

burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanic, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, BLM will receive and analyze any comments sent in response to this notice and include them with its request for approval from the OMB under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

On October 21, 1998, Section 432 of the Veterans Administration and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Act (Public Law 105-276) amended the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act by adding a new section which allows certain Alaska Native Vietnam Era Veterans to apply for Native allotments. After final regulations are promulgated on April 21, 2000, applicants will have 18 months to file their applications on the application form covered by this information collection. Copies of the draft application form are available from the individual identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

The information collected on the application form will include the applicant's name, mailing address, telephone number, location of the land applied for, and how the land was used. BLM will use the information provided by the applicant(s) to adjudicate the applications in order to determine if they meet all the requirements of Public Law 105-276. If BLM did not collect this information, it could not convey up to 160 acres of Federal land to the applicants, and the agency would be unable to discharge its statutory responsibility according to Public Law 105-276.

Based on BLM's experience administering the activities described above, the public reporting burden for the information collected is estimated to average 30 (thirty) minutes per response. The respondents are Alaskan Native Vietnam Era Veterans. The frequency of response is one time for each applicant. The number of responses expected within the 18 month filing period is 1,100 applicants. The estimated total burden on new respondents is approximately 550 hours. BLM is specifically requesting your comments on its estimate of the amount of time that it takes to prepare a response. BLM's estimate is 30 (thirty) minutes per response.

BLM will summarize all responses to this notice and include them in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 23, 1999.

**Carole Smith,**

*Bureau of Land Management, Information Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[AK-050-1220-04]

#### Limits of Acceptable Change, Gulkana River, Alaska

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to hold planning and scoping meetings to discuss and develop limits of acceptable change for the Gulkana River, AK and to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the Alaska National Interest and Conservation Act (ANILCA) of 1980.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to conduct a Limits of Acceptable Change (LAC) planning process for the Gulkana River area. The recommendations developed during the LAC planning process will be used to update the Gulkana National Wild River Management Plan and develop a Lower Gulkana River Management Plan. The LAC process will be conducted by a third party contractor. Based on the recommendations developed during the LAC process, the BLM will determine the appropriate level of compliance required under Section 102 (2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

**DATES:** Public meetings will be held in Fairbanks, AK on March 8, 1999 beginning at 2:00 P.M. for open house and 3:00 meeting; and, 5:30 P.M. for open house and 6:30 meeting, at the North Star Borough (Noel Wien) Public Library, Fairbanks, AK (459-1020). In Anchorage, AK on March 9, 1999 meetings will be held at 2:00 P.M. for open house and 3:00 meeting; and, 5:30 P.M. open house and 6:30 meeting, at the Z.J. Loussac Public Library Conference Room, 3600 Denali St., Anchorage, AK (343-2906). In Gulkana Village on March 11, 1999 meetings will be held at 2:00 P.M. open house and 3:00 meeting; and, 5:30 P.M. open house and 6:30 meeting, at the Gulkana Village Community Hall, Mile 127 Richardson Highway, Gulkana, AK.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to the Gulkana River Studies Team, P.O. 2372, Durango, CO 81302.

The e-mail address is info@gulkanariver.com. A website with pertinent information has been established at www.gulkanariver.com.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gulkana River Studies Team. 1-800-439-0410; Kathy Liska, Glennallen Field Office, Bureau of Land Management (907) 822-3217.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Gulkana LAC planning process is being coordinated by a third party consultant to the Bureau of Land Management, Glennallen Field Office. The purpose of this contract is to conduct a Limits of Acceptable Change planning process for the Gulkana River, AK. The West and Middle Forks and the mainstem of the Gulkana River are included in the National Wild and Scenic River system. In 1980 Congress designated 181 miles of the Gulkana River as "Wild" pursuant to the 1968 Wild and Scenic River Act. The three stretches of river exhibit general inaccessibility, except by trails, with watersheds essentially primitive with unpolluted waters and represent vestiges of primitive America. The Limits of Acceptable Change study includes the existing Wild River Corridor and the following areas: (1) A 9,840 acre area along the South Branch West Fork, west of the existing Wild River Corridor. This stretch has been considered for additional designation as a wild river; and, (2) The Gulkana River from the southern limits of the existing Wild River Corridor at Sourdough Creek to the confluence with the Copper River, plus adjacent land generally between the river and the Richardson Highway and about 1 mile west of the river. The objectives of the Limits of Acceptable Change process include three components: (1) Provide recommendations to update the Gulkana National Wild River Management Plan and create a citizen-driven Lower Gulkana River Management Plan; (2) Produce documents required to comply with potential National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) actions and ANILCA Sec 810; and, (3) Develop and implement a monitoring program to measure and evaluate changes in natural and social conditions, with corresponding management actions that may be needed to maintain or achieve desired future conditions. The desired outcome of the Limits of Acceptable Change planning process is to develop a consensus among the various stakeholders as to the best ways to manage the Gulkana River corridor within legislative constraints. Existing regulatory guidance for management of the Gulkana River corridor is provided by the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act

(1968) and the Alaska National Interest Lands and Conservation Act (1980). In December 1983 the Bureau of Land Management completed the initial River Management Plan for the Gulkana River. That report was entitled "Gulkana River. A Component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System". In that document the specific boundaries and management policies were established for the Gulkana National Wild River. With increasing use and improved access to the Gulkana River system, the Bureau of Land Management proposes to update the River Management Plan through the use of the Limits of Acceptable Change. Results from the LAC planning process will be utilized by the Bureau of Land Management to determine what level of NEPA compliance and environmental analysis will be required to implement the proposed recommendations.

Publication of this notice was delayed due to transport and delivery problems to the Office of the Federal Register.

Dated: February 8, 1999.

**Kathy J. Liska,**

*District Outdoor Recreation Planner,  
Glennallen Field Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CA-610-09-1220-00]

#### Clarification Regarding the Meeting of Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Public Laws 92-463 and 94-579, that the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation with assistance from the Bureau of Land Management will hold a fact-finding public hearing to gather comments specifically regarding potential impacts to Native American cultural and archaeological resources within the site of the proposed Imperial Gold Mine Project from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, March 11, 1999. The hearing will be held in Ballroom A at the Barbara Worth Resort, located at 2050 Country Club Drive in Holtville, California.

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation was created by the 1966 National Historic Preservation Act to advise the President and the Congress on matters related to historic preservation. In its role with the Glamis/Imperial project, the Council will be

assisting the BLM to fulfill its obligations under the National Preservation Act in understanding the importance of the resources affected by the proposed mining project. The Council will listen to testimony and work with the State Historic Preservation Office, BLM, the tribe, and the company in developing a memorandum of understanding which will establish procedures on how best to protect the resources.

The site for the proposed mining project is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Archaeological and cultural inventories indicate the site has scientifically important archeological, cultural, and spiritual value. The hearing will focus on the Native American cultural and archaeological values within the proposed mine site.

All public comments will be recorded, and the transcript will become part of the record. If you are interested in providing comments, please notify Carole Levitzky at (909) 697-5217 or Doran Sanchez at (909) 697-5220, BLM California Desert District Public Affairs.

The proposed Imperial Project, an open pit, heap leach gold mine, would be located in eastern Imperial County, approximately 45 miles northeast of El Centro and 20 miles northwest of Yuma, Arizona. The proposed project area would encompass approximately 1,625 acres of public lands administered by the BLM, of which 1,392 acres would be disturbed. The proposed project would be operated by the Glamis Imperial Corporation, formerly known as Chemgold Corporation.

The Bureau of Land Management and the County of Imperial released a joint draft environmental impact statement/environmental impact report for the proposed project on December 8, 1997. Public comment on the draft ended April 13, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carole Levitzky at (909) 697-5217 or Doran Sanchez at (909) 697-5220, BLM California Desert District Public Affairs.

Dated: February 24, 1999.

**Carole Levitzky,**

*Assistant District Manager, External Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NV-030-1220-00]

#### Notice of Use Fee Collection at Sportsman's Beach

**SUMMARY:** Notice is given that public lands located in Mineral County, Nevada, along the west shore of Walker Lake at Sportsman's Beach Recreation Area, constitute a developed recreation site and will be subject to fee collection. **EFFECTIVE DATES:** Fee collections will go into effect at 2:00 P.M. on Monday, March 15, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO COMMENT CONTACT:** Arthur Callan, Outdoor Recreation Planner, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, Nevada 89701. Telephone (775) 885-6141.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The lands included in this fee collection site are those public lands on the east side of Highway 95 within Mt. Diablo Meridian, Sections 29 and 32, T. 10 N., R. 29E. The authority for fee collection is 36 CFR 71.9. Any person failing to comply with fee payment shall be subject to applicable provisions of 36 CFR 71.12. Any violations of the rules governing conduct and use of the developed recreation site under 43 CFR 8365.2 shall be subject to imprisonment for not more than 12 months, or a fine in accordance with the applicable provisions of 18 U.S.C. 3571, or both.

Dated: February 16, 1999.

**John O. Singlaub,**

*Carson City Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NM-030-1220-00]

#### Land Ownership and Boundary Adjustment, Organ/Franklin Mountains Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), New Mexico

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability and 60-day Public Comment Period.

**SUMMARY:** The BLM, Las Cruces Field Office, announces the availability of a draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendment/preliminary Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and supporting Environmental Assessment (EA). The document discusses the adjustment of the boundary of the