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2022 Land Use Plan Update

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National Planning Project Database

The screenshot shows the 'BLM National NEPA Register' website. At the top left is the BLM logo and the text 'U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT'. At the top right is the title 'BLM National NEPA Register' and icons for home and help. The main heading is 'Find a Project'. Below this is a search interface with the following elements: 'Search by:' followed by five dropdown menus for 'State(s)', 'Office(s)', 'Type(s)', 'Program(s)', and 'Year(s)', and a 'Search' button. Below the dropdowns are two checkboxes: 'Show only open participation periods' (unchecked) and 'Show only active projects' (checked). In the center, the word 'OR' is displayed. At the bottom, there is a search input field with the placeholder text 'Enter a NEPA #, Project Name, or Document Name' and a magnifying glass icon. Below the input field is a link for 'Advanced Search'.

Current BLM planning projects can be found online at the NEPA Register: www.eplanning.blm.gov



Coastal Plain Oil & Gas Leasing Program

- 2017 Tax Cuts & Jobs Act
- 2020 Record of Decision
- Jan. 2021 Lease Sale
- Aug. 2021 Notice of Intent for supplemental analysis
- Nov. 2021 Scoping Report
- Summer 2022 anticipated Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement





Kaktovik Air Quality Monitoring Station



The Kaktovik Air Quality Monitoring Station also monitors local weather conditions. Updated data is available at www.dec.Alaska.gov



Alaska Native Veteran Allotment Program of 2019: Environmental Assessment



People at a roundtable discussion on the Alaska Native Vietnam-era Veteran Land Allotment program during the 2019 Alaska Federation of Natives gathering. Photo courtesy Senator Dan Sullivan staff.

- Potentially open up to 28 Million acres of Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act section 17 (d)(1) withdrawals
- Lands are administered by BLM
- Jan. 2021 Public Land Orders would cancel withdrawals
- Environmental Assessment being developed to assist in opening lands

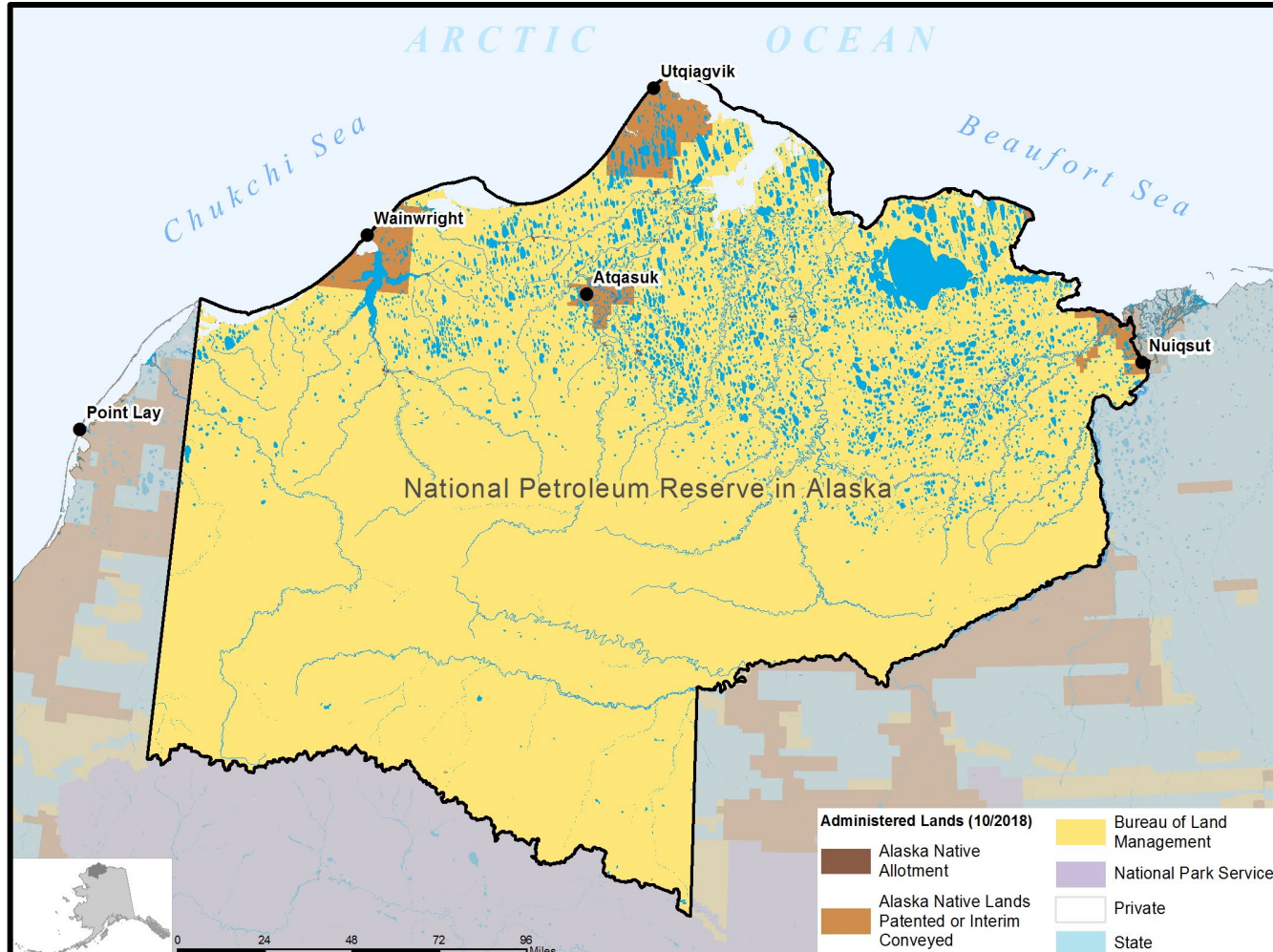


2020 National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska (NPR-A) Integrated Activity Plan (IAP)

- 2019: analysis begins to update IAP
- 2020: Record of Decision (ROD) selects Alternative E
- Sept. 2021 BLM directed to evaluate the IAP
- New preferred alternative: No Action Alternative
- 2013 acreage available for lease
- 2020 stipulations



NPR-A IAP Planning Area Map





Willow Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)



A BLM Planner presents analysis on the proposed project during a public meeting in Atkasuk, October 2019.

- 2018: Project proposed
- 2020: Initial analysis finalized
- 2021: Litigation triggers supplemental analysis
- 2022: SEIS underway



Legacy Wells History

- 136 wells initially left behind by U.S. Geological Survey and U.S. Navy during early exploration of Petroleum Reserve
- Since 2002, BLM has spent \$155 million cataloging and remediating priority legacy wells
- 17 of the remaining wells are used by USGS for temperature monitoring studies
- 2020 Legacy Well Strategic Plan focuses on 19 remaining wells
- Estimated cost for completion \$125-\$150 million



Legacy Wells Strategic Plan



On site at Titaluk #1, BLM staff and contractors work to complete the plugging, abandonment and cleanup of legacy wells in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska (NPR-A), March, 2018.



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Questions?

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An angler fly-fishes at dusk at Tangle Lakes, Alaska in September 2007.
BLM Alaska photo by Craig McCaa.