

**Public Availability of Comments**

Written comments we receive become part of the administrative record associated with this action. Before including your address, phone number, email 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 request in your comment that we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

**Next Steps**

If we decide to issue a permit to the applicant listed in this notice, we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register**.

**Authority**

We publish this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

**Rolland White,**

*Assistant Regional Director—U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, Interior Regions 9 and 12.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Geological Survey**

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**Public Meeting (via Teleconference) of the National Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council (NEPEC) Federal Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting (via teleconference).

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) is publishing this notice to announce that the National Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council (NEPEC) will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The virtual meeting will be held on Monday, September 30, 2019, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Michael Blanpied, U.S. Geological

Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Mail Stop 905, Reston, VA 20192; by email at [mblanpied@usgs.gov](mailto:mblanpied@usgs.gov); or by telephone at (703) 648–6696.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NEPEC provides advice and recommendations to the Director of the USGS on earthquake predictions and related scientific research.

**Purpose of the Meeting:** The USGS will update the NEPEC on work in response to prior recommendations, most notably on initial implementation of a nationwide operational aftershock forecasting system, and on planned improvements to that system in the coming year. The USGS will also solicit input from the NEPEC on the agenda for a face-to-face meeting to be scheduled in the next fiscal year. Additional information about the NEPEC meeting is available at: <http://earthquake.usgs.gov/aboutus/nepec/>.

**Agenda Topics:**

- Updates to the council on implementation of a nationwide operational aftershock forecasting system, and future planned improvements;
- Soliciting input from the council on the agenda for a face-to-face meeting to be scheduled in the next fiscal year; and
- Public comment period.

**Meeting Accessibility/Special Accommodations:** The virtual meeting is open to the public. Members of the public wishing to participate in the virtual meeting should contact Dr. Michael Blanpied by email at [mblanpied@usgs.gov](mailto:mblanpied@usgs.gov) to register no later than five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Virtual meeting (teleconference) call-in information will be provided at that time. Time will be allowed at the virtual meeting for any individual or organization wishing to make formal oral comments.

**Public Disclosure of Comments:** Interested members of the public may submit relevant information for the NEPEC to consider during the teleconference. To allow for full consideration of information by the NEPEC members, written notice must be provided to Dr. Michael Blanpied, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Mail Stop 905, Reston, VA 20192; by email at [mblanpied@usgs.gov](mailto:mblanpied@usgs.gov); or by telephone at (703) 648–6696, at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Any written comments received will be provided to the NEPEC members.

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**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. Appendix 2.

**Trent Richardson,**

*Deputy Associate Director for Natural Hazards.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Availability of the Ambler Road Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Alaska**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Ambler Road and by this notice is announcing the opening of the comment period. The BLM is also announcing that it will be holding public meetings on the Draft EIS and subsistence-related hearings to receive comments on the Draft EIS and the project's potential to impact subsistence resources and activities.

**DATES:** To ensure that comments will be considered, the BLM must receive written comments on the Draft EIS within 45 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS in the **Federal Register**. The BLM will hold public meetings in: Alatna, Allakaket, Ambler, Anaktuvuk Pass, Anchorage, Bettles, Buckland, Coldfoot, Evansville, Fairbanks, Hughes, Huslia, Kiana, Kobuk, Kotzebue, Noatak, Noorvik, Selawik, Shungnak, Stevens Village, Tanana, Wiseman, Alaska and in Washington, DC. The dates, times, and locations of the meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media releases, and/or mailings.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments related to the Ambler Road Draft EIS by any of the following methods:

• *Website:* <https://www.blm.gov/AmblerRoadEIS>.

• *Mail:* Ambler Road DEIS Comments, BLM Fairbanks District Office, 222 University Avenue, Fairbanks AK 99709.

• *Hand Deliver comments to:* BLM, 222 University Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tina McMaster-Goering, Ambler Road EIS Project Manager, telephone: 907-271-1310; address: 222 West 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513. You may also request to be added to the mailing list for the EIS. Documents pertaining to the Draft EIS may be examined at <https://www.blm.gov/AmblerRoadEIS> or at or at the BLM Alaska State Office, BLM Alaska Public Information Center (Public Room), 222 West 7th Avenue (First Floor), Anchorage, Alaska or the Fairbanks District Office, 222 University Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska.

Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Bureau of Land Management has prepared the Ambler Road Draft EIS. The Draft EIS is in response to an application for an industrial road right-of-way (ROW) in north-central Alaska across federal public lands and other lands. The road would run from the existing Dalton Highway to the Ambler Mining District. The area involved lies south of the Brooks Range, north of the Yukon River, west of the Dalton Highway and east of the Purcell Mountains. The Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority (AIDEA), a public corporation of the State of Alaska, is the applicant.

The purpose of the public comment period is to inform the public of the availability of the Draft EIS and solicit comments from the public. Information received during the public comment period will be used to develop the Final EIS.

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review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

The BLM has worked with interested parties to develop a proposed action and alternatives consistent with the following criteria:

- The proposed project submitted by the applicant, AIDEA;
- Issues identified during public scoping, impacts and potential alternatives to be addressed; and
- Subsistence resources and users, as well as potential actions to minimize adverse impacts to subsistence in accordance with section 810 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA).

Section 810 of ANILCA requires the BLM to evaluate the effects of the alternatives presented in the Draft EIS on subsistence activities, and to hold public hearings if it finds that any alternatives may significantly restrict subsistence users. The preliminary evaluation of subsistence impact indicates that certain alternatives analyzed in the Draft EIS and the associated cumulative impacts may significantly restrict subsistence uses. Therefore, the BLM will hold public hearings on subsistence resources and activities in conjunction with the public meeting on the Draft EIS in Alatna, Allakaket, Ambler, Anaktuvuk Pass, Bettles, Buckland, Coldfoot, Evansville, Hughes, Huslia, Kiana, Kobuk, Kotzebue, Noatak, Noorvik, Selawik, Shungnak, Stevens Village, Tanana, and Wiseman, Alaska.

**Authority:** 40 CFR 1506.6(b).

**Ted A. Murphy,**

*Associate State Director, Alaska.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Public Meetings, Utah Resource Advisory Council, Utah

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Public Meetings.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, the U.S. Department of the Interior, the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Utah Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The Utah RAC is scheduled to meet on October 29–30, 2019. The meeting will take place from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on October 29th and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on October 30th.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the John Wesley Powell River History Museum, 765 E Main Street, Green River, Utah 84525.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lola Bird, Public Affairs Specialist, BLM Utah State Office, 440 West 200 South, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101; phone (801) 539-4033; or email [lbird@blm.gov](mailto:lbird@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to leave a message or question for the above individual. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Replies are provided during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Utah RAC advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of public lands issues. Agenda topics will include BLM updates; BLM Utah FY 2019 accomplishments; statewide planning updates; Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and Kanab Field Office administrative changes; John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act implementation; recreation fee proposals, and other issues as appropriate. Final agenda will be posted online at <https://www.blm.gov/get-involved/resource-advisory-council/near-you/utah/RAC>.

The meetings are open to the public; however, transportation, lodging, and meals are the responsibility of the participating individuals. The meeting will offer a 30-minute public comment period. Depending on the number of people wishing to comment and the time available, the time for individual comments may be limited. Written comments may also be sent to the BLM Utah State Office at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. All comments received will be provided to the Utah RAC.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, please 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. Detailed meeting minutes for the Utah RAC meetings will be maintained in the BLM Utah State Office and will