Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) Proposal

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Describe the Area to be Nominated or Modified
General location description: Acreage:
Values considered:
Rationale for Removal or Boundary Modification (*if proposing removal or modification of existing ACEC*):
To be a designated ACEC, an area must meet at least one relevance criteria **and** at least one importance criteria as established in BLM Guidance 43 CFR 1610.7-2 **and** must require special management to protect the values.

1) RELEVANCE CRITERIA		
Relevance Criteria: *There shall be present a "significant" historic, cultural, or scenic value; a fish or wildlife resource or other natural system or process; or natural hazard. This generally means that the value, resource, system, process, or hazard is characterized by one or more of the following:*		
Relevance Value	**Yes/No**	**Describe Rationale**
1)a. A significant historic, cultural, or scenic value (including but not limited to rare or sensitive archeological resources and religious or cultural resources important to Native Americans).		
1) b. A fish and wildlife resource (including but not limited to habitat for endangered, sensitive, or threatened species; or habitat essential for maintaining species diversity).		
1) c. A natural process or system (including but not limited to endangered, sensitive, or threatened plant species;		

rare, endemic, or relict plants or plant communities which are terrestrial, aquatic, or riparian; or rare geological features).		
1) d. Natural hazards (including but not limited to areas of avalanche, dangerous flooding, landslides, unstable soils, seismic activity, or dangerous cliffs). A hazard caused by human action may meet the relevance criteria if it is determined through the resource management planning process that it has become part of a natural process.		

2) IMPORTANCE CRITERIA		
Importance Criteria: *The value, resource, system, process, or hazard described above must have substantial significance and values to satisfy the "importance" criteria. This generally requires qualities of more than local significance and special worth, consequence, meaning, distinctiveness or cause for concern. A natural hazard can be important if it is a significant threat to human life or property.*		
Importance Value	**Yes/No**	**Rationale for Determination**
2) a. Has more than locally significant qualities, which give it special worth, consequence, meaning, distinctiveness, or cause for concern, especially compared to any similar resource.		
2) b. Has qualities or circumstances that make it fragile, sensitive, rare, irreplaceable, exemplary, unique, endangered, threatened, or vulnerable to adverse change.		
2) c. Has been recognized as warranting protection to satisfy national priority concerns or to carry out the mandates of FLPMA.		
2) d. Has qualities that warrant highlighting to satisfy public or management concerns about safety and public welfare.		

3) Special Management		
Special Management: *ACECs must meet the relevance and importance criteria in 43 CFR 1610.7-2(a)* ***and*** *must require special management (43 CFR 1601.0-5(a)) to: 1) Protect the area and prevent irreparable damage to resources or natural systems. Or 2) Protect life and promote safety in areas where natural hazards exist.*		
Special Management	**Yes/No**	**Rationale for Determination**
1) Does the area require special management to protect the area and prevent irreparable damage to resources or natural systems?		
2) Does the area require special management to protect life or promote safety in areas where natural hazards exist?		

Please attach a map depicting the BLM lands being recommended. Please attach additional pages as necessary. Alternatively, please download form online and complete electronically (www.blm.gov/ak/planning/bswi).