

evaporating ponds. A single overhead 230 kilovolt transmission line will connect the plant to the nearby Valley Electric substation. Additional elements of the project include access roads, a water pipeline, and a bioremediation area.

The Final EIS describes and analyzes the project's site-specific impacts on air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, visual resources, water resources, geological resources, paleontological resources, land use, noise, soils, nuisance, public health, socioeconomic, traffic and transportation, waste management, hazardous materials handling, worker safety, fire protection, facility design engineering, transmission system engineering, and transmission line safety.

Three alternatives were analyzed: (A) Wet-cooling technology; (B) Dry-cooling technology; and (C) No action alternative. Alternative A uses circulating water to condense low-pressure turbine generator exhaust steam in a shell and tube heat exchanger (condenser). Alternative B uses an air-cooled condenser that cools and condenses the low-pressure turbine generator exhaust steam using a large array of fans that force air over finned-tube heat exchangers arranged in an A-frame bundle configuration. Alternative B is the BLM's preferred alternative and Solar Millennium's proposed action. Alternative C is the no action alternative.

On March 19, 2010, the BLM published the Notice of Availability for the Draft EIS for this project in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 13301). The BLM held four public meetings and allowed the public to comment through email, mail, public meetings, and by phone. A total of 461 comments were received from individuals, organizations, and agencies.

These comments addressed concerns with water use mitigation, visual resource management, noise levels, and social/economic issues, particularly job opportunities. Concerns raised during the review are addressed and specific responses provided in the Final EIS.

Authority: 40 CFR 1506.6 and 1506.10.

Gayle Marrs-Smith,

Acting Manager Pahrump Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement

Outer Continental Shelf, Alaska OCS Region, Chukchi Sea Planning Area, Oil and Gas Lease Sale 193

AGENCY: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEMRE), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) and Notice of Public Hearings.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this SEIS (OCS EIS/EA BOEMRE 2010-034) is to provide new analysis in accordance with the United States (U.S.) District Court for the District of Alaska Order remanding the BOEMRE's Chukchi Sea Lease Sale 193 Final EIS (FEIS) (OCS EIS/EA MMS 2007-0026). The District Court's Order instructs the BOEMRE to address three concerns: (1) Analyze the environmental impact of natural gas development; (2) determine whether missing information identified by BOEMRE in the 193 FEIS was essential or relevant under 40 CFR 1502.22; and (3) "determine whether the cost of obtaining the missing information was exorbitant, or the means of doing so unknown."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FEIS for Chukchi Sea Lease Sale 193 (OCS EIS/EA MMS 2007-0026) evaluated the potential effects of the proposed sale and three alternatives: a no action alternative and two alternatives that incorporate deferral areas of varying size along the coastward edge of the proposed sale area.

Sale 193 was held in February of 2008. The BOEMRE received high bids totaling approximately \$2.7 billion and issued 487 leases. Although the lease-sale decision was challenged in the U.S. District Court for the District of Alaska, the litigants did not request a preliminary injunction to halt the sale. Accordingly, the sale was conducted and 487 leases were issued. In July 2010, the District Court remanded the matter for further National Environmental Policy Act analysis of certain concerns. The BOEMRE is to address three concerns: (1) Analyze the environmental impact of natural gas development; (2) determine whether missing information identified by BOEMRE in the FEIS for Chukchi Sea Lease Sale 193 was essential or relevant under 40 CFR 1502.22; and (3) determine whether the cost of obtaining the missing information was exorbitant, or the means of doing so unknown.

The SEIS will provide the Secretary with sufficient information and analysis to make an informed decision amongst the alternatives. In effect, the Secretary will decide whether to affirm, modify, or cancel Sale 193. This notice relates solely to the Supplemental Draft EIS for Chukchi Sale 193. It does not preclude possible additional environmental analysis with regard to future leasing or permitting actions.

Draft Supplemental EIS Availability: To obtain a copy of the Draft SEIS, you may contact the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, Alaska OCS Region, 3801 Centerpoint Drive, Suite 500, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-5820, telephone 907-334-5200. You may also view the Draft SEIS at the above address, on the BOEMRE Web site at <http://alaska.boemre.gov>, or at the Alaska Resources Library and Information Service, 3211 Providence Drive, Suite 111, Anchorage.

Written Comments: Interested parties may submit their written comments on the Draft SEIS until November 29, 2010 to the Regional Director, Alaska OCS Region, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, 3801 Centerpoint Drive, Suite 500, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-5820. You may also hand deliver comments to this address. Comments should be labeled "Attn: Chukchi Sea Draft SEIS." Comments may be submitted via e-mail at BOEMREAKPublicCommen@boemre.gov (**Note:** please use e-mail address exactly as it appears. Do not add the letter "q" or anything else to the address.). Please include "Attn: Chukchi Sea Draft SEIS" in the subject line, and your name and return address in the message. BOEMRE will not accept anonymous comments.

Be advised that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may request us to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Public Hearings: Public hearings on the Draft SEIS will be held as follows:

Monday, November 1, 2011, Kotzebue Middle/High School, Kotzebue, Alaska;

Tuesday, November 2, 2010, Oalgi Community Center, Point Hope, Alaska; Wednesday, November 3, 2010, Point Lay Community Center, Point Lay, Alaska;

Thursday, November 4, 2010, Robert James Community Center, Wainwright, Alaska;

Friday, November 5, 2010, Inupiat Heritage Center, Barrow, Alaska;

Tuesday, November 9, 2010, 3800
Centerpoint Drive, Anchorage, Alaska.
All meetings will start at 7 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management,
Regulation and Enforcement, Alaska
OCS Region, 3801 Centerpoint Drive,
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5820, 907–334–5200.

Dated: October 8, 2010.

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and Minerals Management.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Crane Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, Morrison County, MN

AGENCY: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service,
Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability: Final
Comprehensive Conservation Plan and
Finding of No Significant Impact for
Environmental Assessment.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and
Wildlife Service (Service), announce the
availability of the Final Comprehensive
Conservation Plan (CCP) and Finding of
No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the
Environmental Assessment (EA) for
Crane Meadows National Wildlife
Refuge (NWR). Goals and objectives in
the CCP describe how the agency
intends to manage the refuge over the
next 15 years.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Final CCP and
FONSI/EA may be viewed at the Crane
Meadows National Wildlife Refuge
Office or at public libraries near the
refuge. You may also request a copy by
any of the following methods.

1. *Agency Web site:* View or
download a copy of the document at
[http://www.fws.gov/midwest/planning/
CraneMeadows/](http://www.fws.gov/midwest/planning/CraneMeadows/).

2. *E-mail:* r3planning@fws.gov.
Include “Crane Meadows Final CCP/EA”
in the subject line of the message.

3. *Mail:* Crane Meadows National
Wildlife Refuge, 19502 Iris Road, Little
Falls, Minnesota 56345.

A limited number of hardcopies will
be available for distribution at the
Refuge Headquarters.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Anne Sittauer (763–389–3323).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

With this notice, we complete the
CCP process for Crane Meadows NWR,
which we began by publishing a notice
of intent on (73 FR 76677–76678,
December 17, 2008). For more
information about the initial process,
see that notice. We released the draft
CCP and EA to the public, announcing
and requesting comments in a notice of
availability on (75 FR 39037–39038, July
7, 2010).

Crane Meadows NWR, located in
central Minnesota, was established in
1992 to protect one of the largest, most
intact wetland complexes remaining in
the State. The Refuge owns
approximately 1,800 acres of 13,540
acres identified for acquisition, and an
additional 900 acres are owned and
managed by the Minnesota Department
of Natural Resources. In addition to
hosting relatively rare habitat types
including oak savanna, sand prairie, and
sedge meadow, it also provides key
habitat for local and migratory wildlife,
maintains essential ecological services,
provides an element of water control
and flood relief, protects important
archaeological resources, and offers
unique recreation, education, and
research opportunities.

The Draft CCP and EA were officially
released for public review on July 7,
2010; the 31-day comment period ended
on August 6, 2010. Planning
information was sent to approximately
265 individuals and organizations for
review and announced through local
media outlets, resulting in three
comment submissions. During the
comment period the Refuge also hosted
an open house to receive public
comments and feedback on the CCP and
EA documents. Three individuals
attended this event—all current or
former state Department of Natural
Resources employees. Because no
changes to the preferred alternative
were recommended by Refuge
audiences during the public review
period, only minor changes were made
to the drafts in preparing the final CCP/
EA documents.

Selected Alternative

Based on input and feedback during
the planning process, alternative B was
selected as the preferred alternative.
This alternative portrays a long-term
vision for habitat restoration to near-
historic benchmark conditions and
increases recreation opportunities for
visitors over the 15-year planning
horizon. A diversity of wetland and
savanna habitats are favored reinforcing
historic conditions, while prairie and
woodland are reduced over the long-

term. This alternative includes active
participation in monitoring and
improving upstream water resources,
calls for adherence to a well-developed
prescribed fire plan, increases land
acquisition and work on private lands in
high priority areas, augments the
existing biological inventory and
monitoring program, and offers visitor
services in a greater number of
locations. Specific, managed hunts are
offered, and opportunities for quality
fishing experiences will be evaluated as
new lands are acquired.

Background

The National Wildlife Refuge System
Administration Act of 1966, as amended
by the National Wildlife Refuge System
Improvement Act of 1997 (16 U.S.C.
668dd–668ee *et seq.*), requires the
Service to develop a CCP for each
National Wildlife Refuge. The purpose
in developing a CCP is to provide refuge
managers with a 15-year strategy for
achieving refuge purposes and
contributing toward the mission of the
National Wildlife Refuge System,
consistent with sound principles of fish
and wildlife management, conservation,
legal mandates, and Service policies. In
addition to outlining broad management
direction for conserving wildlife and
their habitats, the CCP identifies
wildlife-dependent recreational
opportunities available to the public,
including opportunities for hunting,
fishing, wildlife observation and
photography, and environmental
education and interpretation.

We will review and update the CCP
at least every 15 years in accordance
with the National Wildlife Refuge
System Administration Act of 1966, as
amended by the National Wildlife
Refuge System Improvement Act of
1997, and the National Environmental
Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321–
4370d).

Dated: August 17, 2010.

Charles M. Wooley,

*Acting Regional Director, U.S. Fish and
Wildlife Service, Ft. Snelling, Minnesota.*

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JOINT BOARD FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF ACTUARIES

Renewal of Advisory Committee on Actuarial Examinations

AGENCY: Joint Board for the Enrollment
of Actuaries.

ACTION: Renewal of Advisory
Committee.