

BLM Wants to Form Advisory Board

Steps were announced last week for setting up a Bureau of Land Management Advisory Board in Alaska.

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Director for the Bureau of Land Management in Alaska said, "This advisory board will be of major importance to the economy and welfare of the State of Alaska."

He added, "These boards are designed to provide advice and recommendations for the management of public domain lands. Since there are 265 million acres of public domain in Alaska, the influence of the board will be felt throughout the state."

Present plans call for a 12 man board with representation of minerals, forestry, grazing, wildlife, soil and water conservation, outdoor recreation, State government, borough government, economic development, native settlement, transportation and military affairs.

Silcock said he was contacting various organizations and associations today to

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get nominations for representatives and alternates. The Director of the Bureau of Land Management will appoint the Board.

Silcock indicated that he hopes to initially convene the board early this fall. Meetings will be held once or possibly twice a year. Members will discuss and make recommendations on such subjects as regulations governing the use, management, and disposition of public lands, proposed legislation, conflicts in competing uses of public lands, and similar broad policy items.