a collection of information, to search data sources, to complete and review the collection of information, and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

All written comments will be available for public inspection in the Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC during normal business hours, excluding legal holidays. For an appointment to inspect comments, please contact John Burden by telephone on (202) 208–3173, or by e-mail at *John_Burden@ios.doi.gov*. A valid picture identification is required for entry into the Department of the Interior.

Dated: November 14, 2008.

Sharon Eller,

Director, Office of Civil Rights, Office of the Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[FWS–R1–R–2008–N0298; 1265–0000–10137–S3]

Hanford Reach National Monument; Adams, Benton, Franklin and Grant Counties, WA

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of decision and availability of the record of decision.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, announce our decision and availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the Hanford Reach National Monument (Monument) Final Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (Final CCP/EIS). The ROD documents our selection of Alternative C–1, the Preferred Alternative in our Final CCP/EIS, for implementation as the Monument's CCP. Alternative C–1 addresses the key issues identified during the planning process and will best achieve the purposes and goals of the Monument as well as the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System (NWRS). The Monument is located in Adams, Benton, Franklin, and Grant Counties, Washington.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the ROD or Final CCP/EIS may be obtained from Greg Hughes, Project Leader, Mid-Columbia River National Wildlife Refuge Complex, 64 Maple Street, Burbank, Washington 99323, Telephone (509) 546–8300, or from the Monument's Web site: *http://hanfordreach.fws.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Greg Hughes, Project Leader, phone (509) 546–8300.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Final CCP/EIS was released to the public and a Notice of Availability was published in the **Federal Register** on August 15, 2008 (71 FR 74929). A thorough analysis of the environmental, social and economic considerations was completed and presented in the Final CCP/EIS. In this notice, we announce our decision to implement Alternative C–1 as the CCP for the Monument, as documented in the ROD. The ROD was signed by the Fish and Wildlife Service's Regional Director for the Pacific Region, on September 25, 2008.

The CCP will provide management guidance for conserving resources and providing public use activities. This decision includes adoption of stipulations and mitigation measures identified in Alternative C–1 and Appendix I in the Final CCP/EIS. Implementation of the CCP will occur over the next 15 years, depending on future staffing levels and funding.

Factors Considered in Making the Decision

The decision was based on a thorough analysis of the environmental, social and economic considerations presented in the Final CCP/EIS. During the decision-making phase of the CCP process, the Service reviewed and considered: the impacts identified in Chapter 4 of the Draft and Final CCP/EIS; the results of various studies and surveys conducted in conjunction with the Draft and Final CCP/EIS; relevant issues, concerns and opportunities; comments on the Draft CCP/EIS; and other relevant factors, including the purposes for which the Monument was established and statutory and regulatory guidance. Alternative C–1 incorporates several components addressing a variety of needs including fish and wildlife sanctuary, habitat restoration and protection, public safety, and the NWRS's six priority public uses. It is, however, the unique combination of these components that contributes most to achieving the Monument's purposes and goals. Alternative C–1 strengthens the monitoring of fish, wildlife, habitat, and public uses on the Monument, which will provide the means to better respond to rapidly changing conditions within the surrounding environment. Alternative C–1 was selected for implementation because it provides the greatest number of opportunities to contribute to the fish, wildlife and habitat needs of the Mid-Columbia River Basin.

Dated: October 21, 2008.

David J. Wesley,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WO–320–1310–DT-OSHL]

Notice of Availability of Approved Resource Management Plan Amendments/Record of Decision (ROD) for Oil Shale and Tar Sands Resources To Address Land Use Allocations in Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming and Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability (NOA).

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Approved Resource Management Plan Amendments/Record of Decision for Oil Shale and Tar Sands Resources to Address Land Use Allocations in Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming (PRMP Amendments) and Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (FPEIS).

ADDRESSES: The document will be available electronically on the following Web site: *http://ostseis.anl.gov*. Copies of the Record of Decision (ROD) are available for public inspection at the following BLM Office locations:

- Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, CO 80215.
- Utah State Office, 440 West 200 South, Suite 500, Salt Lake City, UT 84101.
- Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone, Cheyenne, WY 82009.
- Vernal Field Office, 170 South 500 East, Vernal, UT 84078.
- Price Field Office, 125 South 600 West, Price, UT 84501.
- Richfield Field Office, 150 East 900 North, Richfield, UT 84701.
- Monticello Field Office, 435 North Main, P.O. Box 7, Monticello, UT 84535.
- White River Field Office, 220 E. Market Street, Meeker, CO 81641.
- Glenwood Springs Field Office, 2425 S. Grand Ave., Suite 101, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601.
- Grand Junction Field Office, 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, CO 81506.

• Kemmerer Field Office, 312 Highway 189 North, Kemmerer, WY 83101.

• Rawlins Field Office, at 1300 North Third, PO Box 2407, Rawlins, WY 82301.

• Rock Springs Field Office, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, WY 82901.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sherri Thompson, BLM Project Manager, at (303) 239–3758, (*sherri_thompson@blm.gov*), Bureau of Land Management, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215 or Mitchell Leverette, BLM Division Chief, Solid Minerals, at (202) 452–5088, (*mitchell_leverette@blm.gov*), Bureau of Land Management, 1620 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The decision in the ROD selects Alternative B as the Approved Resource Management Plan Amendments, which would amend 10 land use plans in Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming to make approximately 2 million acres of lands containing oil shale resources available for application for commercial leasing and approximately 430,000 acres available for application for commercial leasing of tar sands.

Because of the strategic importance and multiple state involvement in the process, the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, in the Department of the Interior approved the proposed plan amendments on November 17, 2008.

Authority: 40 CFR 1506.6, 43 CFR 1610.2, 43 CFR 1610.5–1.

Dated: November 17, 2008.

C. Stephen Allred,

Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK–910–09–1739–NSSI]

Call for Nominations: North Slope Science Initiative, Science Technical Advisory Panel, Alaska

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Call for Nominations for the North Slope Science Initiative, Science Technical Advisory Panel.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a call for nominations to serve on the North Slope Science Initiative, Science Technical Advisory Panel in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972, 5 U.S.C. Appendix.

DATES: Submit a completed nomination form and nomination letter to the address listed below no later than 45 days from the date of publication of this Notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John F. Payne, Ph.D, Executive Director, North Slope Science Initiative (AK–910), c/o Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513, phone (907) 271–3431, or *john_f_payne@blm.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Science Technical Advisory Panel is to advise the North Slope Science Oversight Group on issues such as identifying and prioritizing inventory, monitoring and research needs, and providing other scientific as requested by the Oversight Group. The Oversight Group consists of the Alaska Regional Directors of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, Minerals Management Service, and National Marine Fisheries Service; the BLM–Alaska State Director; The Commissioners of the Alaska Departments of Fish and Game and Natural Resources; the Mayor of the North Slope Borough and the president of the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation. Advisory to the Oversight Group are the Regional Executive, U.S. Geological Survey, Alaska Director, U.S. Arctic Research Commission, and the Regional Directors of the National Weather Service and U.S. Department of Energy, National Energy Technology Laboratory.

The Science Technical Advisory Panel shall consist of a representative group of not more than 15 scientists and technical experts from diverse professions and interests, including the oil and gas industry, subsistence users, Alaska Native entities, conservation organizations, and academia, as determined by the Secretary of the Interior. The members will be selected from among, but not limited to, the following disciplines: North Slope traditional and local knowledge, landscape ecology, petroleum engineering, civil engineering, geology, botany, hydrology, limnology, habitat biology, wildlife biology, biometrics, sociology, cultural anthropology, economics, ornithology, oceanography, fisheries biology, and climatology.

The duties of the Science Panel are solely advisory to the Oversight Group, which will give direction to the Science Panel regarding priorities for decisions needed for the Department of the Interior's management. Duties could include the following:

a. Advise the Oversight Group on science planning and relevant research and monitoring projects;

b. Advise the Oversight Group on scientific information relevant to the Oversight Group's mission;

c. Review selected reports to advise the Oversight Group on their content and relevance;

d. Review ongoing scientific programs of North Slope Science Initiative (NSSI) member organizations on the North Slope at the request of the member organizations to promote compatibility in methodologies and compilation of data;

e. Advise the Oversight Group on how to ensure that scientific products generated through NSSI activities are of the highest technical quality;

f. Periodically review the North Slope Science Plan and provide recommendations for changes to the Oversight Group;

g. Provide recommendations for proposed NSSI funded inventory, monitoring and research activities to the Oversight Group;

h. Provide other scientific advice as requested by the Oversight Group; and

i. Coordinate with groups and committees appointed or requested by the Oversight Group to provide science advice, as needed.

The Executive Director, North Slope Science Initiative shall serve as the Designated Federal Officer of the Science Technical Advisory Panel.

Qualifications and Procedures Required for Nomination

All membership shall consist of professionals with advanced degrees and a minimum of five years of work experience in Alaska in their field of expertise, preferably in the North Slope region. Professionals will be selected from among those disciplines and entities described above. Any individual or organization may nominate one or more persons to serve on the Science Technical Advisory Panel. Members will be appointed for three-year terms. At the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior, Science Technical Advisory Panel members may be reappointed indefinitely.

How To Nominate

Individuals may nominate themselves to the Science Technical Advisory Panel. You may obtain nomination forms from the Executive Director, North Slope Science Initiative (see address above), or from *http://www.northslope.org*. To make a nomination, or self nominate, you must