

# BLM restructures easement meetings

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) previously announced on Feb. 13 that a public meeting would be held on March 18 and 19 at Sydney Laurence Auditorium in Anchorage.

The purpose of the meeting was to explain Secretarial Order No. 2982, which establishes criteria for easements across Native lands, and BLM procedures under that order.

"As a result of comments BLM received after the announcement was made, we feel it would be more beneficial to all concerned," said State Director Curtis V. McVee, "If instead of one large public meeting, individual meetings were scheduled with interested organizations and groups to explain the procedures, answer any questions, and allow for input into interpretation of the guidelines."

Informal meetings are now being arranged with the Alaska Federation of Natives, state officials, the Federal-State Land Use Planning Commission, the Fairbanks and Alaska Centers for the Environment, the Easement Defense Fund, the Alaska Miners Association, and the Alaska Professional Hunters Association, Inc.

The schedule for these meetings can be obtained from the BLM Public Affairs Office at 277-1561 Ext. 158.

In addition, an evening meet-

ing to explain the easement program to the general public will be held on March 18 from 7-9 p.m. at BLM's Anchorage District Office located at 4700 East 72nd Ave. in Anchorage.