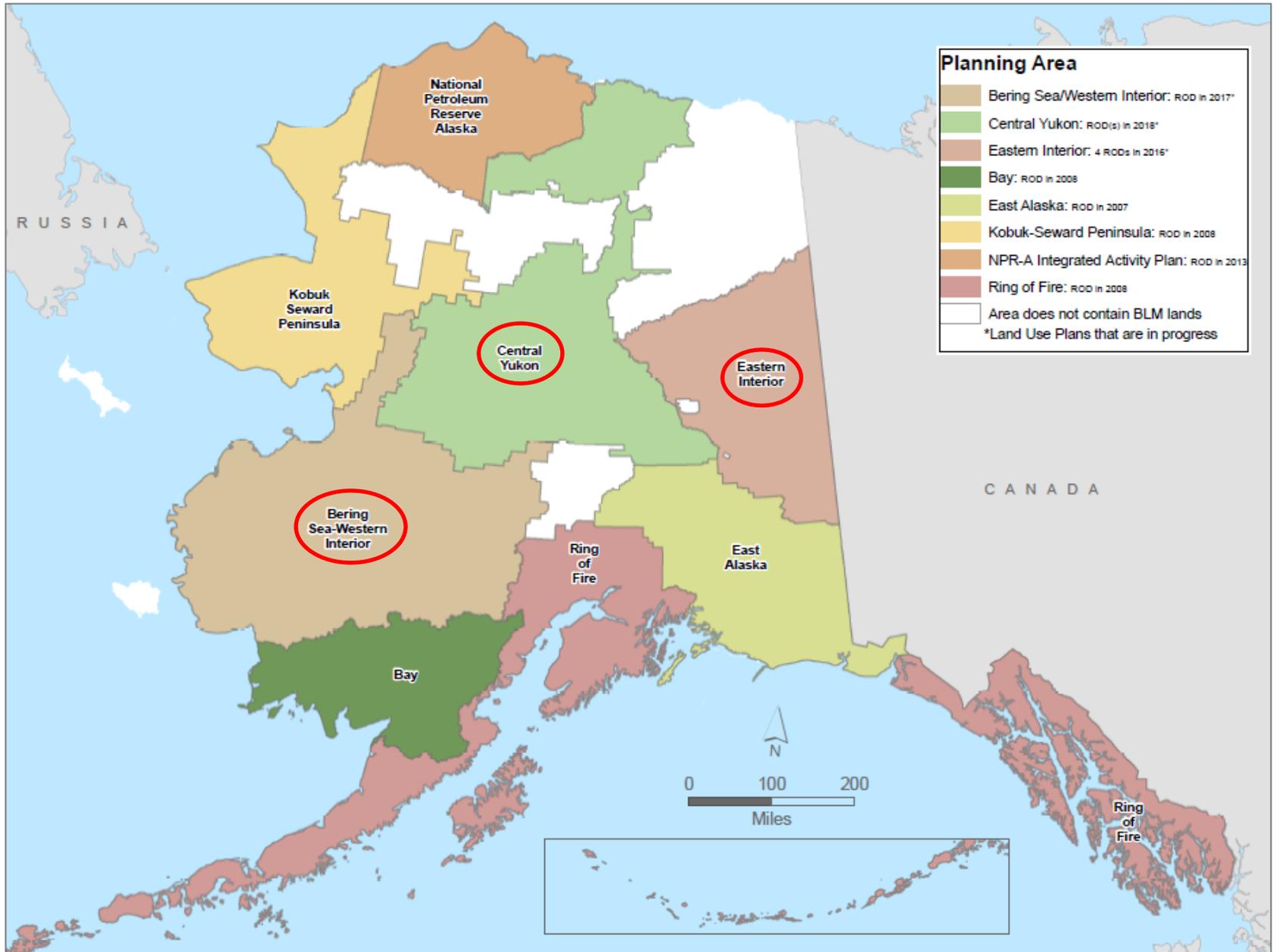




# BLM-Alaska Land Use Planning Update

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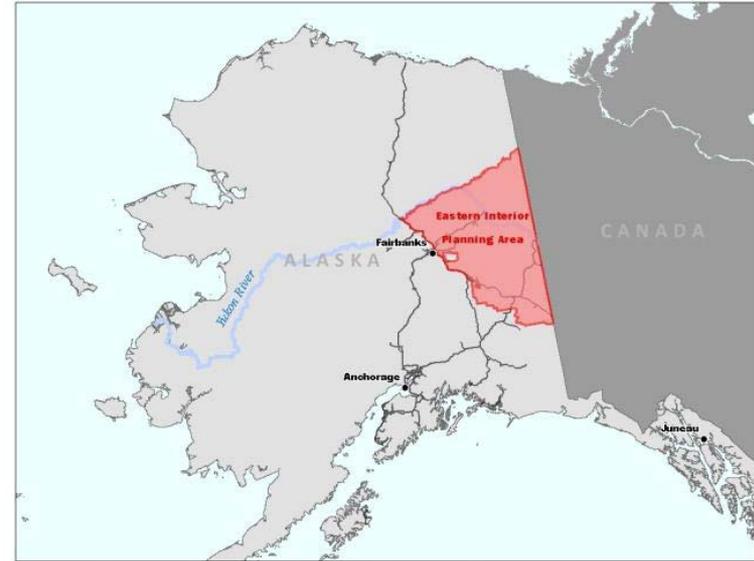
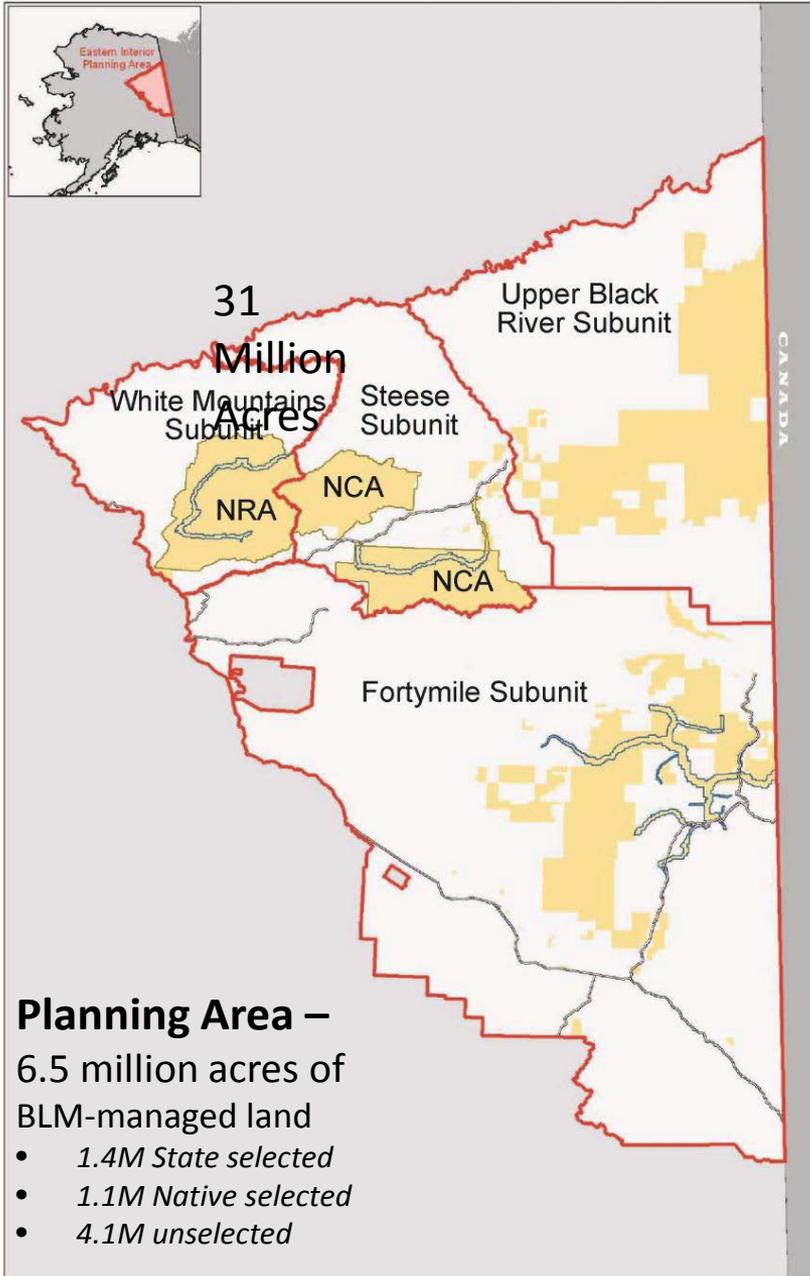
# BLM-Alaska Planning Area Map



# Key issues in all of BLM-Alaska's planning efforts

- Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act withdrawals
- Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act provisions
- Locatable and leasable minerals
- Travel management
- Subsistence use
- Fish and wildlife habitat management
- Wilderness characteristics
- Wild and scenic rivers
- Special management area designations (such as Areas of Critical Environmental Concern)
- Withdrawals and land status

# Eastern Interior Resource Management Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement



## White Mountains Subunit

- 1,020,000 acres
- White Mountains Nat'l Recreation Area
- Beaver Creek National Wild River

## Steese Subunit

- 1,275,000 acres
- Steese National Conservation Area
- Birch Creek National Wild River

## Upper Black River Subunit

- 2,361,000 acres

## Fortymile Subunit

- 2,100,000 acres
- Fortymile National Wild & Scenic River

# Areas of Critical Environmental Concerns (ACECs)

## Proposed ACECs Under Consideration:

- Fortymile, White Mountains, and Steese ACECs: Critical caribou calving and post calving habitat, Dall sheep habitat
- Mosquito Flats ACEC: moose calving and swan nesting habitat, unusual floating bog wetland
- Salmon Fork ACEC (Upper Black River subunit): bald eagle nesting, fish habitat, rare plants



*Proposed Mosquito Flats ACEC*



## Looking at a range of management prescriptions for all ACECs

- Some considering recommended closed to mineral entry
- Additional specific prescriptions depending on the ACEC

# Central Yukon

## Resource Management Plan



## Planning Area - 16 million acres of BLM-managed land

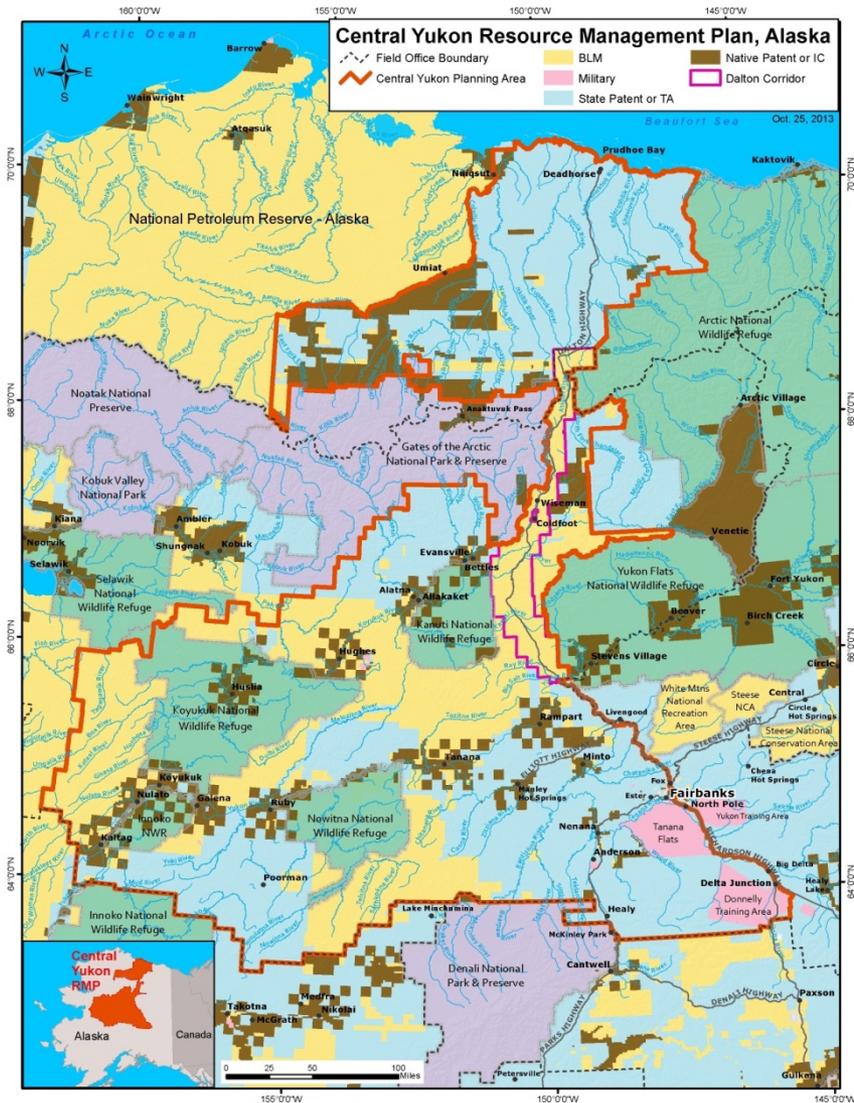
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- 0.7M Native selected
- 10.0M unselected

### Central Yukon Planning Issues

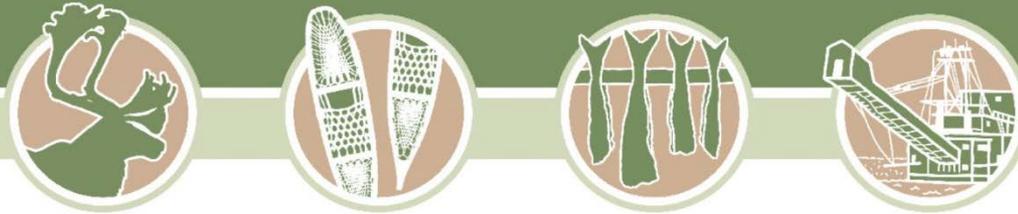
- Central Arctic Management Area
- Dalton Highway Corridor
  - Gas Pipeline Project
  - Ambler Road Project
  - Other projects
  - State of Alaska top filing
  - Sand and gravel availability
  - Invasive species

### Partnering Opportunities

- 15 Tribes (Gov't-to-Gov't Consultation)
- 3 regional corporations
- 12 village corporations
- State of Alaska (Cooperating Agency)
- 2 National Park units
- 7 National Wildlife Refuges (FWS – Cooperating Agency)



# Bering Sea Western Interior Resource Management Plan



**Planning Area – 10.6 million  
acres BLM-managed Land**

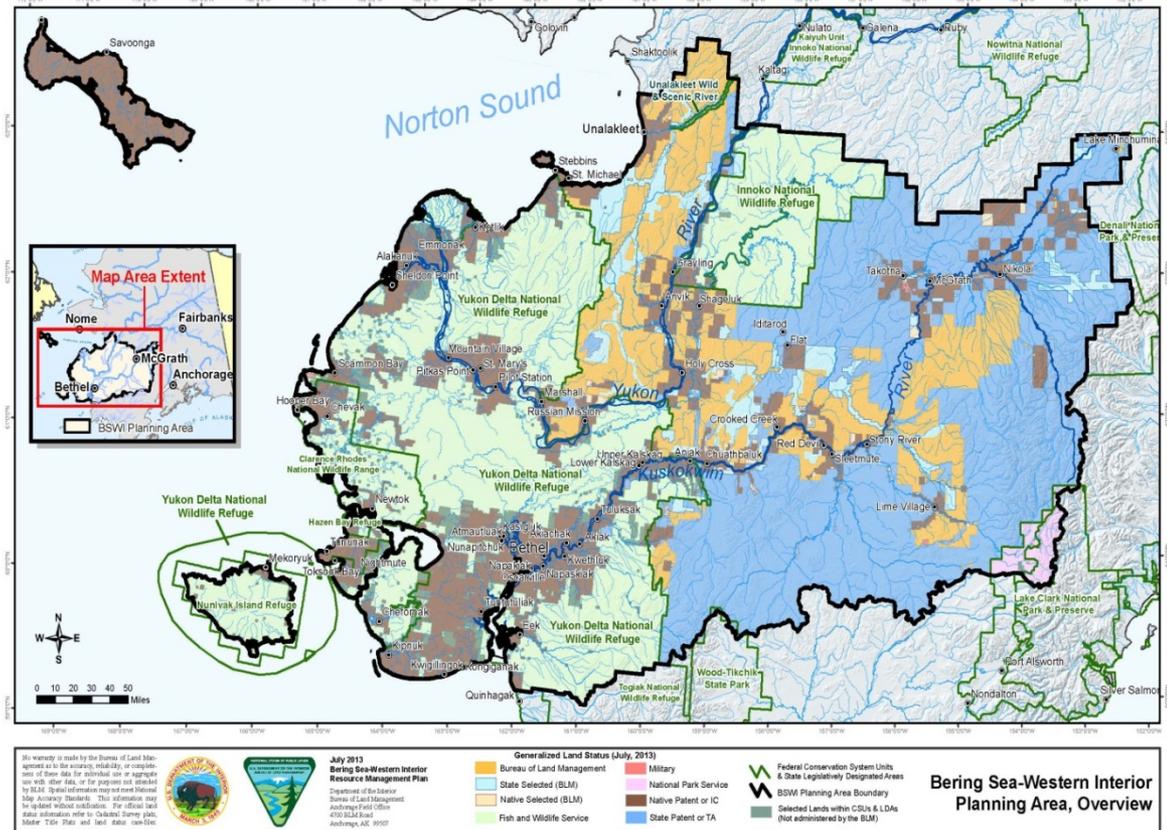
- 2.6M State selected
- 0.2M Native selected
- 7.8M unselected

## Bering Sea/Western Interior Planning Issues

- Competition for and access to subsistence resources
- Corridor Designations:
  - Donlin Mine Pipeline
  - Yukon-to-Kuskokwim Energy Corridor

## Partnering Opportunities

- 66 Tribes (Gov't-to-Gov't Consultation)
- 5 regional corporations
- 43 village corporations
- State of Alaska (Cooperating Agency)
- 1 National Park Units
- 2 National Wildlife Refuges (FWS –Cooperating Agency)



# Questions?

