

Easement presentation by BLM

A public presentation on easements will be held by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on March 18 and 19, at Sydney Laurence Auditorium in Anchorage beginning at 9 a.m.

The meeting will be held to clarify and discuss newly established criteria for reservation of easements across Native lands.

"We feel it is important to provide all the information we can on the easement criteria and answer questions that people may have," says BLM State Director Curtis V. McVee. "The easements provide for public use so all those affected should be as informed as soon as possible."

In addition to the daytime meetings on March 18 and 19, an evening session will also be held at Sydney Laurence from 7-9 p.m.

The easement criteria, established by Interior Secretary Thomas Kleppe in Secretarial Order No. 2982 on Feb. 5, provide for a 25-foot continuous easement along the marine coastline, easements to insure access to all public lands and resources, easements for roads and utility lines, periodic easements along recreational streams, and site easements for airports, boat docks and public campsites.

Local public easements across Native selected lands in Alaska are required by section 17(b) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

Further information on the Easement Meetings can be obtained from the Bureau of Land Management Public Affairs Office in Anchorage at 277-1561, Ext. 158. Easement presentations will also be conducted in Fairbanks on a date to be announced.