

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) of a Marine Geophysical Survey by the U.S. Geological Survey in the Arctic Ocean, August–September 2010 and by this notice is announcing the opening of the comment period.

**DATES:** To ensure comments will be considered, the USGS must receive written comments on the Draft EA of a Marine Geophysical Survey by the U.S. Geological Survey in the Arctic Ocean, August–September 2010 within 30 days following the date this Notice of Availability is published in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments related to the Draft Environmental Assessment of a Marine Geophysical Survey by the U.S. Geological Survey in the Arctic Ocean, August–September 2010 by any of the following methods:

- Web site: [http://walrus.wr.usgs.gov/EA/ECS\\_EA](http://walrus.wr.usgs.gov/EA/ECS_EA)

- E-mail: [jchilds@usgs.gov](mailto:jchilds@usgs.gov).

- Fax: 650–329–5190.

- Mail: Jonathan R. Childs, U.S.

Geological Survey, Mail Stop 999, 345 Middlefield Rd., Menlo Park, CA 94025.

Copies of the Draft EA are available in the USGS Menlo Park Earth Science Information Center, Building 3, Room 3128, 345 Middlefield Rd., Menlo Park, CA 94025, Telephone: (650) 329–4309; the USGS Anchorage Earth Science Information Center, Room 208, 4210 University Dr. Anchorage, AK 99508, Telephone: (907) 786–7011; and at the North Slope Borough Department of Wildlife Management, Barrow, Alaska, Telephone: (907) 852–0350.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information contact Jonathan R. Childs, geophysicist, at the above address.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The objective of the proposed Geophysical Survey is to provide information relevant to determining the outer limits of the U.S. Extended Continental Shelf under the provisions of Article 76 of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea. Further information is available at: <http://www.continentalshelf.gov>.

Prior public input included requests for comment and information early in the project from agencies with potential interest or jurisdiction, and from local North Slope organizations with a potential interest in the proposed project. Survey plans were presented at the Alaskan Eskimo Whaling Captain's meeting on February 11, 2010. A public meeting was held March 23, 2010 in Anchorage, Alaska. Minor issues and

concerns were addressed during the public meeting.

Please note that public comments and information submitted including names, street addresses, and email addresses of persons who submit comments will be available for public review and disclosure at the USGS Menlo Park address above during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays.

**Authority:** 40 CFR 1506.6, 40 CFR 1506.10.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey; Montana

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

**ACTION:** Notice of filing of plats of survey.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will file the plat of survey of the lands described below in the BLM Montana State Office, Billings, Montana, thirty (30) days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marvin Montoya, Cadastral Surveyor, Branch of Cadastral Survey, Bureau of Land Management, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101–4669, telephone (406) 896–5124 or (406) 896–5009.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This survey was executed at the request of the Program Manager, Bureau of Reclamation, Great Plains Region, Montana Area Office, Billings, Montana, and was necessary to determine the boundaries of Federal Interest lands.

The lands we surveyed are:

#### Principal Meridian, Montana

T. 36 N., R. 14 E.

The plat, in 3 sheets, representing the dependent resurvey of dependent resurvey of portions of the Ninth Standard Parallel North, through Range 14 West, the subdivisional lines, the subdivision of certain sections, and certain rights-of-way of the United States Reclamation Service (U.S.R.S.) Reserve, St. Mary Storage Unit (Canal), through sections 3, 16, and 27, Township 36 North, Range 14 West, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted June 3, 2010.

We will place a copy of the plat, in 3 sheets, and related field notes we

described in the open files. They will be available to the public as a matter of information. If the BLM receives a protest against this survey, as shown on this plat, in 3 sheets, prior to the date of the official filing, we will stay the filing pending our consideration of the protest. We will not officially file this plat, in 3 sheets, until the day after we have accepted or dismissed all protests and they have become final, including decisions or appeals.

**Authority:** 43 U.S.C. Chap 3.

Dated: June 4, 2010.

**James D. Clafin,**

*Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Division of Resources.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Intent To Establish and Call for Nominations for the Rio Grande Natural Area Commission, Colorado

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The BLM is publishing this notice in accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) gives notice that the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) is establishing the Rio Grande Natural Area Commission (Commission) in the State of Colorado. This notice is also to solicit public nominations for the Commission. The Commission will advise the Secretary with respect to the Rio Grande Natural Area (Natural Area) and prepare a management plan relating to non-Federal land in the Natural Area.

**DATES:** All nominations must be received no later than July 12, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the address of the BLM Colorado Office accepting nominations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James Sample, Public Information Officer, Colorado State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215, telephone (303) 239–3861; or e-mail [James\\_Sample@blm.gov](mailto:James_Sample@blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commission is a statutory advisory committee established under Section 4 of the Rio Grande Natural Area Act (Act)