

boundaries, in accordance with Sections 509 (a) and 701 (a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976.

Dated: October 24, 1996.

Lucia Kuizon,

*Acting Area Manager.*

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### Notice of Realty Action: Non-Competitive Sale of Public Lands

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Non-Competitive Sale of Public Lands in Lincoln County, Nevada.

**SUMMARY:** The below listed public land in Rachel, Lincoln County, Nevada has been examined and found suitable for sale utilizing non-competitive procedures, at not less than the fair market value. In accordance with Section 7 of the Act of June 28, 1934, as amended, 43 U.S.C. 315f and EO 6910, the described lands are hereby classified as suitable for disposal under the authority of Section 203 and Section 209 of the Act of October 21, 1976; 43 U.S.C. 1761.

**DATES:** On or before December 23, 1996, interested parties may submit comments to the Assistant District Manager, Nonrenewable Resources.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to: Bureau of Land Management, Gene L. Drais, Assistant District Manager, Nonrenewable Resources, HC 33, Box 33500, Ely, NV 89301-9408.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael McGinty, Realty Specialist, at the above address or telephone (702) 289-1882.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following described parcel of land, situated in Lincoln County is being offered as a direct sale to Mr. Richard Castleton.

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 3 S., R. 55 E.,  
Section 29, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
Section 31, Lot 1.

Containing 81.99 acres more or less.

This land is not required for any federal purposes. The sale is consistent with current Bureau planning for this area and would be in the public interest.

In the event of a sale, conveyance of the available mineral interests will occur simultaneously with the sale of the land. The mineral interests being offered for conveyance have no known mineral value. Acceptance of a direct

sale offer will constitute an application for conveyance of those mineral interests. The applicant will be required to pay a \$50.00 nonreturnable filing fee for the conveyance of the available mineral interests.

The patent, when issued, will contain the following reservations to the United States:

1. A right-of-way thereon for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States, Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).

2. All the oil and gas mineral deposits in the land subject to this conveyance, including without limitation, the disposition of these substances under the mineral leasing laws. Its permittee, licensees and lessees, the right to prospect for, mine and remove the mineral owned by the United States under applicable law and such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe. This reservation includes all necessary and incidental activities conducted in accordance with the provisions of the mineral leasing laws in effect at the time such activities are undertaken, including, without limitation, necessary access and exit rights, all drilling, underground, or surface mining operation, storage and transportation facilities deemed necessary and authorized under law and implementing regulations. Unless otherwise provided by separate agreement with surface owner, permittee, licensees and lessees of the United States shall reclaim disturbed areas to the extent prescribed by regulations issued by the Secretary of the Interior. All cause of action brought to enforce the rights of the surface owner under the regulations above referred to shall be instituted against permittee, licensees and lessees of the United States; and the United States shall not be liable for the acts or omissions of its permittee, licensees and lessees.

3. Those rights for an underground telephone cable and appurtenances granted to Lincoln County Telephone System, its successors or assignees, by right-of-way N-22164, pursuant to the Act of October 21, 1976; 43 U.S.C. 1761.

4. Those rights for an overhead 69 Kv three phase power distribution line, granted to Lincoln County Power #1., its successors and assignee, by right-of-way N-16673, pursuant to the Act of October 21, 1976; 43 U.S.C. 1761.

Upon publication of this notice in the Federal Register, the above described land will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except leasing under the mineral leasing laws. This segregation will

terminate upon issuance of a patent or 270 days from the date of this publication, whichever occurs first.

For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register, interested parties may submit comments regarding this action to the Assistant District Manager, Nonrenewable Resources at the address listed above. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In absence of any adverse comments, this realty action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior. The Bureau of Land Management may accept or reject any or all offers, or withdraw any land or interest in the land from sale, if, in the opinion of the authorized officer, consummation of the sale would not be fully consistent with FLPMA, or other applicable laws. The lands will not be offered for sale until at least 60 days after the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register.

Dated: October 24, 1996.

Gene A. Kolkman,

*District Manager.*

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### Amendment To Extend Public Comment Period on Draft Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS)

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management—Interior.

**SUMMARY:** On Tuesday, August 13, 1996 a Notice of Availability was published in the Federal Register for the draft Owyhee Resource Management Plan and draft Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS). That notice indicated that the public comment period provided for in 43 CFR Part 1600 (BLM Planning Regulations) would remain open until November 15, 1996. The comment period has been extended and will remain open until January 3, 1997.

**DATES:** The public comment period for the draft Owyhee Resource Management Plan and draft Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS) has been extended and will remain open until January 3, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be submitted at any time during the comment period to the Boise Field Office and should be sent to: Owyhee Area Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Boise Field Office, 3948 Development Avenue, Boise, ID 83705.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jay Carlson, Area Manager; or Fred Minckler, Team Leader at the address above. Telephone (208) 384-3300.

Dated: October 28, 1996.

David Vail,

*Operations Manager.*

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### Notice of Intent for Plan Amendment

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to amend the San Juan Resource Area Resource Management Plan. San Juan County, Utah.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to amend the San Juan Resource Management Plan (RMP) with three changes. Grazing is proposed to be retired in five side canyons of Comb Wash, a tributary of the San Juan River. The five side canyons are Road, Fish, Owl, Mule, and Arch. The second proposed change is Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) designations. The area encompassed by the following description is proposed to be changed from open to limited OHV designation.

All areas of public land from Comb Wash road (B235) on the west, to Butler Wash road (B230) on the east, and Highway 163 on the south. The northern boundary follows the old U-95 road alignment from its junction with the Comb Wash road, thence east across Comb Ridge to the Butler Wash drainage, thence south along this drainage to the township line of T. 37 S. and T. 38 S. and thence east along this line to the Butler Wash road.

The third proposed change is that a campsite in Comb Wash would no longer remain a developed site. Two Class A toilets, picnic tables, and grills would be removed. One Class C toilet would remain.

These proposed changes do not conform with the current San Juan RMP, necessitating a plan amendment. These changes are proposed in order to address a number of issues that have been raised in past scoping for the Comb Wash area:

What are the impacts of human uses, including livestock grazing, on upland and riparian vegetation?

How will riparian area functioning conditions be improved?

How will BLM manage activities to protect the watershed and meet state water quality standards?

What recreation opportunities should be provided?

How much are human uses, including livestock grazing, affecting the cultural resources in the watershed, and how can these resources be protected from further deterioration?

How will activities and resources be managed to protect, conserve and enhance wildlife populations and habitat?

There will not be any changes to planning criteria identified in the San Juan RMP as a result of this amendment.

**DATES:** The comment period for this proposed plan amendment will commence with the date of publication of this notice. Comments must be submitted on or before December 9, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kent Walter, San Juan Resource Area Manager, 435 N. Main, Monticello, Utah 84535, telephone (801) 587-2141. Existing planning documents and information are available at the above address or at the Moab District Office, 82 E. Dogwood, Moab, Utah, 84532, telephone (801) 259-6111. Comments on the proposed plan amendment should be sent to Kent Walter, San Juan Resource Area Manager, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 7, Monticello, Moab, Utah 84535, telephone (801) 587-2141.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed plan amendment includes three management actions proposed in the Comb Wash Interdisciplinary Plan. There are a number of other management actions in this plan that deal with watershed, cultural resources, recreation, wildlife, livestock, traditional use, and fire management issues. All of the other actions would be in compliance with the San Juan RMP. The Comb Wash Plan and an accompanying environmental assessment will be available for a thirty-day review immediately after the comment period for this Federal Register notice closes. The plan and environmental assessment can be obtained from the Bureau of Land Management's San Juan Resource Area office, P.O. Box 7, Monticello, Utah, 84532, telephone (801) 587-2141.

G. William Lamb,  
*State Director, Utah.*

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### Notice of Public Meeting on Proposed Withdrawal of Public Land; Washoe County, NV

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** A public meeting/open house to discuss the proposed withdrawal of approximately 26,000 acres of public land in the Pah Rah Range within southern Washoe County, has been scheduled for December 12, 1996.

**SUMMARY:** BLM staff will be available at the Carson City District BLM Office at 1535 Hot Springs Road, Suite 300, Carson City, Nevada, to discuss and receive comments on the proposed withdrawal between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on December 12, 1996. This meeting is being held in accordance with regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2300. The withdrawal has been proposed for a period of up to 5 years to protect public land from potential impacts associated with nondiscretionary land and mineral activities while a land use plan amendment addressing future management of the public land is prepared. The lands are currently segregated from entry under the public land and mining laws. Further details can be obtained by contacting Jo Ann Hufnagle, Realty Specialist, at (702) 885-6000.

Dated this 30th day of October, 1996.

Daniel L. Jacquet,

*Acting Assistant District Manager, Carson City District.*

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### Minerals Management Service

#### Alaska OCS Region, Beaufort Sea, Oil and Gas Lease Sale 170; Notice of Intent To Prepare Environmental Impact Statement (Comments Due in 45 Days)

##### Authority

This Notice is published pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), as amended, and the regulations issued thereunder (40 CFR Part 1501).

##### Purpose of Notice of Intent

Pursuant to the regulations (40 CFR 1501.7) implementing the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), as amended, MMS is announcing its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) regarding the oil and gas leasing proposal known as Sale 170 Beaufort Sea and the beginning of the scoping process for the EIS. Throughout the scoping process, Federal, State, and local governments and other interested parties have the opportunity to aid MMS in determining the significant issues and alternatives to be analyzed in