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Dear Reader:

We are pleased to present the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Alpine Satellite Development Plan (ASDP) for the Proposed Greater Mooses Tooth Unit Development Project for your review. The ASDP Supplemental EIS analyzes an application by ConocoPhillips, Alaska, Inc. (CPAI) for issuance of a right-of-way grant and related authorizations to construct, operate, and maintain a drill site, access road, pipelines, and ancillary facilities to support development of petroleum resources at the Greater Mooses Tooth Unit # 1 (GMT1) drill site within the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska (NPR-A).

The Supplemental EIS evaluates relevant new circumstances and information that have arisen since the ASDP Final EIS was issued in September 2004, updates alternatives, and addresses changes to CPAI's proposed development plan. The Supplemental EIS will result in a Record of Decision (ROD) that will approve, deny, or approve with modification, CPAI's application, as well as incorporate any additional mitigation measures that may be relevant. The Draft Supplemental EIS analyzes CPAI's proposed project, three action alternatives to the proposed project, and a no action alternative. The key issues center on impacts of oil and gas production, the protection of physical, biological, and subsistence resources, and the evaluation and consideration of appropriate mitigation measures.

The public comment period for the Draft Supplemental EIS will last 60 days and will begin with publication of a notice by the Environmental Protection Agency in the Federal Register. The precise dates of the comment period, as well as information about public meetings and subsistence hearings pursuant to section 810 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, will be found on BLM's Web site address: <http://www.blm.gov/ak>.

We will consider and evaluate all comments in the preparation of this plan, and will address substantive comments in the Final Supplemental EIS to be completed later this year. The most useful comments are specific and address one or more of the following:

- Identification of new information that would have a bearing on the analysis.
- Inaccuracies or discrepancies in information, or any errors in our portrayal of the resources or current development of the project area.
- Identification of new impacts, alternatives, or potential mitigation measures.

When you share your comments with us, please be as specific as possible. Identify the specific mistake or concern you have, where it appears in the Draft Supplemental EIS, and the correction you feel is necessary. If you have an idea for a potential mitigation measure, please tell us what it is and the benefits it would provide.

There are five ways to get your ideas to us:

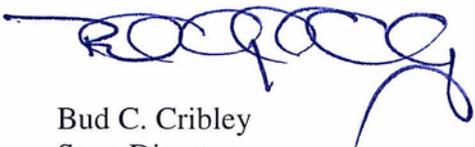
- You may email us via SLR, our contractor assisting with receiving and analyzing public comments, at: gmt1comments@slrconsulting.com.
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- You may fax comments to us at (907) 271-3933. Attn: GMT1 SEIS Comments.
- You may hand-deliver your comments to us at the BLM Public Information Center in the Federal Building, 222 W. Seventh Avenue, Anchorage. You can also deliver comments to us at the public meetings on the Draft Supplemental EIS.
- You may speak at public meetings on the Draft Supplemental EIS that will be held before the close of the comment period. We will announce the meeting dates, times, and specific locations through our website, public notices, news releases, and/or other mailings.

All submitted public comments will be available for public review, and may be published as part of the Final Supplemental EIS. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment including your personal identifying information may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations and businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

If you have questions about the public comment process or this Draft Supplemental EIS, please call Bridget Psarianos, Project Lead at (907) 271-4208.

Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

Sincerely,



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