

ACTION: Public land order.

SUMMARY: This order opens, subject to the provisions of Section 24 of the Federal Power Act, 70 acres of National Forest System land withdrawn by a Secretarial Order which established Bureau of Land Management Powersite Reserve No. 110. This action will permit consummation of a pending Forest Service land exchange and retain the power rights to the United States. The land is temporarily closed to surface entry and mining due to a pending land exchange. The land has been and continues to be open to mineral leasing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 2, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Sorg, BLM Montana State Office, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107, 406-255-2945.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by the Act of June 10, 1920, Section 24, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 818 (1994), and pursuant to the determination by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in DVMT-246, it is ordered as follows:

At 9 a.m. on November 2, 1998, the following described National Forest System land, withdrawn by Secretarial Order dated January 24, 1910, which established Powersite Reserve No. 110, will be opened to disposal by land exchange, subject to the provisions of Section 24 of the Federal Power Act as specified by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in determination DVMT-246, and subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, and the requirements of applicable law:

Principal Meridian, Montana

T. 1 S., R. 22 W.,
Sec. 26, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$,
and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 70 acres in Ravalli County.

Dated: October 26, 1998.

Bob Armstrong,

Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-930-1430-01; N-62050]

Amendment of Sonoma-Gerlach Management Framework Plan (MFP)/ Notice of Realty Action, Direct Sale of Public Land, Pershing County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Plan Amendment/Notice of Realty Action.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has amended the Sonoma-Gerlach Management Framework Plan to identify for disposal under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act 350 acres of public land described as:

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 27 N., R. 31 E.,
Sec. 7: E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$,
S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 8: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 18: N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Containing 350 acres more or less.

The subject lands have been found suitable for direct sale under Sections 203 and 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1713 and 1719), at not less than fair market value.

The above described lands are hereby classified for disposal in accordance with Executive Order 6910 and the Act of June 28, 1934, as amended.

The lands were formerly segregated from sale by publication of a Notice of Realty Action (N58101) published in the **Federal Register** on January 14, 1994, in anticipation of an R&PP lease. Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the segregation against sale under the authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act is terminated and the subject lands are open to sale under the authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act. Upon patent issuance for the subject lands, the Recreation and Public Purposes Act Lease N-58101, issued to the Pershing County Fair and Recreation Board, shall terminate.

The lands are not required for Federal purposes. Disposal is consistent with the Bureau's planning for this area and would be in the public's interest. This land is being offered by direct sale to the Pershing County Fair and Recreation Board. It has been determined that the subject parcel contains no known mineral values.

Acceptance of a direct sale offer will constitute an application for conveyance of those mineral interests having no known value. The applicant will be required to pay a \$50.00 non-refundable filing fee for conveyance of the said mineral interests. The land will not be offered for sale until at least 60 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Planning Protests

Any party that participated in the plan amendment and is adversely affected by the amendment may protest

this action as it affects issues submitted for the record during the planning process. The protests shall be in writing and filed with the Director, Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Ms. Brenda Williams, Protests Manager (WO-210), 1849 "C" Street NW/LS-1075, Washington, DC 20240 within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Detweiler, Realty Specialist, Bureau of Land Management, 5100 E. Winnemucca Boulevard, Winnemucca, NV 89445, telephone (702) 623-1500.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public lands are being offered to the Pershing County Fair and Recreation Board for the proposed Desert Coral Golf Course. Currently, the parcel is under Recreation and Public Purposes Act Lease N-58101 by the Board for the subject golf course. Sale of the parcel to the Board would give them more flexibility in procuring financing and in management of the proposed golf course.

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

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

And will be subject to:

1. Those rights for highway purposes which have been granted to the Nevada Department of Transportation, by Right-of-way NEV-048800, under the Act of November 9, 1921 (23 U.S.C. Sec. 18).

2. Those rights for communication line purposes which have been granted to Bell Telephone Company of Nevada under Right-of-way N-12799, under the Act of March 4, 1911 (43 U.S.C. 961) and under Right-of-way N-61913, under the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761).

3. Those rights for natural gas pipeline purposes which have been granted to Southwest Gas Corporation by Right-of-way NEV-058689, under the Act of February 25, 1920 (30 U.S.C. 185 Sec. 28).

4. Those rights for power transmission line purposes which have been granted to Sierra Pacific Power Company by Right-of-way N-12800, under the Act of March 4, 1911 (43 U.S.C. 961) and Right-of-way N-60884 under the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761).

For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed sale to the Field Manager, Winnemucca Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 5100 E.

Winnemucca Boulevard, Winnemucca, NV 89445. In the absence of timely objections, this proposal shall become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

Dated: October 19, 1998.

Terry Reed,

Field Manager, Winnemucca, Nevada.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-067-1050-00, CACA 39853]

Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Imperial County, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management proposes to withdraw 9,360.74 acres of public land in Imperial County to protect the archaeological and cultural resources located in the Indian Pass Area of Critical Environmental Concern and Expanded Management Area. Publication of this notice segregates the land proposed to be withdrawn, subject to valid existing rights, for a 2-year period from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws. The land will remain open to the operations of the mineral leasing, geothermal leasing, and material sales laws.

DATES: Comments and request for a public meeting must be received by February 1, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the Field Manager, El Centro Field Office (CA-067), 1661 South 4th Street, El Centro, California 92243-4561.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Zale, BLM, El Centro Field Office, (760) 337-4420.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 26, 1998, a petition was approved allowing the Bureau of Land Management to file an application to withdraw for a 20-year period, and subject to valid existing rights, the following described public land from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws, but not the mineral leasing, geothermal leasing, or the material sales laws, subject to valid existing rights:

San Bernardino Meridian

T. 13 S., R. 20 E.,

Sec. 25, E $\frac{1}{2}$.

T. 13 S., R. 21 E.,

Sec. 21, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 28, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Secs. 29 to 33, inclusive.

T. 14 S., R. 20 E.,

Sec. 1, E $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 11, E $\frac{1}{2}$;

Secs. 12 to 14, inclusive.

T. 14 S., R. 21 E.,

Sec. 4, lots 1 and 2 of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 5, lots 1 and 2 of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, lots 1 and 2 of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 6, lots 1 and 2 of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, lots 1 & 2 of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, lots 1 and 2 of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 7, lots 1 and 2 of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, lots 1 and 2 of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and E $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 8, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 17, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 18, lots 1 and 2 of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 9,360.74 acres in Imperial County.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to protect the archaeological and cultural resources in the Indian Pass Area of Critical Environmental Concern and Expanded Management Area (collectively the "Indian Pass area"). The Indian Pass area is considered to be a sacred site by the Quechan people.

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 may present their views in writing to the Field Manager, El Centro Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management.

Notice is hereby given that a public meeting will be held to discuss the proposed withdrawal and solicit comments from the public regarding it. A notice of the time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2300. The application and case file are available for public inspection at the El Centro Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management.

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the land will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. During the segregation period various studies and analyses will be conducted. No action as to the proposed withdrawal shall be taken until these studies and analyses are completed. The temporary uses which may be permitted during this segregative period are those which are compatible with the use of

land, as determined by the Bureau of Land Management.

Dated: October 27, 1998.

Duane Marti,

Acting Chief, Branch of Lands.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement; Backcountry and Wilderness Management Plan, Joshua Tree National Park, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, CA

SUMMARY: Pursuant to § 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190 as amended), the National Park Service (NPS), Department of the Interior, has prepared a supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) assessing alternatives for, and potential impacts of, a proposed Backcountry and Wilderness Management Plan for Joshua Tree National Park.

BACKGROUND: After an initial public review and comment phase, thorough review of all comments received, and with consideration of the Joshua Tree National Park Advisory Commission's input, the NPS has determined it necessary to issue a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS). The SEIS expands upon the conservation planning and impact analysis undertaken in the original DEIS, and contains: an update on the planning process; a discussion of an additional alternative, which constitutes the new proposed action; a discussion of foreseeable environmental consequences if this new alternative were to be implemented; and summary tables comparing the actions and consequences of all five alternatives.

COMMENTS: The formal review period for the SEIS document extends through December 31, 1998. Reviewers may address any aspect of the DEIS or SEIS. All written comments must be postmarked not later than December 31, 1998, and sent to: Superintendent, Joshua Tree National Park, 74485 National Park Drive, Twentynine Palms, California 92277.

Dated: October 21, 1998.

William C. Walters,

Acting Regional Director, Pacific West.

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