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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Proposed Withdrawal Extension and Notice of Public Meetings; Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Air Force has filed an application to extend the withdrawal of 2,668,100 acres of public land for the Barry M. Goldwater Air Force Range. The land is currently withdrawn by Public Law 99-606 of November 6, 1986. The withdrawal will expire on November 5, 2001, unless extended. This withdrawal extension requires legislative action by Congress pursuant to the Act of February 28, 1958, 43 U.S.C. 155-158, commonly known as the Engle Act. The land is currently withdrawn from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, the mining laws, the mineral leasing laws, and the geothermal leasing laws pursuant to Public Law 99-606.

This notice provides an opportunity for the public to submit comments, suggestions, or objections and announces the time and place for public meetings that will provide an opportunity for public involvement regarding the Department of the Air Force's proposed extension of the land withdrawal.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before December 31, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Linda Woestendiek, BMGR LEIS, P.O. Box 67132, Phoenix, AZ 85082-7132.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gene Dahlem, BLM Phoenix Field Office, 602-580-5500.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 17, 1998, the Department of the Air Force filed an application to extend the withdrawal for the Barry M. Goldwater Air Force Range. The Air Force has determined there is a continuing military need for the land and in accordance with section 8(a)(1) and (2) of Public Law 99-606, has filed

the application to extend the withdrawal on the following described land:

Gila and Salt River Meridian

T. 7 S., R. 1 W.,
Secs. 13 to 36, inclusive.
Tps. 8 and 9 S., R. 1 W.
T. 7 S., R. 2 W.,
Secs. 13 to 36, inclusive.
Tps. 8 and 9 S., R. 2 W.
T. 7 S., R. 3 W.,
Secs. 13 to 36, inclusive.
Tps. 8 and 9 S., R. 3 W.
T. 10 S., R. 3 W., unsurveyed,
Secs. 4 to 9 inclusive;
Secs. 16 to 21, inclusive;
Secs. 28 to 33, inclusive.
T. 7 S., R. 4 W.,
Secs. 13 to 36 inclusive.
Tps. 8, 9, and 10 S., R. 4 W.
T. 6 S., R. 5 W.,
Sec. 13;
Sec. 14, E $\frac{1}{2}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Secs. 15, 16, and 17 inclusive;
Sec. 18, lots 3 and 4, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$,
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Secs. 19 to 36, inclusive.
Tps. 7 to 10 S., R. 5 W.
T. 6 S., R. 6 W.,
Sec. 13, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 22, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and
S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 23, S $\frac{1}{2}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Secs. 24 to 27, inclusive;
Secs. 34 to 36, inclusive.
T. 7 S., R. 6 W.,
Secs. 1 to 3, inclusive,
Secs. 10 to 36, inclusive.
Tps. 8, 9 and 10 S., R. 6 W.
T. 11 S., R. 6 W.,
Sec. 3, lot 4, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Secs. 4 to 9, inclusive;
Sec. 10, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Secs. 13 to 21, inclusive;
Sec. 22, W $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 24, W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 25, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 26, S $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 27, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$;
Secs. 28 to 30, inclusive.
T. 7 S., R. 7 W.,
Secs. 13 to 36, inclusive.
Tps. 8 to 10 S., R. 7 W.
Tps. 11 and 12 S., R. 7 W., unsurveyed.
T. 14 S., R. 7 W.,
Secs. 6, 7, and 18.
T. 6 S., R. 8 W., partially surveyed,
Sec. 26, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and
S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Secs. 27 to 31, all that portion lying south
of the railroad right-of-way, as more
particularly defined and described on
official records of the Bureau of Land
Management, Arizona State Office;
Secs. 32, 33, and 34;
Sec. 35, W $\frac{1}{2}$, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.
T. 7 S., R. 8 W.,
Sec. 2, lots, 2, 3 and 4, and S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$,
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$;
Secs. 3 to 11, inclusive;
Sec. 12, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Secs. 13 to 36, inclusive.
Tps. 8 and 9 S., R. 8 W., unsurveyed.

T. 10 S., R. 8 W.
Tps. 11 and 12 S., R. 8 W., unsurveyed.
T. 13 S., R. 8 W., unsurveyed,
Secs. 2 to 11, inclusive;
Secs. 14 to 36, inclusive.
T. 14 S., R. 8 W., unsurveyed.
Secs. 1 to 21, inclusive.
Secs. 28 to 33, inclusive.
T. 15 S., R. 8 W., unsurveyed,

Secs. 4 to 9, inclusive;
Secs. 16 to 21, inclusive;
Secs. 28 to 33, inclusive.
T. 16 S., R. 8 W., unsurveyed,
Secs. 4 to 9, inclusive;
Secs. 16 to 21, inclusive;
Secs. 28 to 33, inclusive.
T. 17 S., R. 8 W., unsurveyed,
Secs. 4, 5, 6, 8, and 9.
T. 6 S., R. 9 W.,
Secs. 33, 34, and 35, all that portion lying
south of the railroad right-of-way, as
more particularly identified and
described on the official records of the
Bureau of Land Management, Arizona
State Office.
T. 7 S., R. 9 W.,
Secs. 1 to 4, inclusive;
Secs. 9 to 36, inclusive.
Tps. 8 to 17 S., R. 9 W., unsurveyed.
Tps. 8 and 9 S., R. 10 W.
Tps. 10 to 16 S., R. 10 W., unsurveyed.
Tps. 8 to 10 S., R. 11 W.
Tps. 11 to 16 S., R. 11 W., unsurveyed.
Tps. 8 and 9 S., R. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 12 W.
T. 10 S., R. 12 W.
Tps. 11 to 15 S., R. 12 W., unsurveyed.
T. 8 S., R. 13 W., all that portion lying south
of the railroad right-of-way, as more
particularly identified and described on
the official records of the Bureau of Land
Management, Arizona State Office.
T. 9 and 10 S., R. 13 W.
Tps. 11 to 15 S., R. 13 W., unsurveyed.
T. 8 S., R. 14 W., all that portion lying south
of the railroad right-of-way, as more
particularly identified and described on
the official records of the Bureau of Land
Management, Arizona State Office.
Tps. 9 and 10 S., R. 14 W.
Tps. 11 to 15 S., R. 14 W., unsurveyed.
T. 8 S., R. 15 W.,
Secs. 33 to 36, inclusive.
T. 9 and 10 S., R. 15 W.
Tps. 11 to 14 S., R. 15 W., unsurveyed.
T. 9 S., R. 16 W.,
Secs. 1 and 2;
Secs. 7 to 36, inclusive.
T. 10 S., R. 16 W.
Tps. 11 to 14 S., R. 16 W., unsurveyed.
T. 9 S., R. 17 W., partially surveyed,
Secs. 12 to 16, inclusive; Sec. 17, S $\frac{1}{2}$;
Secs. 19 to 36, inclusive.
T. 10 S., R. 17 W.
Tps. 11 to 14 S., R. 17 W., unsurveyed.
T. 9 S., R. 18 W.,
Sec. 21, SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 22, S $\frac{1}{2}$;
Secs. 23 to 36, inclusive.
T. 10 S., R. 18 W.
Tps. 11 to 13 S., R. 18 W., unsurveyed.
T. 9 S., R. 19 W.,
Secs. 25 to 36, inclusive.
Tps. 10 to 13 S., R. 19 W., unsurveyed.
T. 9 S., R. 20 W.,

Secs. 25 to 36, inclusive.
Tps. 10 to 12 S., R. 20 W., unsurveyed.
T. 9 S., R. 21 W.,

Secs. 25 to 36, inclusive.
Tps. 10 to 12 S., R. 21 W.
T. 9 S., R. 22 W.,

Secs. 25 to 28, inclusive;
Sec. 29, E $\frac{1}{2}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Secs. 32 to 36, inclusive.

T. 10 S., R. 22 W.,
Secs. 1 to 5, inclusive;
Sec. 6, E $\frac{1}{2}$;
Secs. 7 to 36, inclusive.
Tps. 11 and 12 S., R. 22 W.

The area described above contains 2,668,100 acres, more or less, in Maricopa, Pima, and Yuma Counties, Arizona, of which approximately 83,625 are owned by the Department of the Air Force.

The Range is used by the Air Force for testing and training for aerial bombing, missile firing, tactical maneuvering and air support, and other defense related purposes. There is also a need to protect the public's health and welfare from the hazardous operations conducted by the Air Force. The land is contaminated with unexploded ordnance.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal extension may present their views in writing to Linda Woestendiek, BMGR LEIS, P.O. Box 67132, Phoenix, AZ 85082-7132.

Notice is hereby given that seven public meetings will be held. The purpose of these meetings is for interested persons to comment on the proposed extension of the withdrawal and the associated draft legislative environmental impact statement. Each meeting will involve an open house, followed by a formal public hearing. The purpose of the open house is for people to gather information on the proposed land withdrawal extension and ask questions. People interested in the proposed extension of the land withdrawal and the associated draft legislative environmental impact statement will have the opportunity to make formal remarks at the hearing.

The seven meetings will be conducted as shown below:

Monday, November 9, 1998, Sinagua High School Cafeteria, 3950 E. Butler Ave., Flagstaff, AZ, Open house-5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Hearing-7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 10, 1998, Palo Verde Building, Adult Center, 7121 N. 57th Ave., Glendale, AZ, Open house-5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Hearing-7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 12, 1998, El Rio Center Multi-Purpose Room, 1390 W. Speedway, Tucson, AZ, Open house-

5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Hearing-7:00 p.m. to 9:00

Friday, November 13, 1998, Casa Grand Union High School, 2730 N. Trekell Rd., Casa Grande, AZ, Open house-5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Hearing-7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 14, 1998, Tohono O'odham Tribal Headquarters, Tribal Council Chambers, Sells, AZ, Open house-2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Hearing-3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Monday, November 16, 1998, Yuma High School Cafeteria, 400 6th Ave., Yuma, AZ, Open house-5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Hearing-7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 17, 1998, Ajo Community Center, Bud Walker Park 290 E. 5th Street, Ajo, AZ, Open house-5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Hearing-7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Dated: September 22, 1998.

Michael A. Ferguson,

Deputy State Director, Resources Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-930-1430-01; NV-16095]

Notice of Proposed Extension of Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Air Force has filed an application to extend the withdrawal of 3,038,698 acres of public land for the Nellis Air Force Range. The land was originally withdrawn by Public Law 99-606 of November 6, 1986 (2,945,726 acres). There were additions in 1988 (89,000 acres) and 1995 (3,972 acres). The withdrawal will expire on November 5, 2001, unless extended. This withdrawal extension requires legislative action by Congress pursuant to the Act of February 28, 1958, 43 U.S.C. 155-158, commonly known as the Engle Act. The land is currently withdrawn from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, the mining laws, the mineral leasing laws, and the geothermal leasing laws pursuant to Public Law 99-606.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before December 31, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Nevada State Director, BLM, 1340 Financial Blvd., P.O. Box 12000, Reno, Nevada 89520.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis J. Samuelson, BLM Nevada State Office, 702-861-6532.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 21, 1998, the Department of the Air Force filed an application to extend the withdrawal for the Nellis Air Force Range. The Air Force has determined there is a continuing military need for the land and filed the application for extension in accordance with Section 8(a)(1) and (2) of Public Law 99-606. The legal description for the Range is as published in the 52 FR 2772, January 26, 1987, FR Doc. 87-1596; the 53 FR 38099, September 29, 1988, FR Doc. 88-22253; and the 60 FR 18030, April 10, 1995, FR Doc. 95-8756. The area described contains 3,038,698 acres in Clark, Lincoln, and Nye Counties.

A copy of the legal description is available by contacting Dennis J. Samuelson at the address or phone number listed above.

The Range is used by the Air Force as a national test and training facility for military equipment and personnel. The Range provides for realistic, secure, simulation of a battle area, complete with surface and air defense systems, command/control systems, and targets. These activities need to be performed in a secure area to ensure public safety.

This withdrawal extension requires legislative action by Congress pursuant to the Act of February 28, 1958, 43 U.S.C. 155-158.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal extension may present their views in writing to the Nevada State Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

There will be seven public meetings. The purpose of these meetings is for interested persons to comment on the proposed extension of the withdrawal and the associated draft legislative environmental impact statement. Each meeting will begin with an open house at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the open house is for people to gather information on the proposed land withdrawal extension and ask questions. A formal public hearing will begin at 7:30 p.m. for each meeting and will continue until 10:00 p.m. People interested in the proposed extension of the land withdrawal and the associated draft legislative environmental impact statement will have the opportunity to make formal remarks.

The seven meetings will be conducted at the following locations on the dates indicated: