

1,599 acres of the offered lands to be acquired by BLM would remain open to mineral entry. The potential for the existence of locatable minerals on these lands is considered to be low and no future mining activities are anticipated to occur on these lands.

FOR FUTURE INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Terry, Project Manager, at the Bureau of Land Management, Stafford Field Office, 711 14th Avenue, Safford, Arizona 85546. Phone (520) 348-4400. Internet address is tterry@az.blm.gov

Dated: September 11, 1998.

Frank L. Rowley,

Acting Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-060-07-1201-00]

Meeting of the California Desert District Advisory Council

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Public Laws 92-463 and 94-579, that the California Desert District Advisory Council to the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior, will participate in a field tour of the BLM-administered public lands within the Northern and Eastern Mojave Management Planning area on Thursday, October 29, 1998, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., and meet in formal session on Friday, October 30 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, October 31 from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The Friday and Saturday public meetings will be held in the Reflections Room at Buffalo Bills, located at 31700 South Las Vegas Boulevard, Primm, Nevada (Stateline).

The Council and members of the public will assemble for the field tour at the Buffalo Bills parking lot at 7:15 a.m., and depart at 7:30 a.m. The tour will focus on the BLM portion of public lands within the Northern and Eastern Mojave Management (NEMO) Planning area. Presentations and discussions will focus on issues being addressed in the draft management plan.

The public is welcome to participate in the field tour, but should dress appropriately and plan on providing their own transportation, food, and beverage. Anyone interested in participating in the field tour should contact BLM public affairs staff at (909) 697-5217/5220 for more information.

Agenda topics will include briefings and discussions on the NEMO planning effort, budget, BLM State Strategic Plan, recreation fees at the Imperial Sand

Dunes Recreation Area, and the Glamis Imperial withdrawal.

All Desert District Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. Time for public comment may be made available by the Council Chairman during the presentation of various agenda items, and is scheduled at the end of the meeting for topics not on the agenda.

Written comments may be filed in advance of the meeting for the California Desert District Advisory Council, c/o Bureau of Land Management, Public Affairs Office, 6221 Box Springs Boulevard, Riverside, California 92507-0714. Written comments also are accepted at the time of the meeting and, if copies are provided to the recorder, will be incorporated into the minutes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carole Levitzky at (909) 697-5217 or Doran Sanchez at (909) 697-5220, BLM California Desert District Public Affairs.

Dated: September 18, 1998.

Tim Salt,

Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-050-1020-00; GP8-0337]

Notice of Meeting of Hells Canyon Subgroup of the John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Prineville District Office.

ACTION: Meeting of Hells Canyon Subgroup of the John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council.

SUMMARY: A meeting of the Hells Canyon Subgroup of the John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council will be held on October 23 and 24 at the Quality Inn, 700 Port Drive, in Clarkston, Washington. The meeting will be from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on October 23, and 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on October 24. The meeting is open to the public. Public comments will be received at 1:00 p.m. on October 23. The meeting will include information and processes concerning administrative procedures for the subgroup, election of officers, and development of the program of work and education needs of the group.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karyn Wood, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, P.O. Box 907, 1550

Dewey Avenue, Baker City, Oregon 97814, or call 541-523-6391.

Dated: September 17, 1998.

James L. Hancock,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-080-1430-00]

Temporary Emergency Closure of Public Land in Uintah County, Utah

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Vernal Field Office herewith issues a temporary emergency closure of public land in Uintah County, Utah, effective October 1, 1998. This order temporarily closes 1,320 acres of public land to public use and entry. This temporary closure area encompasses the following public land:

Salt Lake Meridian, Utah

T.10. S., R. 24 E.,

Sec. 22, E $\frac{1}{2}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 23, W $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 26, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 27, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The authorized officer, has determined that the underground methane generation occurring at the abandoned White River Oil Shale Mine is a safety hazard making the facility and surrounding area unsafe for human occupation or activity. The closure area affects the above described public land presently encumbered by the abandoned White River Oil Shale Mine, ancillary support facilities, and associated ventilation shafts. The closure prohibits all use, entry, or access onto the affected public lands; however, the access restriction may be waived under extraordinary circumstances where limited, short, term, emergency access is warranted and appropriate clearances and authorization are obtained from the authorized officer.

Where emergency access is authorized by the authorized officer, it would be conditioned on the following provisions;

All persons entering and leaving the closure area shall be accompanied by personnel from the BLM's Vernal Field Office and only after said BLM staff have determined that the area is safe for site visitation purposes.

All persons allowed emergency access into the closure area shall waive and release all direct and indirect claims that may occur against the United States for liability for any loss, damage,

personal injury, or death that may occur as a result of their access to the closure area and will indemnify and hold harmless the United States. All such incidents shall immediately be reported to the BLM Field Office.

The purpose of this closure is to protect human life, ensure public safety, and to prevent human contact with a known hazardous situation. A map of the area affected by this closure is on file and may be viewed at the Vernal Field Office of the BLM.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The closure order is effective from September 1, 1998, through December 31, 2000, unless, prior thereto, it is rescinded or modified by the authorized officer.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: This closure is under the authority of 43 CFR 8364.1. Persons violating this closure shall be subject to the penalties provided in 43 CFR 8360.0-7, including a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 and/or imprisonment not to exceed one year.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The BLM Vernal Field office, 170 South 500 East, Vernal, Utah 84078, (435) 781-4400.

Dated: September 17, 1998.

David E. Howell,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK-040-96-003; AA-76879, AA-77643, AA-77776, AA-76936, AA-76935, AA-77839]

Notice of Realty Action; Sale of Public Lands in Southwest and Southcentral Alaska and Notice of Approved Plan Amendment to the Southwest and Southcentral Management Framework Plans (MFP) in Southwest and Southcentral Alaska

SUMMARY: The BLM has amended the Southwest and Southcentral MFPs to allow for the sale of public lands needed for church-group related development and to resolve several land occupancy problems. The following described public lands have been examined through the land use planning process and have been found suitable for disposal pursuant to Section 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1713. Parcel Two of the following described lands is also classified as suitable for lease and sale under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended, 43 U.S.C. 969.

Parcel One (AA-76879): Seward Meridian, Alaska

T. 20 N., R. 8 E., Sections 23 and 26.
Containing approximately 80 acres.

Parcel Two (AA-77643): Seward Meridian, Alaska

T. 15 N., R. 1 W., Lot 53, Section 19.
Containing approximately 1.42 acres.

Parcel Three (AA-77776): Seward Meridian, Alaska

T. 17 N., R. 2 E., Section 26, Lot 22.
Containing approximately 0.94 acre.

Parcel Four (AA-76396): Kateel River Meridian, Alaska

T. 27 S., R. 22 E., Section 32.
Containing approximately 45 acres.

Parcel Five (AA-76935): Kateel River Meridian, Alaska

T. 27 S., R. 22 E., Section 32.
Containing approximately 1 acre.

Parcel Six (AA-77839): Seward Meridian, Alaska

T. 2 N., R. 12 W., Sections 21 and 22.
Containing approximately .72 acre.

The above lands contain approximately 129 acres.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert P. Rinehart, Anchorage Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 6881 Abbott Loop Rd., Anchorage, Alaska, 99507-2599, (907) 267-1272.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this sale is to allow three church groups to pursue needed development and to resolve three inadvertent land occupancy situations. Conveyance of the above public lands will be subject to:

A right-of-way thereon for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States: Act of August 30, 1890, 26 Stat 391; 43 U.S.C. 945.

Conveyance of Parcel One also would be subject to execution of a "hold harmless agreement" for any liability arising from Victory Ministries activities on the site, before or after the sale.

For a period of 45 days from the date this notice is published in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments on the sale to the Field Manager, Anchorage Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 6881 Abbott Loop Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99507-2599. Any adverse comments will be evaluated by the State Director, who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any objections, this proposed realty action will become final.

Nick Douglas,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management [CA-180-1430-00; CACA 37328]

Notice of Plan Amendment and Notice of Decision for Land Exchange

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management, Folsom Field Office, is amending the 1988 Sierra Planning Area Management Framework Plan Amendment (MFP) to allow for a boundary adjustment of the Ione Tertiary Oxisol Soils Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), located in Amador County, CA. The boundary adjustment is necessary to allow for exchange of public land currently within the ACEC in order to acquire adjacent private land of higher resource value to be added to the ACEC. The plan amendment and exchange are made pursuant to Sections 202 and 206 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1712 and 1716). The lands are described as follows:

Public land to be disposed of and excluded from the ACEC

T. 5 N., R. 10 E.,
Sec. 17, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$,
N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and
W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 6.875 acres in Amador County.

Private land to be acquired and added to the ACEC

T. 5 N., R. 10 E.
Sec. 17, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 7.5 acres in Amador County. In addition, an easement will also be acquired in order to secure access to the remaining public lands.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This ACEC was established to protect unique soil profiles. Intensely weathered soils were formed during the Eocene epoch when the area had a tropical climate. This soil has been exposed due to natural erosion of overlying strata revealing a soil with properties of oxisols, a soil order of the tropics. Adjustment of the ACEC boundary allows for the inclusion of 7.5 acres of land to be acquired that is currently adjacent to the existing boundary. This land to be acquired contains exceptional examples of Oxisol soils. In exchange, BLM will also adjust the ACEC boundary to exclude the above described public land which will allow for disposal of this parcel because it possesses inferior soil examples than