

Engineers, as entities having jurisdiction and special expertise relevant to potentially affected resources, are acting as cooperating agencies.

The purpose of the proposed action is to improve access to essential tribal government services, and provide housing, employment opportunities and economic development for the tribal community residing in northern Indiana. The Tribe proposes to develop 44 housing units, a multi-purpose facility, health service, and other tribal government facilities. The Tribe also proposes to develop a Class III gaming facility with a hotel, restaurants, meeting space, and a parking garage. A range of project alternatives is considered in the FEIS, including: (1) Preferred Alternative—South Bend tribal housing, government facilities, and casino; (2) Elkhart site with same uses as the preferred alternative; (3) South Bend site with government facilities and commercial development; and (4) no action. Alternative 1, the Preferred Alternative, reflects the Tribe's proposed project and has been selected as the Preferred Alternative as discussed in the FEIS. The information and analysis contained in the EIS, as well as its evaluation and assessment of the Preferred Alternative, are intended to assist the review of the issues presented in the Tribe's fee-to-trust application. The Preferred Alternative does not necessarily reflect the Department of the Interior's (Department) final decision, because the Department must evaluate all of the criteria in 25 CFR part 151. The Department's consideration and analysis of the applicable criteria may lead to a final decision that selects an alternative other than the Preferred Alternative. Environmental issues addressed in the FEIS include land and water resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural and paleontological resources, socioeconomic conditions, transportation and circulation, land use, public services, noise, hazardous materials, visual resources, environmental justice, cumulative effects, indirect effects, and mitigation.

The BIA has afforded other government agencies and the public opportunity to participate in the preparation of this FEIS. The BIA published a Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS (NOI) for the proposed action in the **Federal Register** on August 24, 2012. See 77 FR 51558. The BIA held a public scoping meeting on September 27, 2012, in South Bend, Indiana. A Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Draft EIS (DEIS) was published in the **Federal Register** on March 12, 2015. See 80 FR 13014. The document was available for public comment from

March 12, 2015 to April 28, 2015, and a public hearing was held on April 14, 2015, in South Bend, Indiana.

Locations where the FEIS is Available for Review: The FEIS will be available at the South Bend Public Library, Main Branch, 304 S. Main St., South Bend, IN 46601, and the Elkhart Public Library, Main Branch, 300 S 2nd St, Elkhart, IN 46516. An electronic version of the FEIS can be viewed at the following Web site: www.pokagonsouthbendeis.com. If you would like to obtain a compact disc copy of the FEIS, please provide your name and address in writing or by voicemail to the person listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. Individual paper copies of the FEIS will be provided only upon payment of applicable printing expenses by the requestor for the number of copies requested.

Authority: This notice is published pursuant to Sec. 1503.1 of the Council of Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508) and Sec. 46.305 of the Department of the Interior Regulations (43 CFR part 46), implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Dated: July 11, 2016.

Lawrence S. Roberts,

Acting Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

[NPS–NER–20796; PPNEHATUC0, PPMRSCR1Y.CU0000 (166)]

Information Collection Request Sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval; National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We (National Park Service, NPS) have sent an Information Collection Request (ICR) to OMB for review and approval. We summarize the ICR below and describe the nature of the collection and the estimated burden and cost. This information collection is scheduled to expire on July 31, 2016. We may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. However, under OMB

regulations, we may continue to conduct or sponsor this information collection while it is pending at OMB.

DATES: You must submit comments on or before August 22, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments and suggestions on this information collection to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at OMB–OIRA at (202) 395–5806 (fax) or OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov (email). Please provide a copy of your comments to Madonna L. Baucum, Information Collection Clearance Officer, National Park Service, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive (Mail Stop 242), Reston, VA 20192 (mail); or madonna_baucum@nps.gov (email). Please include “1024–0232” in the subject line of your comments. You may review the ICR online at <http://www.reginfo.gov>. Follow the instructions to review Department of the Interior collections under review by OMB.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information about this ICR, contact Diane Miller, National Manager, National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program, National Park Service, National Park Service, c/o Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, 2145 Key Wallace Drive, Cambridge, Maryland 21613; or via email at diane_miller@nps.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Act of 1998 (54 U.S.C. 308301, *et seq.*) authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Network to Freedom (Network). The Network is a collection of sites, facilities, and programs, both governmental and nongovernmental, around the United States. All entities must have a verifiable association with the historic Underground Railroad movement. The National Park Service administers the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program. The program coordinates preservation and education efforts Nationwide and integrates local historical places, museums, and interpretive programs associated with the Underground Railroad into a mosaic of community, regional, and national stories.

Individuals; businesses; organizations; State, tribal and local governments; and Federal agencies that want to join the Network must complete NPS Form 10–946 (National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Application). The application and instructions are available on our Web site at <http://www.nps.gov/subjects/ugrr/index.htm>. Respondents

must (1) verify associations and characteristics through descriptive texts that are the result of historical research and (2) submit supporting documentation; e.g., copies of rare documents, photographs, and maps. Much of the information is submitted in electronic format and used to determine eligibility to become part of the Network.

One of the principal components of the Network to Freedom Program is to validate the efforts of local and regional organizations, and to make it easier for them to share expertise and communicate with us and each other. The vehicle through which this can

happen is for these local entities to become Network Partners. Partners of the Network to Freedom Program work alongside and often in cooperation with us to fulfill the program's mission. Prospective partners must submit a letter with the following information:

- Name and address of the agency, company or organization;
- Name, address, and phone, fax, and email information of principal contact;
- Abstract not to exceed 200 words describing the partner's activity or mission statement; and
- Brief description of the entity's association to the Underground Railroad.

II. Data

OMB Number: 1024–0232.
Title: National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program.
Form Number(s): NPS Form 10–946, “National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Application”.
Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection of information.
Description of Respondents: Individuals; businesses; nonprofit organizations; and Federal, State, tribal, and local governments.
Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.
Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Activity	Number of respondents	Number of responses	Completion time per response	Total annual burden hours
Network Applications (NPS Form 10–946)	35	35	40 hours	1,400
Partner Requests	2	2	.5 hours	1
Totals	37	37	1,401

Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: None.

III. Comments

On January 15, 2016, we published in the **Federal Register** (81 FR 2232) a notice of our intent to request that OMB renew approval for this information collection. In that notice, we solicited public comments for 60 days, ending on March 15, 2016. We did not receive any comments in response to that notice.

We again invite comments concerning this information collection on:

- Whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information;
- Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

Please note that the comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. 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 ask OMB or us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that it will be done.

Dated: July 18, 2016.
Madonna L. Baucum,
Information Collection Clearance Officer,
National Park Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
[Docket No. BOEM–2014–0001]
Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Cook Inlet Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Lease Sale 244; MMAA104000

AGENCY: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), Interior.
ACTION: Notice of Availability (NOA) of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: BOEM is announcing the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Cook Inlet Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Lease Sale 244. This notice marks the start of the public review and comment period and serves to announce public hearings on the Draft EIS. After the public hearings and written comments on the Draft EIS have been reviewed and considered, a Final EIS will be prepared.

The proposed action addressed in this Draft EIS is to conduct an oil and gas lease sale on portions of the Cook Inlet Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Planning Area. Lease Sale 244 would provide qualified bidders the opportunity to bid

on OCS blocks in Cook Inlet to gain conditional rights to explore, develop, and produce oil and natural gas.

The Draft EIS analyzes the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts of the proposed lease sale on the physical, biological, and human environments in the Cook Inlet area. The EIS describes a hypothetical scenario of exploration, development, production, and decommissioning activities that could result from the proposed lease sale, and analyzes the potential impacts of those activities on the environment.

Authority: This Notice of Availability for the Draft EIS is in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4231 *et seq.*), and is published pursuant to 43 CFR 46.415.

DATES: Comments should be submitted no later than September 6, 2016. See public hearing dates in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 27, 2012, the Secretary of the Interior approved the June 2012 *Proposed Final Outer Continental Shelf Oil & Gas Leasing Program 2012–2017* (Five-Year Program). The Five-Year Program includes proposed Lease Sale 244.

The proposed Lease Sale 244 area defined in the Area Identification (Area ID) is located offshore of the State of Alaska in the northern portion of the Federal waters of Cook Inlet. The Area ID is comprised of 224 OCS blocks, which encompass an area of approximately 442,875 hectares (1.09 million acres). This area is close to infrastructure needed to support