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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Written comments should be sent to BLM Carson City Field Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701; Fax (775) 885-6147; email address [tknutson@nv.blm.gov](mailto:tknutson@nv.blm.gov). For additional information, write to the above address or call Terri Knutson (BLM Environmental Planner) at (775) 885-6156 or Ken Nelson (BLM Realty Specialist) at (775) 885-6114.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The BLM Carson City Field Office received separate water supply and transmission rights-of-way applications from the Fish Springs Ranch, LLC and Intermountain Water Supply, LTD, two independent water companies, proposing projects in Washoe County, Nevada. The BLM determined that due to the same timing, geography, and similarity of the types of actions, the two proposals would be analyzed in one EIS, together known as the North Valleys Water Projects. Each company is proposing to construct and operate water supply and transmission projects to meet present and future water demands of the Stead/Silver Lake/Lemmon Valley areas (North Valleys) in Washoe County. The proposed Projects consist of groundwater production wells, pump station(s), transmission pipeline(s) and terminal water storage tank(s) to convey water. The Fish Springs Ranch LLC proposed pipeline (carrying approximately 8000 acre-feet per year) would begin at the Fish Springs Ranch, and proceed south approximately 33 miles to the North Valleys. The Intermountain Water Supply, LTD proposed pipeline (carrying approximately 3500 acre-feet per year) would begin in Dry Valley, proceed east a short distance before tying into the same general route south to the North Valleys, a total of approximately 24 miles.

The EIS will assess the impacts of the two proposed rights-of-way actions and

the No Action alternatives and may consider alternative locations or alignments of the water project facilities, as appropriate. The EIS will address issues brought forth through scoping and will be evaluated by an interdisciplinary team of specialists. Key issues likely to be considered in analyzing each alternative include groundwater hydrology; groundwater quality; threatened and endangered species; cultural resources; land use; and socioeconomic effects of the project. Federal, state, and local agencies and other individuals or organizations who may be interested in or affected by the decisions to be made on the proposed project are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may request, or be requested by the BLM, to participate as a cooperating agency.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[AK-930-1310-AG]

#### **Notice of Extension of the Scoping Period for Amending the Northeast National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska Integrated Activity Plan and Environmental Impact Statement, Request for Information, and Call for Nominations and Comments**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of scoping period.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces an extension of the scoping period for the Amendment of the Northeast (NE) National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska (NPR-A) Integrated Activity Plan (IAP) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

**DATES:** Written comments on issues relating to the future land use, planning, and management of the northeast portion of NPR-A must be submitted or postmarked no later than October 31, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the document should be addressed to: NE NPR-A Amendment Planning Team, Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office (930), 222 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Curt Wilson, (907) 271-5546;

[c1wilson@ak.blm.gov](mailto:c1wilson@ak.blm.gov) or by mail at 222 W. 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, AK 99513-7599 or Craig McCaa (907) 271-2231; [craig\\_mccaa@ak.blm.gov](mailto:craig_mccaa@ak.blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The BLM published a Notice of Intent for the Amendment to the NE NPR-AIAP on June 26, 2003 that contained a closing date of September 30 for scoping comments. Since that time the BLM has received requests from the North Slope communities nearest to the planning area that the comment period be extended. This extension responds to those requests. Scoping meetings will be held in Nuiqsut, Atkasuk, Anaktuvuk Pass, Barrow, Anchorage and Fairbanks. Times and locations of the meetings will be advertised locally.

Dated: August 12, 2003.

**Peter Ditton,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### **Notice of Intent To Prepare a Resource Management Plan and Associated Environmental Impact Statement for the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare a Resource Management Plan (RMP) and associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) intends to prepare an RMP with an associated EIS for the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area as directed in the Clark County Conservation of Public Land and Natural Resources Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-282). The planning area encompasses approximately 48,438 acres of public land within Clark County, Nevada. The Plan will fulfill the needs and obligations set forth by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), Public Law 107-282, and BLM policies. The public scoping process will identify planning issues and develop planning criteria, including evaluation of the existing Resource Management Plan (RMP). The BLM will work collaboratively with interested parties to develop and analyze management alternatives, taking