From: Curtis, Jennifer
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Hey Dianne,

Attached are the State's lists. Interesting that not only is the format changed but they have a whole new category.

From: Longan, Sara W (DNR) [mailto:sara.longan@alaska.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2013 10:12 AM
To: Curtis, Jennifer
Subject: RE: OPMP High Priority Project List

Hello Jennifer,

Here are our most current Large Project Lists. It continues to require a bit of a rush to get these updated and compiled prior to the Large Project meetings and I apologize we couldn't send this earlier.

I wasn't sure if you were still working from our list or if you were maintaining a separate list. Either way, I hope these are helpful to you.

Hope all is well.

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OIL AND GAS/ENERGY PROJECTS

Description & Link	Schedule	Federal	State

Project Title: Point Thomson
Lead Federal Agency: COE
Responsible Person: (1) OPMP Coordinator: Sara Longan, **(2)** DEC Lead: Gary Mendivil, **(3)** Lori Aldridge, **(4)** EPA Lead: Gayle Martin (404), **(5)** Jennifer Curtis (NEPA)

• ExxonMobil proposal to produce oil, gas and hydrocarbon condensate from the Point Thomson Sand Reservoir and delineate other hydrocarbon resources in the Point Thomson area.	The FEIS was issued August 2012. The Corps issued the Record of Decision (ROD) and 404 permit on October 26, 2012. Project construction is ongoing. The fuel storage tanks are in transit and will be installed later this summer. The airstrip is anticipated to be operational by the Fall of 2013.		• Stat com bein • EOM and app perr proj thro pha • Issu con June • Perr tund • De-r con • OPM age on-s

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Project Title: OCS Five Year Lease Plan 2012-2017
Lead Federal Agency: BOEM
Responsible Person: (1) OPMP Coordinator: Sara Longan, **(2)** DEC Lead: Gary Mendivil, **(3)** EPA Lead: Jennifer Curtis (NEPA), **(4)** Corps Lead: NA

• Nationwide Plan for lease sales over a five year period. Plan identifies the size, timing and location of proposed lease sales that the Secretary of the Interior determines will best meet national energy needs for the 5-yr period following it approval by Congress. DNR OPMP, NOAA and the North Slope Borough are cooperating agencies. • The Five Year Lease Plan also includes a new "Net Benefits" economic analysis. The Proposed Final Program (PFP) and announcement from Secretary Salazar was published 6/26/2012. The proposed Alaska OCS lease sales were delayed to: Chukchi Sea 2016; Beaufort Sea 2017; and Cook Inlet 2016, citing the need for additional NEPA analysis for the CI Lease sale. The PFP also includes additional exclusion areas in the Hannah Shoal area of the Chukchi Sea and whaling deferral areas proposed in the Beaufort Sea (Cross Island).	The 5-year Lease Plan approved, effective 8/27/12.	BOEM is currently working to plan regional NEPA processes for the OCS lease sale phase. Annual status reports on the Five Lease Plan are due out later this summer or fall.	

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Project Title: National Petroleum Reserve – Alaska (NPR-A) IAP/EIS
Lead Federal Agency: BLM
Responsible Person: (1) OPMP Coordinator: Sara Longan, **(2)** DEC Lead: Gary Mendivil, **(3)** Lori Aldridge (SW), **(4)** EPA Lead: Jennifer Curtis (NEPA), **(5)** Corps Lead: Mike Holly

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has finished the NEPA process for an Integrated Activity Plan (IAP). State scoping comments submitted on 8/3/11, for DEIS on 2/24/12 (internal) and 6/13/12 (public), and for FEIS on 1/29/13, with cover letter from the Governor's office. Salazar memo to BLM issued 12/19/12, noted ROD would specify that pipelines from offshore leases would not be prohibited by IAP, prompted outreach with NS communities prior to ROD issuance. 5/14/13 – H.R. 1964 "National Petroleum Reserve Alaska Access Act": Federal legislation proposed by Rep. Young to nullify the IAP/EIS and issue a new IAP/EIS; all other provisions almost identical to 2011's H.R. 2150 of the same name, which was not enacted; referred to Committee. As of 6/10/13, still in Committee, next step is for the bill to be reported by Committee to the House.	Notice of scoping issued 7/28/10. DEIS issued 3/22/12. Preferred Alternative announced 8/9/12. FEIS issued 12/19/12. ROD issued 2/21/13. July 2013: BLM is currently holding NPRA Working Group meetings	EPA asked to contribute to air quality modeling analysis review because of an existing MOU with Interior that requires specific procedures and collaboration take place regarding air quality modeling of oil and gas onshore activities. ROD notes creation of NPR-A working group that includes NS communities but excludes other permitting agencies (state and federal) other than on an as needed basis.	DNR O cooper 9/12/1

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Project Title: Alaska Pipeline Project (Transcanada / Exxon)
Lead Federal Agency: FERC
Responsible Person: (1) DEC Lead: Gary Mendivil, **(2)** , Tim Spires (SW), **(3)** DNR Lead: Jodi Delgado-Plikat (SPCO), **(4)** EPA Lead: Mark Jen (PM/NEPA), **(5)** Gayle Martin (404), **(6)** Corps Lead: Mike Holly

• The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) is drafting an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a project proposed by TransCanada / ExxonMobil that would connect Alaska's vast natural gas resources with new markets. Deadline for FERC Certificate of Public Necessity and Convenience has been postponed for two years. The deadline for the EIS is 18 months later.	EIS scoping period lasts from August thru February. FERC public meetings and agency meetings now scheduled for mid-February (2012). Consolidated comments on the Alaska Pipeline Project draft Resource Reports from the State of Alaska were submitted March 16, 2012. Health Impact Assessment was made available for review in September 2012		The de outline proces Septem deadlir the ass in the p project 2012. T been a propos pipelin export The Sta filing d AGIA.

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Project Title: Alaska Stand Alone Pipeline (ASAP) Project
Lead Federal Agency: COE
Responsible Person: (1) DEC Lead: Gary Mendivil, **(2)** DNR Lead: Jodi Delgado-Plikat (SPCO), **(3)** Mike Thompson, **(4)** EPA Lead: Mark Jen (PM/NEPA), **(5)** Gayle Martin (404), **(6)** Corps Lead: Mary Romero

• The proposed project would construct a 24-inch diameter, high pressure natural gas pipeline from the North Slope to Cook Inlet. Present stage of EIS is Analysis of Alternative, prior to Draft EIS submission. • The Alaska District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) has been designated the lead federal agency and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), National Park Service (NPS), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Department of Natural Resources (ADNR) are participating as cooperating agencies in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) development process. • The Final EIS has been released but a Record of Decision was not released.	Scoping closed December 2009. COE and cooperating agencies are currently developing alternatives for inclusion in the draft EIS.		This pr substa Alaska draftin field su of a Co Supple Enviro or Envi Statem

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Project Title: Susitna-Watana Hydroelectric Project
Lead Federal Agency: FERC
Responsible Person: (1) OPMP Coordinator: Marie Steele, **(2)** DEC Lead: William Ashton, **(3)** ADFG Lead: Joe Klein **(4)** NMFS Lead: Susan Walker (Mandatory Conditioning Agency) **(5)** USFWS Lead: Catherine Berg (Mandatory Conditioning Agency) **(6)** EPA Lead: Matt LaCroix (404), Jennifer Curtis (NEPA) **(7)** Corps Lead: Mary Likom

• The Susitna-Watana Hydro Dam installed capacity would be 600 MW with the average annual generation determined to be 2600 GWhrs (HDR 2009). The reservoir would be 39 miles long and a maximum of 2 miles wide. The project proponent is Alaska Energy Authority (AEA) and OPMP is coordinating state agency involvement. Governor Sean Parnell has publicly endorsed the project. http://susitna-watanahydro.org/Description.html.	Project is currently in the 1st season of implementing study plans. Project is holding quarterly technical working group meetings (TWG) to update state and federal agencies on the progress of study implementation and the information and data being collected. The schedule for these meetings can be found on the project website at (Updated 7/3/2013).	Recent federal budget actions have significantly impacted the US Fish and Wildlife Service's ability to adequately participate in this project and there is concern that USFWS, a mandatory conditioning agency, will not be able to fully participate in the licensing process.	Legisla Budget

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Project Title: Shell OCS Beaufort Sea

Lead Federal Agency: BOEM

Responsible Person: (1) OPMP Coordinator: Sara Longan, **(2)** DEC Lead: Gary Mendivil, **(3)** EPA Lead: Hanh Shaw (NPDES), **(4)** Doug Hardesty (Air), **(5)** Corps Lead: NA

Drilled top hole for Sivulliq well during fall, 2012; first of its new wells in the Beaufort Sea OCS. Kulluk floating drilling vessel was originally scheduled to return to drill at Sivulliq and Torpedo prospects in 2013. Shell has suspended plans to drill in 2013.	Shell scaled back its drilling operations in the summer of 2012 due to a containment system failure. Shell drilled shallower, top-holes. Since both of Shell's drill rigs have been shipped to Singapore for repairs and upgrades, Shell has suspended plans to drill in 2013.	• Environmental groups filed suit against BSEE's approval of Shell's OSR 7/9/12.	• NPD Bea disc the

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Project Title: Shell OCS Chukchi Sea
Lead Federal Agency: BOEM/BSEE
Responsible Person: (1) OPMP Coordinator: Sara Longan, **(2)** DEC Lead: Gary Mendivil, **(3)** EPA Lead: Hanh Shaw (NPDES), **(4)** Doug Hardesty (Air), **(5)** Corps Lead: NA

• Shell's revised Exploration Plan for 2012 drilling in the Chukchi Sea was submitted to BOEM in October 2011. Released for 21-day public comment period on EA along with Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan (ODPCP) in November. BOEM Conditionally Approved Shell's 2012 Exploration Plan for the Chukchi Sea, but placed additional conditions that shorten the time period for exploration and place additional restrictions on Shell's Incidental Take Authorizations. Shell scaled back drilling operations during the summer of 2012 due to a containment system failure. Shell drilled shallower, top-holes.	Shell has suspended plans for drilling in the summer of 2013, as both drill rigs have been transported to Singapore for repairs and upgrades.		NPDES Sea iss

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Project Title: OCS Lease Sale 193 (Chukchi Sea)
Lead Federal Agency: BOEM
Responsible Person: (1) OPMP Coordinator: Sara Longan, **(2)** DEC Lead: Gary Mendivil, **(3)** EPA Lead: Jennifer Curtis (NEPA), **(4)** Corps Lead: NA

• BOEM issued a final Supplemental EIS for OCS Lease Sale 193 in the Chukchi Sea on 8/18/11 and announced in the Federal Register on 8/26/11. SEIS was issued in response to a court ordered remand to address the affects of natural gas development as well as addressing incomplete, missing, or unavailable information. In 2011 BOEM also announced that an analysis of a Very Large Oil Spill (VLOS) would be added to the SEIS in view of the Deepwater Horizon event. The final decision from the Secretary of the Interior to affirm Lease Sale 193 was released in 2011. The final EIS is available at: http://alaska.boemre.gov/ref/EIS_EA/2011_041_FEIS/2011_041x.htm • NOAA's NMFS and the North Slope Borough were cooperating agencies on this EIS. • EPA submitted comments on FSEIS 9/22/11. • ConocoPhillips has filed an exploration plan for their Chukchi Sea Leases with BOEM, deadline of 3/22/12 for BOEM to accept it as submitted or to request additional information. Oil Discharge Prevention and Contingency Plan for Chukchi Sea also submitted by ConocoPhillips in 2013.	Comments on the SEIS were submitted to BOEM in September 2011. BOEM reaffirmed the 2008 Lease Sale 193 based on the new SEIS. Conoco Phillips has suspended plans for drilling in the Chukchi Sea, citing regulatory uncertainty.		

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Project Title: Cook Inlet
Lead Federal Agency:
Responsible Person: (1) OPMP Coordinator: Sara Longan, Sara Taylor **(2)** Don Perrin (Bucaneer), **(3)** Patricia Bettis (Escopeta), **(4)** DEC Lead: Gary Mendivil, **(5)** EPA Lead: Cindi Godsey (Waste Water), **(6)** Corps Lead: Shannon Morgan; Katie McCafferty

OCS Exploration General Permits for State and Federal Waters (Permit No. AKG-31-5000), issued in 2007, revised in 2011, expired 7/12, extended. Authority for oil and gas permitting in Cook Inlet state waters transferred to ADEC 11/1/12. Appeal of DEC's 401 Certification of EPA's NPDES Permit has been dismissed. A joint motion has also been filed in the 9th Circuit to dismiss the appeal of the EPA NPDES Permit. The case was dismissed 1/29/13. 5-year general permits for discharge into Cook Inlet (ADEC for state waters, EPA for federal waters) currently being proposed; would replace applicable components of the expired permit(s).	Draft ADEC and EPA 5-year general permit for O&G exploration (Permit No. AKG-31-5100) out for review 3/22/13, closed 5/22/13; scoping comments closed 3/11/13, joint public meetings 4/29/13 (Kenai), 4/30/13 (Homer) and 5/2/13 (Anch). ADEC general permit for O&G Development and Production, expired 7/12, currently on 2014 schedule.	EPA process running concurrently with the ADEC process for 5-year general discharge permit. As of 6/10/13, no info about planning concurrent process with ADEC general permit for O&G Dev and Prod.	

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Project Title: Beaufort and Chukchi Sea Geotechnical GP
Lead Federal Agency: EPA
Lead State Agency: DEC
Responsible Person: (1) OPMP Coordinator: Sara Longan **(2)** DEC Lead: Wade Strickland, Chris Foley, Gary Mendivil, **(5)** EPA Lead: Hanh Shaw

		EPA process running concurrently with the ADEC process for 5-year general discharge permit.	

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Project Title: Apache 3-D Seismic
Lead Federal Agency: FWS
Responsible Person: (1) OPMP Coordinator: Sara Taylor, **(2)** DEC Lead: Gary Mendivil, **(3)** FWS Lead: Andy Loranger, **(4)** NMFS Lead: Brad Smith, **(5)** Corps Lead: Katie McCafferty

Ongoing NEPA process to acquire special use permit from USFWS for 2013-2015 seismic program access on Kenai Refuge. 2nd IHA may be temporarily suspended at Apache's request, stopping the one-year clock while plans are finalized and other necessary permits are acquired. The delay in ACOE permits are largely due to legal and administrative action regarding the 1st IHA as well as a permitting backlog for the region.	Environmental Assessment regarding a proposed five-year special use permit to authorize seismic operations on certain Refuge lands; comment period ended May 31, 2013. Awaiting FONSI. Compatibility Determination for activities on Tyonek lands within the Refuge related to marine support issued April 11, 2013. Work to be governed by SUP issued following EA/FONSI.	IHA for 3/1/13 to 3/1/14 issued February 2013. IHA issued 4/30/12 currently in litigation over Biological Opinion - Oral Arguments last week of January 2013; decision from U.S. Dist. Ct. Judge Gleason on 1st IHA MSJ issued 5/28/13, supp briefing requested. As of 6/10/13, no legal action has been taken on 2nd IHA. Four NW6 permits issued (one each in Aug, Sept, Oct, 2012, and one for NW peninsula shoreline in May 2013). Work on Kenai Refuge is non-notifying; Apache applied for permit or official OK anyway, letter from FWS HistPres/Arch sent to ACOE early June. Two Section 10 permits issued (one each in May, Oct 2012); one outstanding application submitted 10/16/12 for waters north of the peninsula.	DOG geophys issued 9/29/1 DPOR land us 9/1/12. CCSR applications s CCSRA permi KRSMA perm Apache's req exception fro Permits will b option to ren significant ch No TWUPs ne operation. A working on o permits are r

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Project Title: AIDEA Alaska Interior Energy Plan – FBX LNG
Lead Federal Agency:
Responsible Person: (1) OPMP Coordinator: Sara Longan, **(2)** DEC Lead: Gary Mendivil,

Natural gas will be liquefied on the North Slope and trucked to Interior Alaska. Primary LNG demand anticipated to be FBX and North Pole. LNG will be temporarily stored and re-gasified in Interior Alaska. LNG will be delivered to market via trucking and distributed to consumers through an expanded pipe distribution system. http://www.aidea.org/	Target: first gas by 4Q 2015/ 1 Q 2016		AIDEA feasibility evaluation of pr AIDEA form fina offering Feb – Ju AIDEA participat finance negotiat -North Slope LN -Trucking Contra -Gas Storage pro -FBX Distributio -Engineering An review, underwr

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Project Title: NMFS/BOEM Effects of Oil and Gas Activities in the Arctic Ocean EIS
Lead Federal Agency:
Responsible Person: (1) OPMP Coordinator: Sara Longan, **(2)** DEC Lead: Gary Mendivil,

On March 21, 2013, NOAA and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) announced the release of the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Effects of Oil and Gas Activities in the Arctic Ocean, which analyzes how a broad range of potential offshore oil and gas activities in the Arctic could affect marine mammals, other resources, and Alaska Native communities. NOAA and BOEM's new analysis follows comments received from stakeholders after release of the initial draft EIS issued in December 2011. The original draft analyzed up to two exploratory drilling programs per year in both the Chukchi and Beaufort seas. The supplemental draft EIS analyzes the effects of up to four drilling programs per year in each area--providing an opportunity to assess potential individual and cumulative impacts. http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/eis/arctic.htm	Supplemental DEIS public comment period closed June 27, 2013.		State of Alaska s questioning the process, since th consulted durin processes.

FEDERAL MANAGEMENT PLANS

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Project Title: Arctic NWR Revised CCP/EIS
Lead Federal Agency: FWS
Responsible Person: (1) DNR Lead: ANILCA Program

• The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service released the revised draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and EIS for the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in August 2011. The draft plan includes new wilderness and wild and scenic river reviews and the EIS alternatives include various recommendations for designated wilderness and wild and scenic rivers, including within the 1002 Area of the coastal plain. • http://arctic.fws.gov/ccp.htm	Federal Register NOA submitted for approval; however, release date for the final CCP and EIS on hold until further notice.		

Project Title: Gates of the Arctic NPP/GMP Amendment and Lake Clark NPP/GMP Amendment
Lead Federal Agency: NPS
Responsible Person: (1) DNR Lead: ANILCA Program

• The National Park Service is developing a General Management Plan Amendment for the Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve. The plan amendment will recognize the ANILCA guaranteed access across the southern preserve unit to the Ambler Mining District, which is currently being evaluated by AIDA. • http://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectID=30266	Release date for draft plan and EA expected fall 2013.		
• The National Park Service is developing a General Management Plan Amendment for the Lake Clark National Park and Preserve.	Release date for draft plan and EA expected fall 2013.		

Project Title: Chugach National Forest Plan
Lead Federal Agency: USFS

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Responsible Person: (1) DNR Lead: Clarence Clark (DOF), **(2)** OPMP: Kyle Moselle, **(2)** ANILCA: Sue Magee

• The Chugach NF is an "early Adopter" forest revising their forest plan under the new National Planning Rule. Current Chugach Forest Plan approved in 2002 under the 1982 National Planning Rule. • Three phases of plan revision process: 1) Plan assessment, 2) Plan revision, and 3) Monitoring.	Forest Plan Assessment scheduled to start in Oct. 2012 and run through 2013. Plan revision expected to start in 2014 and be complete by 2016. Monitoring will occur during implementation.		

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Project Title: Tongass National Forest Plan
Lead Federal Agency: USFS
Responsible Person: (1) DNR Lead: Kyle Moselle

• The State was a cooperating agency in the development of the 2008 amended Tongass Forest Plan. The Plan is now due for its scheduled 5-year review. • The review will consist of an assessment that will include 1) 5-year monitoring and evaluation report, 2) information needs assessment, identification of internal/external concerns, 4) Conservation Strategy review, and 5) crosswalk with National Planning Rule	Forest Plan Assessment scheduled to start in Oct. 2012 and run through CY2013. Plan revision is dependent on recommendations from the assessment process. Public comment period open Jan. 1, 2013 through June 30, 2013. State Tongass Team will consolidate state comments, and organize state participation in Conservation Strategy review scheduled for June 18-19, 2013 in Ketchikan, and June 20-21, 2013 in Juneau.	Forest Service approached the State in March 2013 with an offer to participate in an advisory committee organized under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) to develop recommendations for a proposed action that would amend or revise the current Forest Plan. As of July 2013, the State is reviewing that proposal. The GO continues to meet with the Forest Service to discuss the FACA proposal.	Consolidated a regarding the 5 Forest Plan we cover letter sig Sullivan on July Staffs from DN and DFG-Habit both Conservat meetings (KTN

Project Title: Eastern Interior Resource Management Plan (RMP)
Lead Federal Agency: BLM
Responsible Person: (1) DNR Lead: Samantha Carroll

• This land use plan encompasses the Steese National Conservation Area, the White Mt. National Recreation Area, the Fortymile National Wild and Secenic River Corridor, and the public lands in the Upper Black River subunit.	DEIS was published on 3/3/12 1/11/13 relased a supplement to address hardrock mineral leasing in the White Mt. NRA. Public comment on the DEIS and supplement ended on		

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Project Title: East Alaska RMP/ Delta River EA amendment
Lead Federal Agency: BLM
Responsible Person: (1) DNR Lead: Samantha Carroll

• This land use plan amendment revises the 1983 Delta River Management Plan and includes decision for the Delta River Special Recreation Management Area.	FONSI, ROD and approved plan were signed on 3/29/13 Federal register notice – plan takes affect.		Delta River SMA inconsistent unc consistency revi plan.

Project Title: Ring of Fire RMP/ Haines Block supplemental EIS
Lead Federal Agency: BLM
Responsible Person: (1) DNR Lead: Samantha Carroll

• Plan considers portion of the Haines planning block and if it meets the requirements for: 1) designation as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC); 2) whether to retain the Haines Block Special Recreation Management Area designation and; 3) to analyze the effects of aviation-supported guiding services.	DEIS comment period closed 3/14/13 FEIS release is anticipated for late summer 2013		.

Project Title: Bering Sea – Western Interior RMP
Lead Federal Agency: BLM
Responsible Person: (1) DNR Lead: Samantha Carroll

• This plan encompasses approx. 62 million acres, of which only 10.6 million acres constitute BLM lands.	NOI is anticipated for August of 2013		

Project Title: Central Yukon
Lead Federal Agency: BLM

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Responsible Person: (1) DNR Lead: Samantha Carroll

• This land use plan will revise and replace the Utility Corridor RMP, the Central Yukon RMP and parts of the Southwest Management Framework Plan.	Preplan was signed in April 2013 NOI was issued on 6/14/13, kicking off the 180 day scoping period – comments are due to BLM on 12/11/13		

Project Title: Kobuk Seward RMP/Squirrel River EA amendment
Lead Federal Agency: BLM
Responsible Person: (1) DNR Lead: Samantha Carroll

• The EA will re-evaluate the SRMA designation, define travel management network, and make implementation level decisions on user conflicts.	Scoping Report is complete BLM is drafting RMP amendment		

MINING PROJECTS

Description & Link	Schedule	Federal

Project Title: Greens Creek Mine Tailings Expansion EIS
Lead Federal Agency: USFS
Responsible Person: (1) DNR/DEC/ADFG Large Mine Project Team OPMP Coordinator: Sharmon Stambaugh, **(2)** DEC Lead: Kenwyn George (WW), **(3)** Doug Buteyn (SW), **(4)** Kate Kanouse (DF&G), **(5)** APDES Lead: Tim Pilon (DEC), **(6)** EPA Lead: Lynne McWhorter (NEPA), **(7)** Cindi Godsey (WW), **(8)** TBA (404), **(9)** Lorraine Edmond, **(10)** Corps Lead: Jack Hewitt (10) Hecla contacts: Chris Wallace (Env) and Scott Hartman (General Mgr**); (11)** USFS: Sarah Samuelson

• This silver- zinc-lead mine is located southwest of Juneau on Admiralty Island within a non-wilderness portion of the Admiralty Island National Monument. Based on known and anticipated ore reserves, the mine has a remaining life of approximately 22 years and will require a surface disposal capacity for roughly 6 million tons of tailings. Under the current permit, however, the existing tailings facility has capacity for only 1 million tons. • http://www.fs.fed.us/r10/tongass/projects/nepa_project.shtml?project=32662 Link to EIS info on tailings expansion. • The EPA, Corp of Engineers, DNR and the City and Borough of Juneau are all cooperating agencies on the U.S. Forest Service EIS.	MOU with USFS and SOA for cooperation needs renewal. Hecla submitted new SRCE bond estimate in February, 2013. SOA and USFS reviewing; Call 5/6/13 to review with Hecla. The renewal of the APDES permit to Greens Creek Mine was appealed through the DEC informal review process by the Southeast Alaska Conservation Council (SEACC). The permit was remanded to staff for additional work on mixing zone size and anti-backsliding issues. EPA has continued interest in how financial assurance from USFS and SOA will cover long-term post closure costs. Annual meeting and annual site visit with state , federal and CBJ scheduled for 7/9-10/13	Potential DEIS delay du EPA concern with long- financial assurance estimates to be include DEIS for public review. comments on DEIS. Sta submitted joint agency comments EPA comments on COE permit included in DEIS for compensatory mitigation off-site and of-kind waters. High ra (1:10) for in lieu fees to offset lost wetlands functions USFS coop agency mtg Juneau 3/19/13 with C EPA, CBJ and SOA. New target date for release SEIS and ROD is July **of** **2013.** Alternative B or modification of if (expansion of current T likely preferred alterna from USFS. COE will separately conduct 404(b)(1) analysis and wetland mitigation. EPA submitted comme on cost estimates for reclamation, closure ar post closure plan to US

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		on 7/1/13. USFS and st are currently reviewing

Project Title: Red Dog Zn-Pb
Lead Federal Agency: COE
Responsible Person: (1) DNR/DEC/ADFG Large Mine Project Team OPMP Coordinator: Sharmon Stambaugh, **(2)** DEC Tim Pilon, **(3)** DEC Pete McGee, **(4)** DF&G Bill Morris, **(5)** DNR Brent Martellero, **(6)** COE Lead Don Kuhle, **(7)** EPA: Cindi Godsey **(8)** Teck Alaska: Chris Eckert and Chris Menefee (Env); Henri Letient (Gen. Mgr)

• One of AK's longest operating open pit mines and a world-class zinc-lead deposit. The mine is located in northwestern Alaska, approximately 82 miles north of Kotzebue, and 46 miles inland from the coast of the Chukchi Sea. It has been operating continuously since its opening in 1989.	DEC APDES permit for the Port site scheduled for originally scheduled for May 2012 but has been delayed now scheduled for early summer 2013. Next major action: 5 year environmental audit required in 2013. Teck submitted SOW for the audit to agencies for review. Field visits with auditors this summer. Teck and state reviewed 4 proposals. Two were identified by both state and Hecla as able to conduct audit effectively. Teck is finalizing contract second week of July, 2013.	The NPDES permit was appealed to the EPA's Environmental Appeals Board (EAB) and the permit was upheld. Trustees for Alaska has appealed that ruling to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.	The Red Dog APDES permit was issued on February 15, 2013. Trustees of Alaska has appealed the permit. The appeal was partially stayed for those issues at question in the 9th Circuit Court appeal and the remaining issues were referred to the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) for an adjudicatory hearing. At issue are reinstated WAD cyanide and TDS limits and backsliding analysis. DEC is evaluating a mixing zone for selenium. In fall 2011, Dam

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			Safety issued an NOV for design issues on the dam and the certificate to operate. A dam safety review panel released report in October 2012. The panel was a condition of the Dam Safety NOV. A cert to modify main dam for Stage IX six foot raise is in progress May, 2013.

MINING PROJECTS

Description & Link	Schedule	Federal

Project Title: Chuitna Coal Project Supplemental EIS

Lead Federal Agency: COE

Responsible Person: (1) OPMP Coordinator: Tom Crafford, **(2)** DNR/DEC/ADFG Large Mine Project Team, **(3)** DEC Lead: Allan Nakanishi (WW), **(4)** DMLW Lead: Russ Kirkham, **(5)** DHSS: Dr. Paul Anderson, **(6)** EPA Lead: Jamey Stoddard (WW), **(7)** Erik Peterson (NEPA), **(8)** Corps Lead: Marcia Heer + Shane McCoy

• This proposed surface coal mine is located 45 miles west of Anchorage near Tyonek. The proposed 300-million ton project would extract low sulfur sub-bituminous coal from the Beluga Coal Field. Project prediction is for a minimum 25-year life of the mine with a production rate of up to 12 million tons per year for export. • The project was previously permitted in the 1990's, but not developed. Subsequent project changes have mandated a SEIS. The NEPA/permitting process began in 2006 with EPA as the lead agency. In late 2010 USACE assumed the lead agency role because the State assumed authority for NPDES (APDES) permitting for mining projects on Oct 31, 2010. Additional data requirements for the new project have delayed completion of the NEPA review. As of early May, 2013, a completed Permit Application for the facilities components has not been submitted, with a separate application for the mine itself to follow. www.chuitnaseis.com website states Draft • Recent meetings have been held re: Section 106 Consultation/Cultural Resource issues and Wetlands Function Methodology and agency comments were submitted in Oct 2012 re: the Draft Revised Groundwater Model Report. Water Management Plan is pending. • Project has been the subject of multiple challenges, including Single biggest issue is potential removal of ~11 miles, with subsequent restoration, of a salmon stream (#2003) that is a tributary to the Chuit River. • A recent court case ruled DNR must document how it considers In Stream Flow Applications when making decisions on issuance of Temp. Water Use Permits	No permits have been issued. Awaiting completed ASCMCRA permit apps from PRC. Federal permitting will begin once SEIS is completed. DSEIS was expected Nov '13, Final EIS Oct '14, but at May 14, 2013 Cooperating Agency Teleconference, no target dates were stated for DSEIS or SEIS. EPA, SOA & NVT are cooperating agencies.	• www.chuitnaseis.co SEIS website • PRC has responded t requests re: alternat to be considered in S Ch. 2 • From 12Feb13 SEIS teleconference note "~~EPA (Wash DC Off) preparing a formal response to PRC's in re: perceived discrep between 404 & ASCI reg requirements~~ (th regards requiring ev smaller coal mine th would "waste" coal - ASCMCRA requires maximization of reco • Pile supported bulkh is being considered • USACE had G2G mtg NVT on April 22. Col Lestochi is to make June'13 visit to NVT • Bird Collision Analys JASCO Underwater N Assessments posted extranet site.

Project Title: Pogo Mine Tailings Facility Expansion

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Lead Federal Agency: COE
Responsible Person: (1) DNR/DEC/ADFG Large Mine Project Team, **(2)** OPMP Coordinator: Sharmon Stambaugh, **(3)** DEC Lead: Tim Pilon (WW), **(4)** DNR Lead: Brent Martellaro, **(5)** EPA Lead: Cindi Godsey (WW), **(6)** Matt LaCroix (404), **(7)** Corps Lead: Ben Soiseth **(8)** Sumitomo: Sally McLeod (Env.); Chris Kennedy (Gen. Mgr)

• This conventional underground gold mine is located 90 miles southeast of Fairbanks. Delta Junction is 40 miles southwest. Project Operator is Sumitomo Metal Mining. Plan to expand their dry stack tailing facility. This requires a modification of their 404 permit. • Pogo Project has recently (Nov, 2011) announced the discovery of substantial nearby gold resources that will likely be developed into reserves that will add considerably to the mine life. Sumitomo will begin preliminary projects for East Deep expansion. Hydrology studies; new power distribution;	Grouting program for dry stack area completed in late spring, 2013. SCRE model review with SOA and SMM held June 2013 Waste water treatment plant will be expanded; construction this summer. Two sand filters were added to WTP #2 in 2012.	Drystack expansion required more wetland lo than originally permitted (less than 1 acre). Pogo s reported to COE addition 404 permitting coverage for 2.8 acres impacted in Jan. 2013.

Project Title: Fort Knox
Lead Federal Agency:
Responsible Person: (1) DNR/DEC/ADFG Large Mine Project Team, **(2)** OPMP Coordinator: Tom Crafford, **(3)** DEC Lead: Tim Pilon (WW), **(4)** Ken Spires (SW), **(5)** EPA Lead: Cindi Godsey (WW), **(6)** Corps Lead: Ben Soiseth

• Open-pit gold mine located 26 miles NE of Fairbanks; produces 330,000 ounces of gold/year. Located on State of Alaska Mental Health Trust lands. Operator is Fairbanks Gold Mine, Inc (FGBI), a subsidiary of Kinross Gold Corp. Project includes a conventional gold milling operation and a large valley-fill heap leach • Environmental Audit was finalized May, 2012. On July 3, 2012	• Air Quality permit was effective Sept 4, 2012. • APDES for discharge of de-watering water finalized October 2012		• •

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the Plan of Ops Approval was administratively extended to 3July13, and interim financial assurances in the form of an LOC for Ft. Knox/True North were increased to $65,785,767. A Dam Safety Certificate of Approval for construction of Working Base Platform, preparatory to construction of a not yet approved raise of the tailings dam to an elevation of 1555', 15' above the currently approved 1540' elevation. • FGMI interested in developing the Gil deposit, about 6 mi. E of Fort Knox, but anticipated cost of Compensatory Mitigation is a concern.			•

Project Title: Donlin Gold Project
Lead Federal Agency:
Responsible Person: (1) DNR/DEC/ADFG Large Mine Project Team, **(2)** OPMP Coordinator: Jeff Bruno, **(3)** DEC Lead: Renee Evans (WW), **(4)** Lori Aldridge (SW), **(5)** ADFG Leads: Bill Morries, **(6)** Jim Simons, **(7)** Lee McKinley, **(8)** EPA Lead: Mark Jen (PM), **(9)** Phil North (404), **(10)** Cindi Godsey (WW), **(11)** Corps Lead: Don Kuhle

• The proposed Donlin Creek Mine is located near the Kuskokwim River Village of Crooked Creek in Southwest Alaska, approximately 120 miles upstream from Bethel. It is a large (on the order of 40 million ounces of gold), undeveloped refractory gold deposit on lands owned by the Kuskokwim Village Corporation (surface) and Calista Regional Corporation (subsurface). The proposal is for an open pit mine measuring two miles wide and one mile wide. Project proponent is Donlin Gold Inc., a partnership of Barrick Gold Corp and NovaGold, Inc. They plan to build a 300+ mile natural gas pipeline to provide power for the mine operations. The Kuskokwim Basin is a mercury province and there are nearby mercury ore deposits with a history of production (Red Devil). • Project proponent submitted 404 permit application in 2012 which started the EIS process. This could be the 1st time a mining project proposes perpetual water treatment as an initial permitting component. Estimated startup capital costs for the project are $6.7 billion, including $834 million for the natural gas pipeline. • Cooperating Agencies are reviewing NEPA alternative process in July 2013.	DEIS – August 2014 FEIS – December 2015 ROD – December 2015	

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Project Title: Pebble Cu-Au-Mo Project
Lead Federal Agency: COE likely
Responsible Person: (1) State Lead: Sharmon Stambaugh, **(2)** DEC lead: Allan Nakanishi (WW), **(3)** Lori Aldridge (SW), **(4)** DNR/DEC/ADFG Large Mine Project Team, **(5)** EPA Lead: Rick Parkin (PM), **(6)** Cindi Godsey (WW), **(7)** Phil North (404), **(8)** Corps Lead: Katie McCafferty, Dave Casey (Kenai office) **(9)** Pebble Ltd. Partnership: Dan Easton and Charlotte MacCay.

• Pebble Project is a very large copper-gold-molybdenum mineral deposit located 200 miles southwest of Anchorage on state land. It contains components that, if developed, would likely involve both a large open-pit surface mine and an underground block cave operation. The project is in an advanced state of exploration, development permit applications have not yet been submitted. Proponent is the Pebble Limited Partnership (Anglo-American and Northern Dynasty). • PLP expects to complete a pre-feasibility study in 2013. The project would require road access and a supply power in addition to the project's mining footprint. Mine life could be 50-100 years, possibly more. • The project is the focus of national attention/opposition. In response to a petition from nine tribal governments, EPA has initiated a watershed assessment of the Nushagak and Kvichak watersheds in Bristol Bay under the authority of Section 404(c) of the Clean Water Act. Public meetings on the 404(c) assessment were held in Spring 2012. • The "Save Our Salmon" ballot initiative which would effectively prohibit Pebble development was narrowly approved by Lake and Peninsula Borough voters in November, 2011. PLP and the State are both challenging the legality of the SOS Initiative. • PLP (early Feb, 2012 held meetings with agencies to present summaries of baseline studies and released ~27,000 pages of study results for the time period 2004-2008. State submitted comments to EPA on External Peer review on 6/26/12. Comments on EPA draft BBWA from OPMP and AG submitted July 23, 2012. State staff attended public meeting in ANC on peer review.(See update under Federal column).	Still in pre-application phase. Anticipate application will be submitted in late 2013. It is anticipated that planning and permitting the project will take approximately seven years. Agency inspections will begin in early summer 2013. PLP has a limited geotechnical drilling program for 2013 began June 15. 2013 exploration activities include drilling which require MLUPs and TWUPs at sites in main Pebble block, KAS, and Kaskanak. DF&G deployed three Hydrolabs in Upper Talarik and N and S Koktuli Creeks. Trustees of Alaska continues comment on TWUPs, habitat permits, MLUPs this season. PLP is meeting with COE, OPMP and DF&G to discuss issues with mine plan and COE preliminary permit application. PLP will conduct outreach in BB communities beginning in August to explain ~20 yr mine plan in "layman" terms.	EPA is performing a watershed assessment the Bristol Bay watersh (BBWA). Rick Parkin is t EPA lead.. EPA issued t BBWA in 5/18/12 and h public meetings in Seat Anchorage, and BB villa in June. EPA held Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment external science panel meeting in August 2012 released findings. A ne peer review is in progre revised draft along with public. EPA released revised dr of Bristol Bay assessme April 26, 2013. Public comments were due to on May 31, 2013. EPA extended comment un June 30, 2013

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Project Title: Livengood Project
Lead Federal Agency:
Responsible Person: (1) DNR/DEC/ADFG Large Mine Project Team: OPMP, **(2)** DEC Lead: Tim Pilon (WW), **(3)** ADFG Bill Morris, **(4)** EPA Lead: Cindi Godsey, **(5)** COE Lead: Lenore Heppler, **(6)** BLM Lead: Matthew Reece/Ben Soiseth

• This gold mining project is located 70 miles northwest of Fairbanks. International Tower Hill (ITH) is proponent; no recent dates for pre-feasibility study, NEPA or pre-application for state permits. Will require 404 permits. At March 19 2012 annual data meeting, ITH announced they are no longer pursuing the placer deposits at the site. No detailed mine plans yet. Initial HIA discussions are scheduled April 10 with HSS but ITH has delayed work on HIA this FY. DF&G continues bio-monitoring at site.	This project is in holding status pending financing. Camp/offices at site closed and all site work is handled out of Fairbanks ITH office.	

Project Title: Usibelli Jumbo Dome Mine
Lead Federal Agency:
Responsible Person: (1) DNR/DEC/ADFG Large Mine Project Team, **(2)** DEC Lead: Tim Pilon (WW), **(3)** DMLW Lead: Russ Kirkham

• The Usibelli Coal Mine is located near Healy and is expanding through the acquisition of state leases in an area known as Jumbo Dome. The coal is sub-bituminous C with very low sulfur content. Usibelli filed a Pre-Construction Notification with the Corp in June 2011 to be covered under Nationwide Permit 21. The Corps denied the use of the Nationwide Permit 21 for this project on July 15, 2011 and directed Usibelli to obtain an individual 404 permit in order to disturb approximately 160 acres wetlands over 40 years. Usibelli has requested reconsideration of the Corp's denial, with a support letter from Sen. Murkowski. NOTE: The Corp's Nationwide 21 permit expires in 2012 and may or may not be reauthorized. If reauthorized, may be modified to restrict disturbance through the use of acreage limits. • Formal Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA) permit has been submitted to DNR coal section for review. Permit application is currently	Wastewater disposal permit application is pending in early 2012	

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undergoing completeness review. DEC is evaluating mine water management options. ADF&G is working with the applicant on Title 16 fish passage permits. EPA is reviewing the Usibelli's permit application to use the Nationwide 21 Permit under the General Permit Agency Coordination process; comments are due to the Corps on 11/1/11. • DEC staff met with Usibelli Coal Mine staff to discuss coverage under the Multi-Sector General Permit (MSGP). Usibelli claims the mine will have zero discharge and does not need coverage under the MSGP. DEC disagrees.		

Project Title: Usibelli Wishbone Hill Mine

Lead Federal Agency:

Responsible Person: (1) DEC Lead: Allan Nakanishi (WW), **(2)** DNR Lead: Russ Kirkham, **(3)** EPA Lead: CIndi Godsey (WW), **(4)** Tami Fordham (Tribal), **(5)** Corps Lead: ? (Victor Ross retired)

• Usibelli is seeking permits from the state in order to mine coal from 800 acres near Palmer and Sutton in the Matanuska Valley. Project is located on State Mental Health Trust and private lands. The mine would produce up to 500,000 tons of coal per year for 12 years. There is local concern about potential impacts from fugitive dust. The Native Village of Chickaloon has also voiced concern about potential impacts to drinking water, surface and groundwater, subsistence foods, and religious and cultural practices. Usibelli applied in a timely manner for a 5-year renewal of the Surface Mining permit that was set to expire in November, 2011. The original deadline for public comment on the permit renewal was October 14, but was extended to November 15 at the request of the local community. The DEC Air Quality Division was working with Usibelli on an air quality minor permit, but Usibelli withdrew the permit application in mid-October. Usibelli has since refiled its Air Quality permit application. A request for a detailed health impact assessment (HIA) was submitted to the Dept. of Health & Social Services on June 13 after the department had completed a "draft rapid assessment". A similar request was attempted to be submitted through the Mat/Su Borough Assembly, but that request was denied	Air Permit (State) NPDES Permit 404 Permit (could trigger NEPA)	

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Project Title: Niblack Project
Lead Federal Agency:
Responsible Person: (1) DNR/DEC/ADFG Large Mine Projects Team: OPMP Coordinator: Kyle Moselle, **(2)** DEC Lead: Kenwyn George (WW), **(3)** Doug Buteyn (SW), **(4)** ADFG: Mark Minillo, **(5)** EPA Lead: Cindi Godsey, **(6)** Corps Lead: Dave Casey

• A copper-gold-silver-zinc project located on Prince of Wales Island southwest of Ketchikan. All current disturbances are on patented mining claims, but some surface exploration has occurred within the adjacent Inventoried Roadless Areas of the Tongass National Forest. Proponent is Heatherdale Resources, a Hunter-Dickinson group company (parent of Northern Dynasty). The Project is in an advanced exploration phase, including approval for up to 6,000 feet of underground tunneling and 25,000 feet of underground drilling. DNR and the Forest Service approved additional geotechnical and exploration drilling in 2012. Heatherdale Resources plans to initiate a pre-feasibility study for the mining project in CY2013, leading to a final feasibility study and permit applications, possibly in late CY2013 or early CY2014. They are currently working on mine and mill planning. Development proposals may include off-site processing of ore (two sites in Ketchikan are being considered). Power at the mine site could come from hydroelectric resources.	Pre-application phase, exploration is ongoing APMA approved June 4, 2012, and Plan of Operations approved June 7, 2012, for 2012 surface exploration. A draft Air Permit for diesel generators to support the Old Camp buildings was released on July 5. Niblack is conducting a feasibility study (2013) for locating milling facility north of Ketchikan Airport on Gravina Is.	

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Project Title: Rock Creek Mine [now Nanuuq Project under Bering Straits Native Corporation (BSNC)]
Lead Federal Agency:
Responsible Person: (1) DNR/DEC/ADFG Large Mine Projects Team OPMP Coordinator: Sharmon Stambaugh, **(2)** DEC Lead: Tim Pilon (WW), **(3)** Doug Buteyn (SW), **(4)** DNR lead: Brent Martellaro **(5)** DF&G: Laura Jacobs, **(6)** EPA Lead: Cindi Godsey, **(7)** Thor Cutler (UIC), **(8)** Corps Lead: Don Kuhl(?) **(9)** Lead for BSNC: Consultant Frank Bergstrom

• Consists of open-pit gold mines: Rock Creek Mine located six miles north of Nome and Big Hurrah Mine located 42 miles east of Nome. NovaGold transferred its subsidiary, Alaska Gold Co., which owns the project to Berings Straits Native Corp. on Nov 1, 2012. Big Hurrah Mine located on land owned by Alaska Gold Co. and surrounding lands owned by Salomon Native Corporation. • A reclamation & closure plan was approved in Feb, 2012. • The State signed off on the Phase I reclamation and responsibility for Phase II transferred with Alaska Gold Co. to Bering Straits Native Corp (BSNC) on Nov 1 and $6.8 million of the $20.3 million financial assurances were released. The remainder remained with Alaska Gold Co. when it was transferred to BSNC. • DNR/MLW will require new personal bond and eventually updates to the Reclamation plan to reflect Phase I completion. DEC Waste Mgmt Permit will expire and new monitoring plan will be required.	AGC & financial assurances transferred Nov 1 to BSNC. State inspection of Phase I close was completed. Dam Safety has issued letter removing breached dam from state jurisdiction in August 2012. NovaGold submitted a final annual report on the project in March, 2013. BSNC continues to provide quarterly monitoring reports required by the permits.	

Project Title: Kensington Gold Mine
Lead Federal Agency: USFS
Responsible Person: (1) DNR/DEC/ADFG Large Mine Projects Team OPMP Lead: Kyle Moselle **(2)** DEC Lead: Kenwyn George (WW), **(3)** Doug Buteyn (SW), **(4)** ADFG: Kate Kanouse , **(5)** USFS Lead: Sarah Samuelson, **(6)** EPA Lead: Phil North, **(7)** Cindi Godsey, **(8)** Corps Lead: Dave Casey

• Operating gold mine located 45 miles north of Juneau. Operator is Coeur Alaska, Inc. Began production in June 2010 and expect to produce 125,000 ounces of gold per year.	AHEA permit became effective September 1, 2011 Plan of Ops. and AHEA submitted for 2013 surface exploration. Being	Forest Service approved an updated Reclamation and Closure Plan in May 2013, with an

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	reviewed. DEC expecting to initiate public comment period and review of IWMP in July 2013 with an expected approval date in Aug. 2013.	increased Financial Assurance amount of $28.7 mil.

Project Title: Nixon Fork Mine
Lead Federal Agency: BLM
Responsible Person: (1) DNR/DEC/ADFG Large Mine Projects Team OPMP Coordinator: Sharmon Stambaugh , **(2)** DEC Lead: Tim Pilon (WW), **(3)** No SW POC assigned yet, **(4)** USFS Lead: Sarah Samuelson, **(5)** EPA Lead: Cindi Godsey, **(6)** Corps Lead: NA **(7)** Fire River Gold: Blane Wilson, Gen. Mgr; Larry Wilson (Env).

• Consists of an underground gold mine located 32 miles northeast of McGrath. Located in an area of historic mining. Operator is Fire River Gold. Mine resumed production July 4, 2011. After March 2012 overtopping, dam safety, BLM and DEC/Water enforcement required corrective action. Blane Wilson appointed new FRG CEO and GM in August, 2012 and Larry Wilson new Env. Mgr in November, 2012.	WMP and R&C plan with bond of $6.033M were finalized in May, 2012. Bond MOU with BLM has been finalized June 2012 FRG must submit new Water Management Plan to BLM by May 2013 to forestall the suspension of milling based on BLM compliance inspection and letter of notice of potential suspension. Amended Plan of Ops to BLM and State week of July 8, 2013. In late June, Fire River Gold announced the mine would go into "care and maintenance" status due to changed financial outlook. Underground staff and geologists have been laid off. Environmental site work and milling of tailings/stockpile continue. Board meeting July 11 to determine if mill closure will occur.	BLM will require an amended Plan of Operations by **May 31, 2013. I**f the new plans from original NEPA EA document, a new NEPA review may be required from BLM. BLM has extended time FRG to complete Plan o Ops into July . If mine g into closure of more th 90 days, both state and BLM will require a temporary closure amendment to Plan of Operations.

Project Title: Bokan Mountain/Dotson Ridge REE
Lead Federal Agency: USFS

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Responsible Person: (1) DNR/DEC/ADFG Large Mine Projects Team OPMP Coordinator: Kyle Moselle, **(2)** DEC Lead: Kenwyn George (WW), **(3)** No SW, **(4)** ADFG: Mark Minillo, **(5)** USFS Lead: Sarah Samuelson, **(6)** EPA Lead: Jacques Gusmano, **(7)** Corps Lead: Dave Casey

• Rare Earth Element (REE) prospect located on the southern end of Prince of Wales Island, approximately 37 miles southwest of Ketchikan. Proponent is Ucore Rare Metals, Inc. REE resource primarily contained in narrow dikes, but with good grade and high heavy/light REE ration. The Bokan Mountain REE Project area is located along Dotson Ridge adjacent to Bokan Mountain (proper), which was the location of the past Ross Adams uranium mine last operated by Newmont Mining Corporation. • Ucore released their preliminary economic assessment (PEA) for the Bokan Mountain REE project January 10, 2013.	2012 Plan of Ops. for shallow well and geotechnical drilling to determine soil stability for facilities is pending FONSI issuance by Forest Service. Decision expected in July 2013. (NEPA delays due to negative comments from NGOs and recommendations from the SOA to better describe areas common to both the Ross Adams CERCLA clean-up and the Bokan Mountain REE mine project in the EA/FONSI). . Surface exploration plan EIS decision is expected in the summer of 2013. Baseline data being collected. Ucore has expressed plans to submit applications in CY2013.	

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Project Title: Northern Rail Extension
Lead Federal Agency: Surface Transportation Board
Responsible Person: (1) OPMP Coordinator: Jeff Bruno, **(2)** DEC Lead: NA, **(3)** EPA Lead: Matt LaCroix (404), **(4)** Jennifer Curtis (NEPA), **(5)** Corps Lead: Ellen Lyons

• This project involves the construction of a new 80-mile rail line from North Pole to Delta Junction. The federal Surface Transportation Board completed an environmental impact statement (EIS) in 2009 and issued a Record of Decision in January 2010. EPA expressed concerns re: the final EIS. Phase I of the project includes the construction of a new bridge across the Tanana River. In December 2010 the EPA declared the Tanana River an Aquatic Resource of National Significance (ARNI) and concluded that the project does not comply with the Clean Water Act Section 404(b)(1) guidelines and would have "substantial and unacceptable adverse effects on the Tanana River." Under a memorandum of agreement with the Army Corp of Engineers, EPA exercised their right to review the permit, but agreed in early June 2011 to allow the permit to go forward. • Delays with Section 9 Permit (approval from US Coast Guard (USCG) for bridge construction) across the Tanana River have the RR concerned about project schedule. The USCG has identified this as a "high priority" but it is unclear to what that means as far as timing with the section 9 permit and could possibly delay the schedule if not issued in the near future.	Construction of Phase 1 has begun and they hope to begin Phase II in the next fiscal year. Limited resource agency involvement at this point.		Northern Rail is segment 1 and h the funding to st has ask OPMP to until they receiv start on segmen

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Project Title: Port Mackenzie Rail Extension
Lead Federal Agency: Surface Transportation Board
Responsible Person: (1) OPMP Coordinator: Jeff Bruno, **(2)** DEC Lead : NA, **(3)** EPA Lead: Matt LaCroix (404), **(4)** Jennifer Curtis(NEPA), **(5)** Corps Lead: Ben Soiseth

• This project proposes the construction of a 30 – 45 mile rail extension line from the Matanuska-Susitna Valley to Port MacKenzie in order to transport freight from Interior Alaska. The federal Surface Transportation Board (STB) released the Final EIS on March 25, 2011. The STB released issued the Record of Decision (ROD) on November 21st 2011. The ROD was jointly petitioned for reconsideration, on the last day to appeal, by the Sierra Club and Cook Inlet Keeper. No injunction has been filed at this time. • On January 26th, 2012 the FAA denied the Railroad access across the Big Lake VORTAC site. This is a State lease in which FAA has the right to deny incompatible uses. The project will likely need to find an alternative route around this tract of land. No alternative was evaluated for this scenario in the NEPA process. • Current efforts are being focused on modifying and updating ADF&G and DNR permits, satisfying the Mitigation Measures within the ROD, and fulfilling requirements of Programmatic Agreement with SHPO. • The SC Region is in the process of issuing easements for the rail alignment. They are collecting the additional information they deem necessary. This will be going out for an agency review (21-30 days)	Cook in let Keeper and Sierra Club appealed the EIS by the STB, though did not ask for an injunction. Oral arguments on appeal scheduled for Nov 8 before 9th Circuit. In process of drafting MOU with AKRR & MSB re: Section line use. Concurrence needed from ADOT & ADNR.		

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then to public notice (30 days). The Mat-Su Borough and the State are working towards transferring the DNR land to the Borough and the easements are the next step within that process. South Central Region needs to close old DOT ROW application so that the AKRR easement and the land transfer can take place, because The DOT ROW overlaps with the Rail ROW. • Land transfers have both completed their administrative process to handle transferring the State land to the Borough through RADS. The transfer will not happen until the as built for the project is complete. • SCRO issued a second EEA and construction for segments 1,3,4			

Project Title: Izembek Land Exchange EIS
Lead Federal Agency: USFWS
Responsible Person: (1) OPMP Coordinator: Samantha Carroll **(2)** DEC Lead: Gary Mendivil **(3)** USFWS Lead: Stephanie Brady **(4)** EPA Lead: Jennifer Curtis or Matt LaCroix (404), **(6)** Corps Lead: Heather Boyer

• Congress has approved the land exchange, but an EIS for the land exchange needs to be done for a single lane gravel road connecting the communities of King Cove and Cold Bay. USFWS (URS as contractor) has completed the FEIS and intends to issue the Record of Decision (ROD) scheduled for March 18, 2013. Secretary of the Interior will need to do a public interest determination if the land exchange is in the public interest. • Cooperating Agencies: COE, Federal Highway Administration, SOA, Aleutians East Borough, City of King Cove, King Cove Corp.,	The EPA federal register notice for the FEIS was dated 2/15/13 and will run through 3/18/13 The DOI Secretary will determine if the Land Exchange is in the public interest. Following the USFWS' announcement of a 'No Action' alternative, outgoing DOI Secretary Salazar directed Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, Mr. Kevin Washburn to prepare a report detailing the City of King Cove's emergency	If the Land Exchange is approved a Supplemental EIS will need to be developed to address wetland analysis for COE 404 permitting.	If the Land Excha • ADOT/F to desig standar • ADF&G special u activitie Refuge.

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Agdaagux Tribe of King Cove, and the Native Village of Belkofski.	evacuation situation and to conduct a Government-to-Government tribal meeting. Mr. Washburn visited the King Cove and Cold Bay region June 27-29th. This report will inform the new DOI Secretary Sally Jewel in her decision to find the land exchange and road in the public interest. If the additional reviews identify significant new circumstances or information that has bearing on the action, the department will conduct a supplemental NEPA process. Secretary Jewel is expected to visit the area in August of 2013. Legislative authority for the Act authorizing the land exchange provided a 7-year timeline and expires in 2016, unless a 'construction permit' is applied for – we assume this is the ACOE 404 as this permit is detailed in the Act. If a construction permit is applied for within the 7 years, an additional 5 years is added to the timeline, which would then end in 2021.		

Project Title: Foothills West Access Project EIS (Road to Umiat)
Lead Federal Agency: COE

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Responsible Person: (1) OPMP Coordinator: Sara Longan, **(2)** DEC Lead: Gary Mendivil, **(3)** EPA Lead: Gayle Martin (404), **(4)** EPA Lead: Jennifer Curtis (NEPA), **(5)** Corps Lead: Melissa Riordan, **(6)** Alaska DOT Lead: Ryan Anderson

• Alaska DOT is applying to build the road from the Dalton Highway to Umiat, in the foothills of the Brooks Range, in order to open the area for resource (oil and gas) extraction. Corps of Engineers is in the scoping stage of the EIS development. ○ AECOM, the consultant on the EIS developed six alternatives and after review and screening, will carry forward the following three alternatives in the NEPA impact assessment process: (1) Galbraith Alternative (applicant's proposed action), (2) Pump Station 2 Alternative, and (3) Meltwater Route Alternative. •	An EIS scoping report was issued in February 2012 and the draft EIS was anticipated for Fall 2013. Meetings held in June to discuss ice road logistics and development of alternatives. More meetings scheduled in November 2012 to discuss hydrology and river crossings. The November meetings have been postponed. The ACOE and AECOM sent out a project status report to the agencies (2/13) As of July 2013 – ADOT retracted the Corps 404 permit placing it on hold to be resurrected in the future if industry is not successful in building a road to Umiat	• Federal permits required: ○ COE: Section 404 wetlands, Section 106 Historical, Section 10 Rivers ○ EPA: Section 404 permit review ○ USFWS: Section 7 ESA ○ USCG: Permit for bridge over navigable waters	• State permi ○ DNR: M authoriz Right of Water u sales an authoriz ○ DEC: AP permit p interest Dept. of contami ○ ADF&G: passage ○ DNR OP agency. ○ http://w com

Project Title: LINC Umiat Development
Lead Federal Agency: BLM/COE TBD
Responsible Person: (1) OPMP Coordinator: Sara Longan, **(2)** DEC Lead: Gary Mendivil

• LINC is applying to build a road and pipeline to Umiat, in the foothills of the Brooks Range. • Permit and pre-permitting phase: LINC has been conducting environmental baseline studies to prepare for permitting.	State agency coordination and pre-application meetings	• Federal permits likely required: ○ COE: Section 404 wetlands, Section 106 Historical, Section 10 Rivers ○ EPA: Section 404 permit review ○ USFWS: Section 7 ESA ○ USCG: Permit for bridge over navigable waters	• State permi ○ DNR: M authoriz Right of Water u sales an authoriz ○ DEC: AP permit p interest Dept. of contami ○ ADF&G: passage

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Project Title: Knik Arm Crossing (KABATA)
Lead Federal Agency: Federal Highway Authority
Responsible Person: (1) OPMP Coordinator: Sara Taylor, **(2)** EPA Lead: Heather Dean, **(3)** Corps Lead: Nicole Hayes

The proposed project would build a 2.7 mile vehicular toll bridge across Knik Arm b/w the Port of Anchorage area and the Port Mackenzie area, including 19 miles of road to support the bridge's accessibility. This project is being developed to meet the current and projected transportation needs of Anchorage and the Mat-Su Borough and was identified as a high priority infrastructure project by the Governor in September 2003. The U.S. DOT, FHWA, Knik Arm Bridge & Toll Authority and Alaska DOT are the lead agencies for this project. Final design and construction could	Rep. Neuman introduced HB 23 related to bonding ($600m) and reserve funds ($10m); Rep. Huggins introduced an identical SB 13. While in House Rules, Rep. Costello proposed amending HB 23 to dismantle KABATA and transfer the project to AHFC. As amended, HB 23 passed the House 24-15-1; the bill was sent to Senate Finance (SB 13 had previously been referred to Finance, also). No action was taken on either bill before the first session closed. .	NMFS issued a Section 10 No Jeopardy finding re: Cook Inlet Beluga Whales in November 2010. 404 public comment period closed. A FEIS was signed in December 2007 and a ROD was signed in December 2010.	Submerged tid Southcentral R February 2013. Mental Health issued Best Int small parcel ne to KABATA, sig .

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be completed as early as 2018. Planners are currently working on obtaining properties and working with contractors scheduling surveys for the as-built completion.			

Project Title: Ambler Mining District Transportation Corridor
Lead Federal Agency: COE
Responsible Person: (1) OPMP Coordinator: Marie Steele, **(2)** AIDEA Lead: Mark Davis, **(3)** DOT Lead: Ryan Andersen, **(4)** EPA Lead: Jennifer Curtis (NEPA), **(5)** Gayle Martin (404), **(6)** Corps Lead: Mary Likom

• The Ambler Mining District Access project will evaluate potential transportation corridors serving the Ambler Mining District. The purpose is to provide all season access for exploration and development of potential resources within this district. The work will include the evaluation of transportation modes such as roads, rail, barge and airport networks. The transportation corridor will also address critical infrastructure needs for the development of natural resources such as power generation and communications. ADOT project manager is Ryan Andersen; ADOT Environmental contact is Bruce Campbell. An OPMP funding RSA is in place with AIDEA. • Proposed funding for FY14: $8.5M	Project has completed transition from DOT to AIDEA; project manager has been hired; field season underway collecting baseline environmental work; state agency kick-off meeting tentatively scheduled for 25 or 26 July (FBX); week of August 12 (ANCH); federal kick-off meeting in conjunction with Anchorage meeting week of August 12; public outreach ongoing. (Updated 7/3/2013)		

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Project Title: Juneau Access Road
Lead Federal Agency: COE
Responsible Person: (1) OPMP Coordinator: Kyle Moselle, **(2)** DEC Lead : NA, **(3)** DOT Lead: Reuben Yost, **(4)** EPA Lead: Jennifer Curtis (NEPA), **(5)** Gayle Martin (404), **(6)** Corps Lead: Mary Likom

• On September 14, 2011 the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT&PF) announced that it will begin the process with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to complete a supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Juneau Access Improvements project. The SEIS will fully evaluate a stand-alone alternative that improves service in Lynn Canal using existing AMHS assets. The supplemental EIS will also update the Final EIS reasonable alternatives and will address changes in applicable laws, regulations, and approvals. DOT&PF anticipates the SEIS process will take approximately two years, with a draft SEIS released in late 2012, a final SEIS released in mid 2013, and a new Record of Decision (ROD) approved later that year. DOT&PF has contracted with the firm HDR Alaska, Inc. to prepare the SEIS and many of the required supporting documents.	SEIS expected in mid-2013 with new ROD late 2013		