

state, local, or tribal governments pursuant to the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) (2 U.S.C. 1531–1538); federalism implications pursuant to Executive Order 13132, entitled *Federalism* (64 FR 43255, November 2, 1999); availability of voluntary consensus standards pursuant to section 12(d) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (NTTAA), Public Law 104–113; tribal implications pursuant to Executive Order 13175, entitled *Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments* (65 FR 67249, November 6, 2000); environmental health or safety effects on children pursuant to Executive Order 13045, entitled *Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks* (62 FR 19885, April 23, 1997); energy effects pursuant to Executive Order 13211, entitled *Actions Concerning Regulations that Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use* (66 FR 28355, May 22, 2001); paperwork burdens pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501); or human health or environmental effects on minority or low-income populations pursuant to Executive Order 12898, entitled *Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations* (59 FR 7629, February 16, 1994) and Executive Order 14096, entitled *Revitalizing Our Nation's Commitment to Environmental Justice for All* (88 FR 25251, April 21, 2023). The Agency will consider such comments during the development of any subsequent rulemaking.

Additional information about statutes and executive orders can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/laws-regulations/laws-and-executive-orders>.

#### List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 355

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Chemicals, Disaster assistance, Hazardous substances, Hazardous waste, Natural resources, Penalties, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Superfund.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

#### 43 CFR Part 2360

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RIN 1004–AE95

#### Management and Protection of the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska; Extension of Comment Period

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On September 8, 2023, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) published in the *Federal Register* a proposed rule that would revise the framework for designating and assuring maximum protection of Special Areas' significant resource values and protect and enhance access for subsistence activities throughout the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska (NPR–A). The proposed rule would also incorporate aspects of the NPR–A Integrated Activity Plan approved in April 2022. On October 24, 2023, the BLM extended the comment period to November 17, 2023. The BLM has determined that it is appropriate to further extend the comment period for the proposed rule by 20 days, until December 7, 2023, to allow for additional public comment.

**DATES:** The comment period for the proposed rule that originally published on September 8, 2023, at 88 FR 62025, and was extended on October 24, 2023, at 88 FR 72985, ends on November 17, 2023. Under this further extension, comments must now be submitted on or before December 7, 2023. The BLM need not consider or include in the administrative record for the final rule comments that the BLM receives after the close of the comment period or comments delivered to an address other than those listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

**ADDRESSES:** *Mail, personal, or messenger delivery:* U.S. Department of the Interior, Director (HQ–630), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C St. NW, Room 5646, Washington, DC 20240, Attention: 1004–AE80. *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. In the Search-box, enter “RIN 1004–AE95” and click the “Search” button. Follow the instructions at this website.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James Tichenor, Advisor—Office of the Director, at 202–573–0536 or [\[blm.gov\]\(mailto:blm.gov\) with a subject line of “RIN 1004–AE95.” For questions relating to regulatory process issues, contact Faith Bremner at \[fbremner@blm.gov\]\(mailto:fbremner@blm.gov\). Individuals in the United States who are deaf, blind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 \(TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille\) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.](mailto:jtichenor@</a></p>
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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Public Comment Procedures

If you wish to comment on this proposed rule, you may submit your comments to the BLM, marked with the number RIN 1004–AE95, by mail, personal or messenger delivery, or through <https://www.regulations.gov> (see the **ADDRESSES** section). Please note that comments on this proposed rule's information collection burdens should be submitted to the OMB as described in the **ADDRESSES** section. Please make your comments on the proposed rule as specific as possible, confine them to issues pertinent to the proposed rule, and explain the reason for any changes you recommend. Where possible, your comments should reference the specific section or paragraph of the proposal that you are addressing. The comments and recommendations that will be most useful and likely to influence agency decisions are:

1. Those supported by quantitative information or studies; and
2. Those that include citations to, and analyses of, the applicable laws and regulations.

The BLM is not obligated to consider or include in the Administrative Record for the final rule comments that we receive after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**) or comments delivered to an address other than those listed above (see **ADDRESSES**). Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the physical location listed under **ADDRESSES** during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. EST), Monday through Friday, except holidays. Before including your address, telephone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised 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 from public review your personal identifying information, we

cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

### Background

The proposed rule was published on September 8, 2023 (88 FR 62025), with a 60-day comment period closing on November 7, 2023. Since publication, the BLM has received requests for extension of the comment period on the proposed rule. The BLM previously extended the comment period to November 17, 2023 (88 FR 72985). The BLM has determined that it is appropriate to further extend the comment period for the docket until December 7, 2023, to allow for additional public comment.

**Steven H. Feldgus,**

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 54

[WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 23-328, 14-58, 09-197; WT Docket No. 10-208; FCC 23-87; FR ID 184414]

### Connect America Fund, Alaska Connect Fund, ETC Annual Reports and Certifications, Telecommunications Carriers Eligible To Receive Universal Service Support, Universal Service Reform—Mobility Fund

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that seeks comment on the next phase of high-cost fixed and mobile support in Alaska. The Commission initiates this rulemaking to seek comment on innovative solutions and unique accommodations necessary to continue supporting broadband service to Alaska.

**DATES:** Comments are due on or before January 16, 2024, and reply comments are due on or before February 15, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 23-328, 14-58, 09-197 or WT Docket No. 10-208 by any of the following methods:

- *Electronic Filers:* Comments may be filed electronically using the internet by accessing the ECFS: [www.fcc.gov/ecfs](http://www.fcc.gov/ecfs).

- *Paper Filers:* Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing.

Filings can be sent by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

- Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701.

- U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554.

- Effective March 19, 2020, and until further notice, the Commission no longer accepts any hand or messenger delivered filings. This is a temporary measure taken to help protect the health and safety of individuals, and to mitigate the transmission of COVID-19. See FCC Announces Closure of FCC Headquarters Open Window and Change in Hand-Delivery Policy, Public Notice, 35 FCC Rcd 2788, 2788-89 (OS 2020).

*People with Disabilities.* To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an email to [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (tty).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, please contact, Rebekah Douglas, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, at [Rebekah.Douglas@fcc.gov](mailto:Rebekah.Douglas@fcc.gov) or (202) 418-7931 or Matt Warner, Competition and Infrastructure Policy Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, at [Matthew.Warner@fcc.gov](mailto:Matthew.Warner@fcc.gov) or (202) 418-2419.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Commission's NPRM in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 23-328, 14-58, 09-197 and WT Docket No. 10-208; FCC 23-87, adopted on October 19, 2023 and released on October 20, 2023. The full text of this document is available at the following internet address: <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/FCC-23-87A1.pdf>.

*Availability of Documents.* Comments, reply comments, and *ex parte* submissions will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Center, Federal Communications Commission, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554. These

documents will also be available via ECFS. Documents will be available electronically in ASCII, Microsoft Word, and/or Adobe Acrobat.

*Filing Requirements.* Comments and reply comments exceeding ten pages must include a short and concise summary of the substantive arguments raised in the pleading. Comments and reply comments must also comply with § 1.49 and all other applicable sections of the Commission's rules. The Commission directs all interested parties to include the name of the filing party and the date of the filing on each page of their comments and reply comments. All parties are encouraged to utilize a table of contents, regardless of the length of their submission. The Commission also strongly encourages parties to follow the same order and organization set forth in the NPRM in order to facilitate the Commission's internal review process.

*Ex Parte Rules—Permit-But-Disclose.* These proceedings shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. Persons making *ex parte* presentations must file a copy of any written presentation or a memorandum summarizing any oral presentation within two business days after the presentation (unless a different deadline applicable to the Sunshine period applies).

In light of the Commission's trust relationship with Tribal Nations and its commitment to engage in government-to-government consultation with them, it finds the public interest requires a limited modification of the *ex parte* rules in these proceedings. Tribal Nations, like other interested parties, should file comments, reply comments, and *ex parte* presentations in the record to put facts and arguments before the Commission in a manner such that they may be relied upon in the decision-making process consistent with the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act. However, at the option of the Tribe, *ex parte* presentations made during consultations by elected and appointed leaders and duly appointed representatives of federally recognized Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages to Commission decision makers shall be exempt from disclosure in permit-but-disclose proceedings and exempt from the prohibitions during the Sunshine Agenda period. To be clear, while the Commission recognizes consultation is critically important, it emphasizes that it will rely in its decision-making only on those presentations that are placed in the public record for these proceedings.