
December 4	Anchorage	4:00-6:00p Open House 6:00-8:00p Presentation
TBD	McGrath	TBD
December 17	Grayling	6:00 pm
TBD	Holy Cross	TBD
TBD	Russian Mission	TBD



# BSWI RMP PLANNING AREA

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- In order to include all BLM-managed lands in the RMP, the planning area boundary is drawn on a large scale.
- BSWI RMP decisions *will only apply to BLM-managed public lands in the plan area.*





# THE PURPOSE OF AN RMP

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- BLM is required to create RMPs to guide future decisions
- To manage change AND resolve issues on BLM land
- Replace existing plans that do not manage current issues:
  - 1981 Southwest Management Framework Plan
  - 1986 Central Yukon Resource Management Plan



# TYPES OF RMP DECISIONS

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- 1) Desired Future Resource Conditions**
- 2) Actions needed to achieve desired conditions**
- 3) Allowable Land Uses:**
  - Describe how and where to manage uses and activities on the land**
  - Where uses and activities should be excluded**



# RMP ISSUE CATEGORIES

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- 1) Management of Resources
- 2) Management of Resource Uses and Activities
- 3) Special Designations
- 4) Public Safety, Social and Economic Features



# MANAGEMENT OF RESOURCES

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- Vegetation
- Soil, Water, Air
- Fish
- Wildlife
- Wildland Fire
- Cultural
- Visual
- Wilderness Character



## **MANAGEMENT OF RESOURCES *GUIDING QUESTIONS***

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1. How would you like resources managed in the future?
2. What is your desired future condition for each resource?
3. Are there sensitive areas or special resources that are important to you that deserve special protection?



# LAND & RESOURCE USES AND ACTIVITIES

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## – Forestry Products

- berries, bark, mushrooms, firewood, etc

## – Grazing

- Reindeer

## – Renewable Energy

- wind, hydropower, biomass, geothermal

## – Mining



# LAND & RESOURCE USES AND ACTIVITIES

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## – Lands & Realty

- Withdrawals
- Right-of-Way corridors - utility, roads, pipelines,
- Communications tower sites

## – Recreation

- Commercial recreation uses
- Non-commercial recreation uses

## – Trails, Travel Management, Off-Highway Vehicles



# LANDS & REALTY ACTIONS

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BLM land critical for communication sites, utilities, transportation corridors to support development on BLM as well as adjacent State and Native lands





# LANDS & REALTY ACTIONS

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## WITHDRAWALS

- Public Land Orders (PLO) signed by President, Secretary of the Interior, or authorized by Congress.
- 6m acres, or 75% of planning area, subject to ANCSA 17(d)(1) withdrawals.





# LANDS & REALTY ACTIONS

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## 2 MAJOR WITHDRAWALS - PLOs 5180 & 5184:

- Withdraws land from leasing
- Withdraws land from location and entry under the mining laws
  - BUT, PLO 5184 - Does NOT withdraw from metalliferous mineral entry (minerals containing gold, copper, silver, zinc)



# RECREATION USES AND ACTIVITIES

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## Commercial Recreation

- Helicopter Skiing, Outfitter Guide Hunting, OHV Tours, Sled Dog Rides, filming

## Competitive Events

- Iron Dog Snowmachine Race, Iditasport, Iditarod Sled Dog Race

## Non-commercial Recreation

- Scout/Youth campouts, group hikes, group rides



## **LAND AND RESOURCE USE AND ACTIVITIES GUIDING QUESTIONS**

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2. Are there areas where you would like to see more or less uses or activities? Where? Why?
3. Do you know of any conflicts with these uses or activities?



## **SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS**

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- Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC)
- Wild and Scenic Rivers
- National Trails



# **SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS**

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1. Are existing ACECs still needed?
2. Any nominations for new or different ACECs?
3. Any nominations for Wild and Scenic River designation?



## **PUBLIC SAFETY, SOCIAL, & ECONOMICS**

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- Subsistence
- Abandoned Mine Sites /  
Hazardous Materials
- Environmental Justice



# PUBLIC SAFETY, SOCIAL, & ECONOMICS

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## Subsistence

Title VIII of ANILCA – requires BLM to have least adverse impact

- Access to public lands
- Available fish & wildlife resources/habitat





## **PUBLIC SAFETY, SOCIAL, & ECONOMIC GUIDING QUESTIONS**

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# HOW YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE

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Share *your* questions, concerns, and thoughts about:

- 1) Management of Resources
- 2) Management of Resource Uses and Activities
- 3) Special Designations
- 4) Public Safety, Social, and Economic Concerns

**\*\*\*Review Guiding Questions one more time\*\*\***

***Allow us to capture what you share***



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# FOR MORE INFO

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