

Deadlines and Reminders

- **BLM—Bering Sea Western Interior Resource Management Plan** has opened public scoping through **January 17, 2014**. More information and to submit comments visit the project website at: http://www.blm.gov/ak/st/en/prog/planning/bering_sea_western.html;
- **Central Yukon Planning Area Scoping Comment Period through January 17, 2014**. For information at: www.blm.gov/ak or email the project Manager at j05cole@blm.gov;
- The **Chugach National Forest Plan Revision Phase I - Assessment** is well underway. For more information visit the planning website at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/chugach/landmanagement/planning/?cid=stelpdrb5408185>;
- **ANILCA TRAININGS** conducted by the Institute of the North—a twice annual training “...at the request of Congress, the Institute of the North created a detailed and in-depth training curriculum on the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) of 1980. The curriculum illuminates the Alaska context for this sweeping and historic lands act and explains, in detail, its unique aspects.” This is a **two-day course, in Anchorage, on March 5-6, 2014**. For more information, visit the Institute of the North online at: <https://www.institutenorth.org/programs/alaska-commons/anilca-training/>;
- **2014 ALASKA STATEWIDE TRAILS CONFERENCE** will be held at the Alaska Pacific University **in Anchorage from April 24th to 26th, 2014**. For more information contact Steve Cleary at steve.cleary@alaska-trails.org; or visit online at: <http://www.alaska-trails.org/>;
- **Tongass NF Sustainable Cabin Management EA**; For all Project documents and comment deadlines, visit online at: <http://go.usa.gov/WQEk> (case sensitive);
- The next **Citizens’ Advisory Commission on Federal Areas meeting will be held in Juneau on Friday, January 24 and Saturday, January 25, 2014**. Location, agenda and more meeting information will be available as the meeting date approaches.

Agency Websites:

National Park Service

<http://www.nps.gov/state/ak/index.htm>

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

<http://alaska.fws.gov/>

U.S. Forest Service - Region 10, AK

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/r10/>

Bureau of Land Management

<http://www.blm.gov/ak/st/en.html>

Department of the Interior

<http://www.doi.gov/>

National Marine Fisheries Service

<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/>

Tongass Sustainable Cabin Management Project Environment Assessment

The Tongass National Forest Sustainable Cabin Management Project Environmental Assessment is available online at <http://go.usa.gov/WQEk> (case sensitive), to find the associated maps and appendices, navigate the website to “Project Documents – Analysis”. This EA explains the current conditions of the cabins, summarizes public involvement and public input, and fully explains the Proposed Action, the no-action and a third alternative. The health and safety analysis conducted for this project is attached as Appendix C.

Many people, groups and agencies commented on this project during the first 30-day comment period which began October 13, 2012. To give the public additional opportunity to learn more about the cabins and comment on the alternatives, there will be a second 30-day comment period after this EA is released. Once a legal ad is published in the Ketchikan Daily News in early December, 2013, an additional 30-day comment period will begin.

The Forest is seeking your input on how to manage the 12 cabins addressed in the EA. It would be most helpful if your comments are site-specific, detailed, and specific to the Proposed Action and alternatives in the EA. Please provide the reason(s) you are concerned or have suggestions. Individuals who have submitted specific, written comments

during **either** 30-day comment period will have standing to participate in the pre-decisional review and objection process.

For more information, please contact Victoria Houser, Recreation Planner, at (907) 826-1614 or by email at: vhouser@fs.fed.us. If you would like to receive further information about this project via email, please sign up at: <http://go.usa.gov/WQEk> (case sensitive) by clicking the “Subscribe to Email Updates” link. ♦

BLM Names New Glennallen Field Manager

On November 18, the BLM announces the selection of Dennis Teitzel as Glennallen Field Manager. Teitzel comes to BLM-Alaska from the BLM’s Montana State Office; he joined the BLM at the Butte, Montana Field Office following a thirty year military career.

Mr. Teitzel received a great deal of his natural resource management experience working as the Range Management Officer for 6 years on the Twentynine Palms Marine Corp Air Ground Combat Center in the Mojave Desert; and he is looking forward to living the rural Alaska lifestyle.

For more information about Mr. Teitzel and the other BLM Field Managers visit: http://www.blm.gov/ak/st/en/fo/ado/meet_our_managers.html. ♦



Musher and team resting in Nome
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Iditarod National Historic Trail featured in New Movie

A documentary titled, “ICEBOUND” has recently been released. The 100 minute movie is about the true story of the 1925 “Serum Run,” in which 34 men and their dog sled teams rushed anti-toxin across the frozen landscape to save the children of Nome, Alaska from a diphtheria outbreak. The documentary premiered at the Anchorage International Film Festival held at the Bear’s Tooth Theater August 6, 2013. The documentary will be shown again at the Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center 2p, Sunday December 15.

Narrated by Sir Patrick Stewart, the documentary brings to light compelling new information and insights into the life-saving “mush across Alaska,” which followed the old Iditarod Trail on a section now designated as part of the Iditarod National Historic Trail. BLM’s Iditarod National Historic Trail Program provided technical support for the production, and the Iditarod Historic Trail Alliance provided both technical and financial support. For more information on the movie, visit <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Icebound/139729382798919>; or call KJ Mushovic at: 907-271-3322 or email at: kjmushovic@blm.com. ♦