



Planning for the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska

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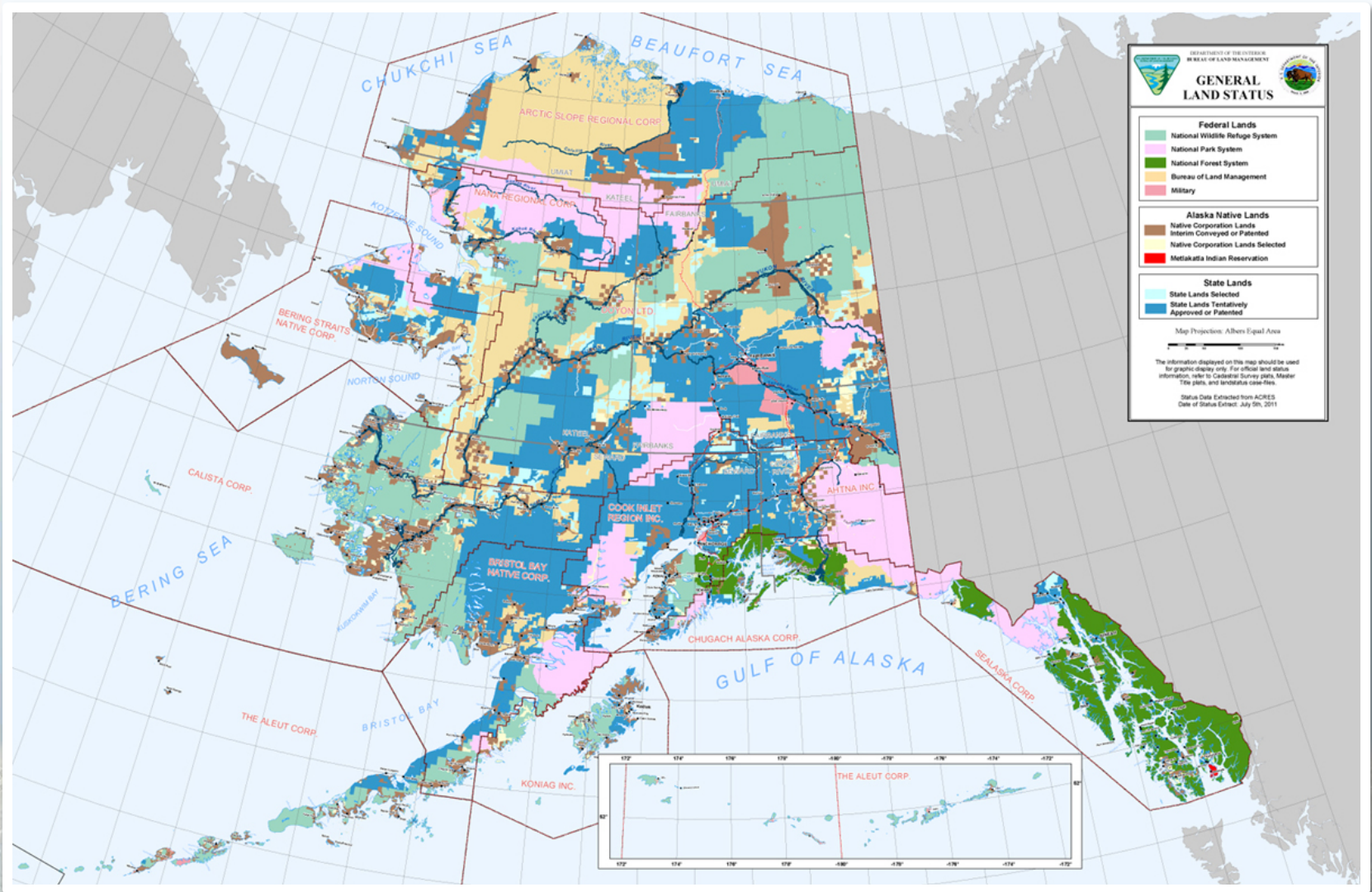


The BLM in Alaska

- The Bureau of Land Management 's mission is to sustain the health, diversity and productivity of public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations
- In Alaska, the BLM administers 75 million surface acres of federal public land for multiple-uses



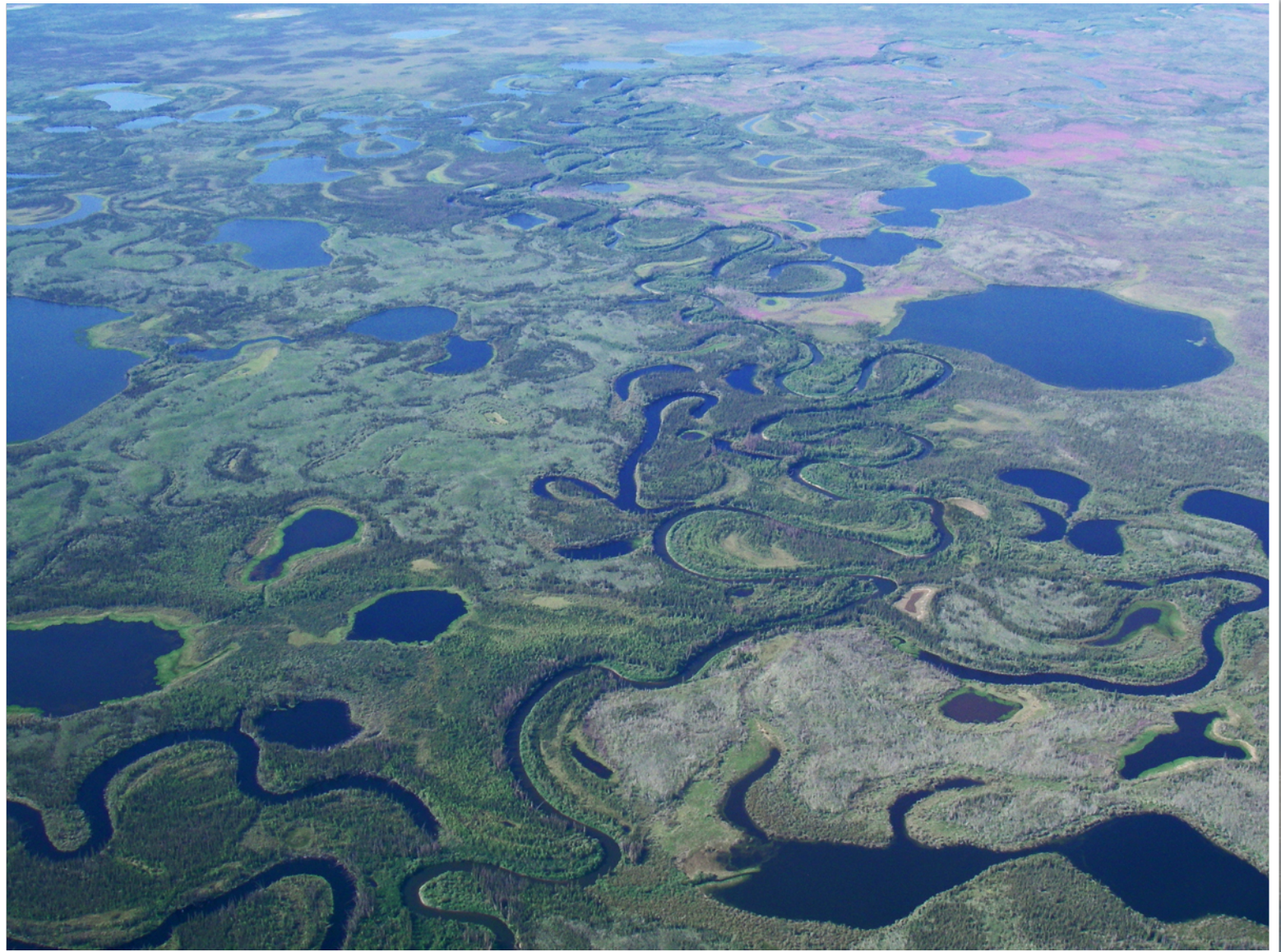
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Majestic Mountain Ranges



Vibrant Wetlands



Unique Coastal Marine Environments



Vast Expanses of Tundra

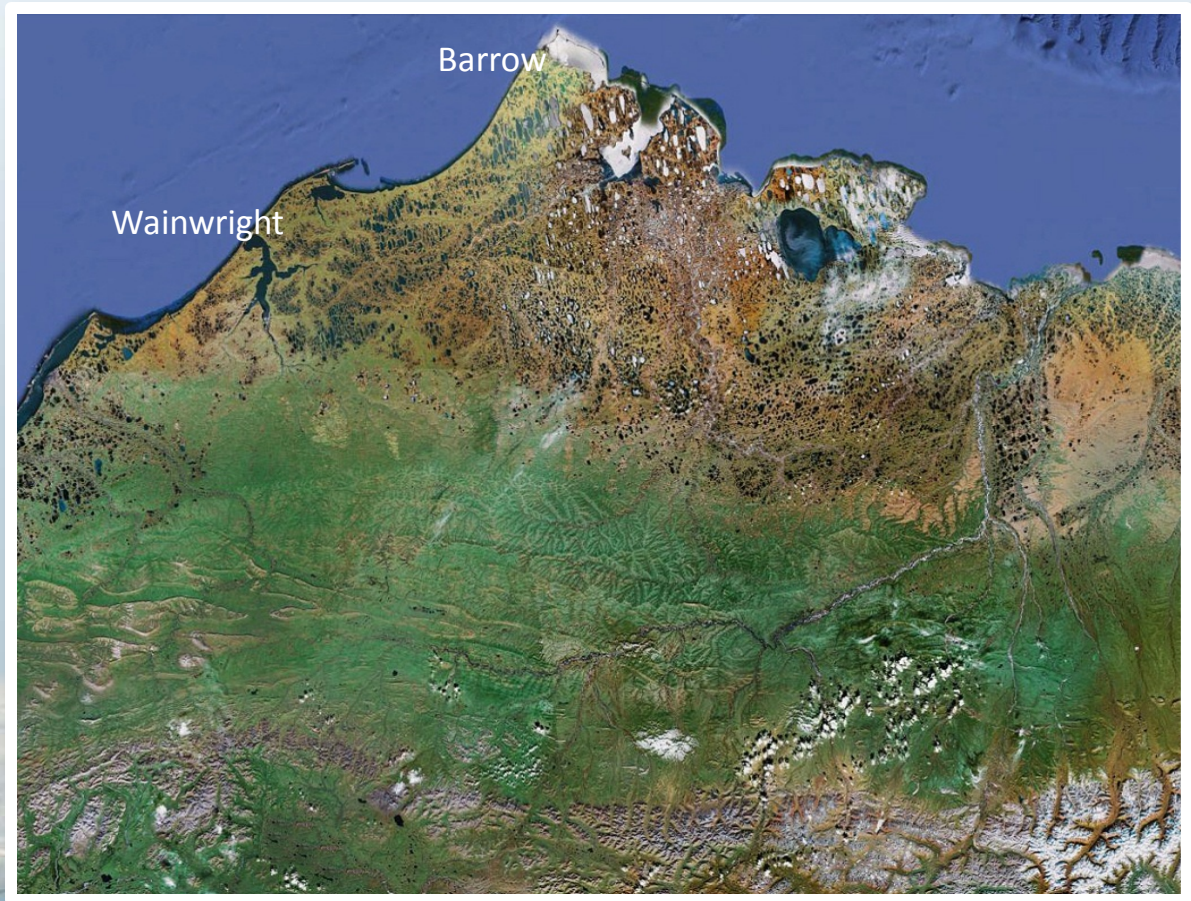


Are full of promise for our future



The National Petroleum Reserve

- Vast 22.8-million acre area on Alaska's North Slope



Presents Unique Challenges



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Balancing Resources and Protection

- Oil and gas leasing decisions
- Protection of surface resources and subsistence values including:
 - Teshekpuk Caribou Herd and waterfowl near Teshekpuk Lake
 - Western Arctic Herd in Southwestern NPR-A
 - Marine mammals including polar bear, walrus and seal
 - Waterfowl and shorebird habitat



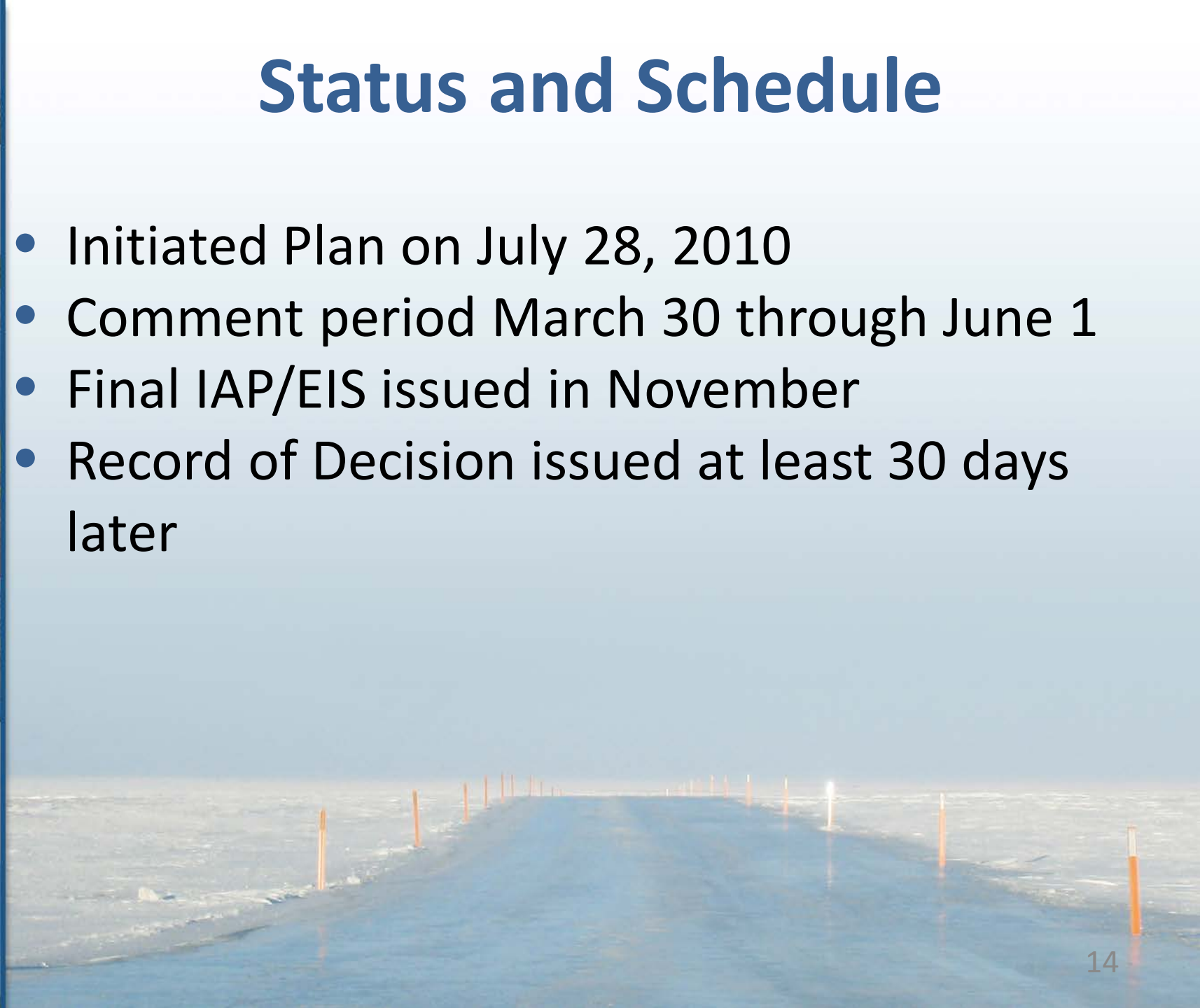
The draft Integrated Activity Plan

- Covers the entire Reserve
- Provides a full range of alternatives, but no preferred alternative
- Provides opportunity for infrastructure
- Expands cooperating agencies
 - North Slope Borough, State of Alaska, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
- Includes new science input
 - Climate change modeling and Petroleum resources assessments



Status and Schedule

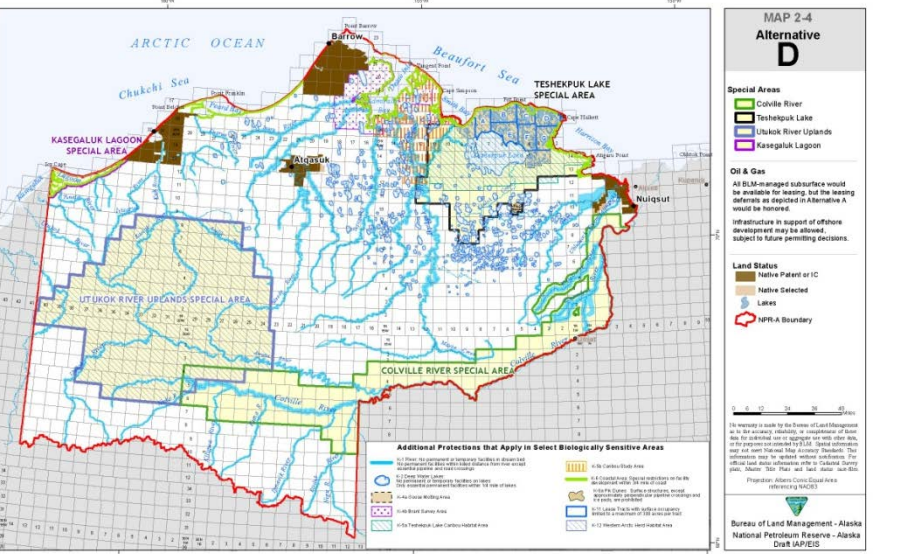
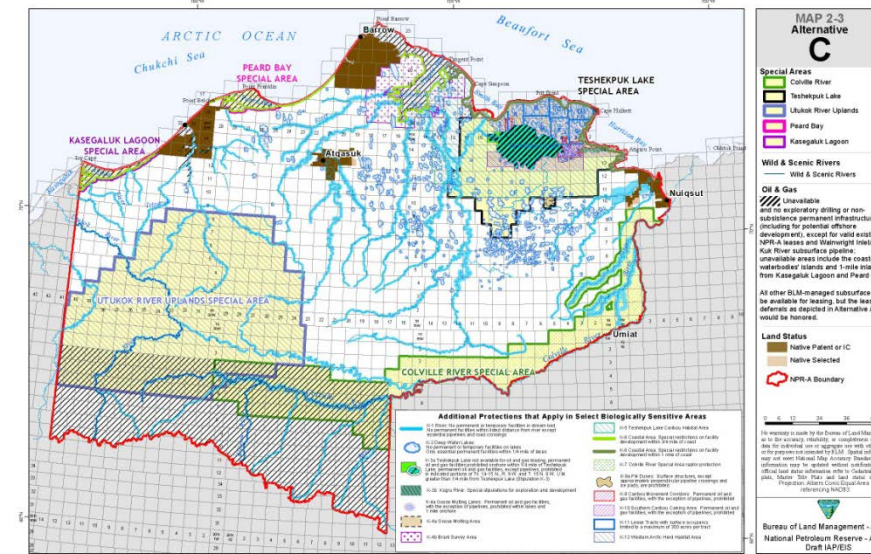
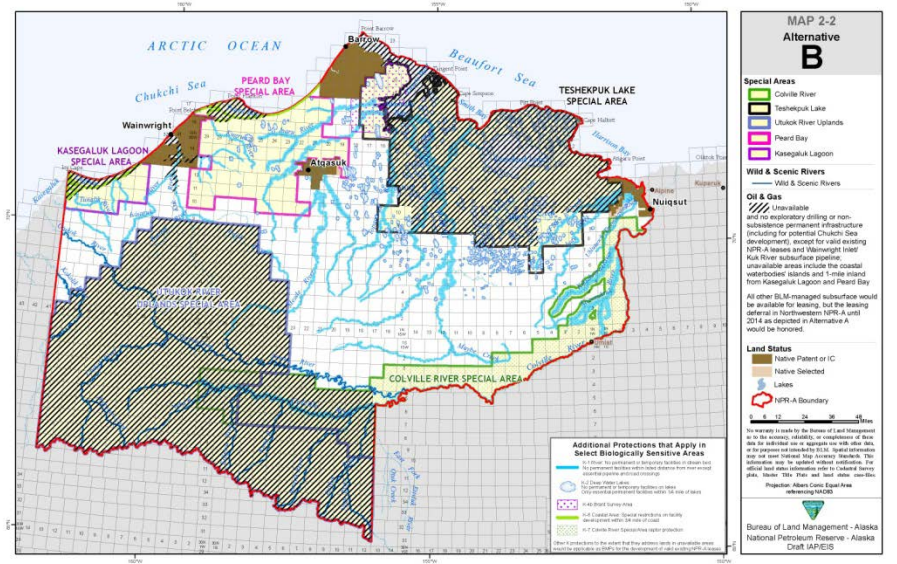
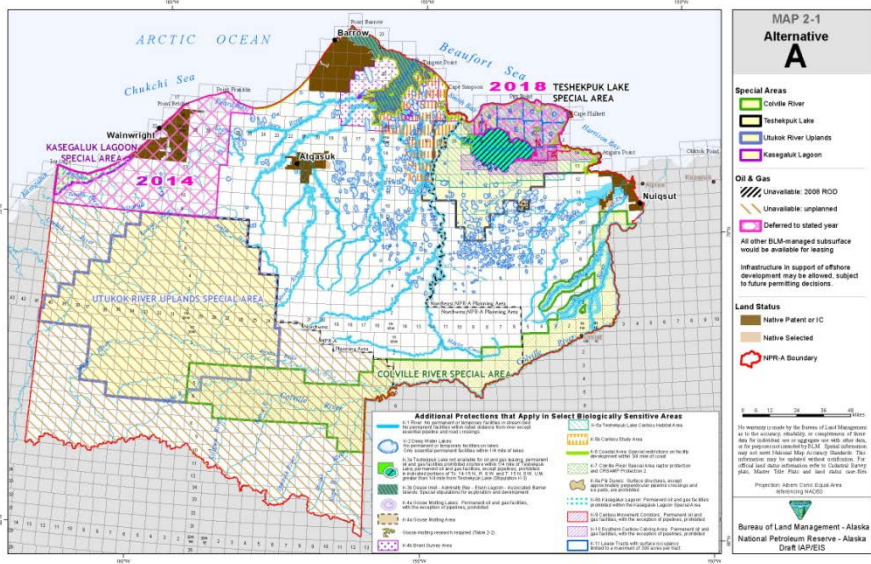
- Initiated Plan on July 28, 2010
- Comment period March 30 through June 1
- Final IAP/EIS issued in November
- Record of Decision issued at least 30 days later



Alternatives

- Alternatives under review
 - 4 alternatives
 - No Action Alternative
 - 3 action alternatives that vary the balance point between expedited energy development and surface resource protection
 - There is no preferred alternative





Oil and Gas Estimates

Alternative	A	B	C	D
Oil (millions of barrels)	723	505	707	761
Gas (trillion cubic feet)	11.065	8.739	16.022	18.363



New Energy Frontier

- Blueprint for a Secure Energy Future
 - President Obama's May 2011 Executive Order
 - Annual onshore oil and gas lease sales in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska



2012 Oil and Gas Lease Sale

- Schedule
 - Call for nominations and comments begins April 2012
 - Draft DNA will be available for public review and comment
 - Lease planned for November 7, 2012

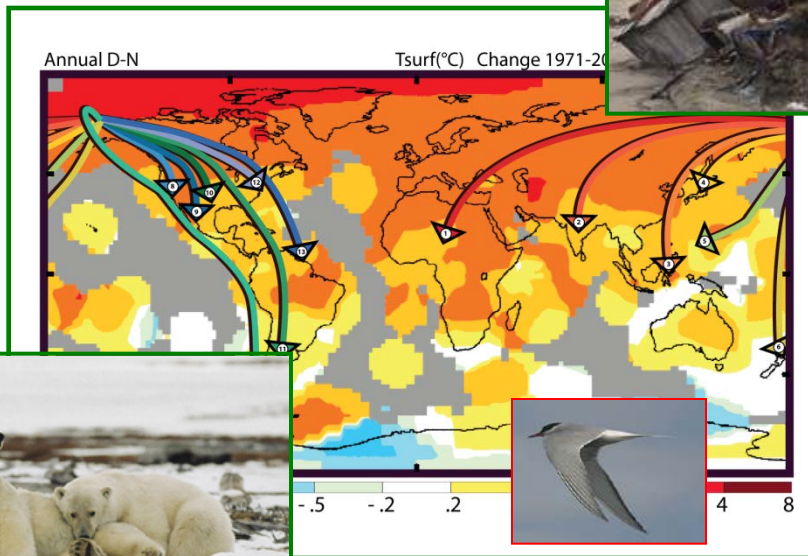
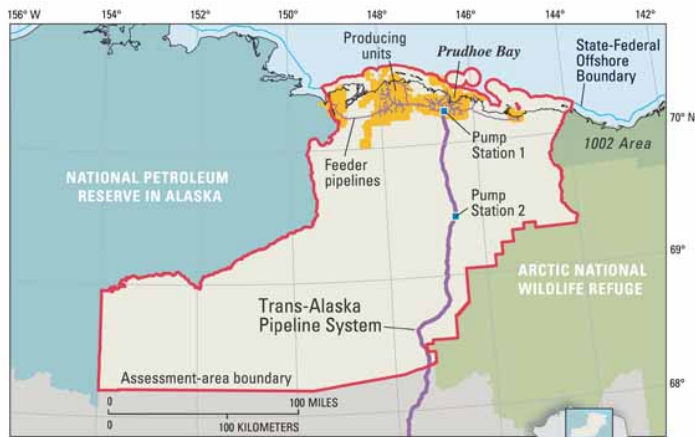


North Slope Science Initiative

- *Coordinate a collection of scientific data that will provide a better understanding of the terrestrial, aquatic, and marine ecosystems of the North Slope of Alaska*



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Questions?

