

you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Individual copies of the DEIS may be obtained by contacting Bill Yocum or Lorie List at 541/618-2384. The DEIS is also available on CD-ROM and at www.or.blm.gov/Medford.

Copies are also available for inspection at the following locations: Southern Oregon University Library, Ashland, OR
Jackson County Library, Ashland Branch, OR
Siskiyou County Library, Yreka Branch, CA

The DEIS analyzes five alternatives ranging from emphasis on commodity extraction to emphasis on preservation.

A public meeting will be held on the proposal on Saturday, April 8, 2000, at 1 p.m. in the Arena Room/Stevenson Union at Southern Oregon University. Additional meetings will be considered if there is sufficient interest.

Public participation has occurred throughout the planning process. A Notice of Intent was published in the **Federal Register** on August 27, 1999. Since that time several open houses, public meetings and field tours were conducted to provide information and solicit comments and ideas. Any comments presented throughout the process have been considered.

The notice meets the requirements of 43 CFR 1610.5-5 for plan amendments and 43 CFR 1610.7-2 for designations of Areas of Critical Environmental Concern.

Dated: March 7, 2000.

Rich Dreihobl,

Ashland Field Manager, Medford District.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-930-1430-EU; N-61406]

Notice of Reality Action: Non-Competitive Sale of Public Land

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

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

SUMMARY: The below listed public land in Ash Springs, 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. 1713 and 1719.

DATES: On or before April 27, 2000, interested parties may submit comments to the Assistant Field Manager, Non-Renewable Resources.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to: Bureau of Land Management, Gene L. Drais, Assistant Field manager, Nonrenewable Resources, HC33, BOX 33500, Ely, NV 89301-9408.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kevin Finn, Realty Specialist, at the above address or telephone (775) 289-1849.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following described parcel of land, situated in Lincoln County is being offered as a direct sale to Hi-Desert Springs, LLC.

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 6 S., R. 61 E.,
Section 6,
Government Lots 9 and 10
Containing 11.79 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 interests. The applicant will be required to pay \$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. 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 minerals 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 the law

and implementing regulations. Unless otherwise provided by separate agreement with surface owner, permittee, licensees 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.

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 Field Manager, Nonrenewable Resources at the address list above. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director who may sustain, vacate, or modify the 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 officer, consumption of the sale would not be fully consistent with the Federal Land Management and Policy Act of 1976, or other applicable laws. The lands will not be offered for sale until at least 60 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: March 1, 2000.

Gene A. Kolkman,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-010-2000-1610]

Arizona Strip District Resource Plan: Intent To Amend

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to amend the Arizona Strip Resource Management Plan, Arizona.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the BLM Planning Regulations (43 CFR 1600) this notice advises the public that the Arizona Strip Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, is proposing to amend the Arizona Strip Resource Management Plan to establish allowable resource uses on the Lee's Ferry Allotment. This notice supercedes and replaces a previous similar notice published in the **Federal Register** (Vol. 62, No. 247, page 67401) on December 24, 1997. In accordance with 43 CFR part 4100.0-8 "The authorized officer shall manage livestock grazing on public lands under the principle of multiple use and sustained yield, and in accordance with the applicable land use plans. Land use plans shall establish allowable resource uses (either singly or in combination), related levels of production or use to be maintained, areas of use, * * *". The Bureau of Land Management, in cooperation with the current holder of the grazing privileges associated with the Lee's Ferry Allotment, desires to retire some or all of the associated grazing privileges in order to enhance wilderness values and to alleviate conflicts between livestock and recreation use in the Paria River Canyon corridor.

The main issues anticipated in this plan amendment are: (1) Potential impacts on recreational opportunities; (2) and potential impacts on the socio-economics of Coconino County, Arizona.

This amendment is limited to the area contained within the Lee's Ferry Allotment on the Arizona Strip.

A land use plan amendment and environmental analysis will be prepared for the subject lands by an interdisciplinary team including range, wildlife, and recreation specialists.

DATES: Interested parties may submit comments to the Field Manager at the address shown below on or before April 12, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phil Seegmiller, Arizona Strip Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 345 E. Riverside Drive, St. George, Utah 84790, (435) 688-3222 to obtain additional information regarding this plan amendment. Existing land use plans and maps of the subject area are available for review at the Interagency Office in St. George, Utah.

Roger G. Taylor,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Study Recommending a Timbisha Shoshone Tribal Homeland In and Around Death Valley National Park, Inyo County, California and Esmeralda and Nye Counties, Nevada; Notice of Intent To Prepare a Legislative Environmental Impact Statement

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and the California Desert Protection Act (P.L. 103-433, Title VII, § 705), the National Park Service has initiated an environmental impact analysis process for a Secretarial Report to Congress regarding a proposal to establish a permanent Timbisha Shoshone Tribal Homeland in and around Death Valley National Park. Furthermore, regulations created by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR 1508) provide that any "proposal for legislation" must be accompanied by an environmental impact statement. (42 U.S.C.A. section 4332(2)(c).) A Legislative Environmental Impact Statement (LEIS) is an abbreviated version of an Environmental Impact Statement which may be prepared on an expedited timetable to ensure proper consideration in Congressional hearings and deliberations.

Background

The U.S. Department of the Interior (Department) is considering the transfer of federal lands and acquisition of private lands to be held in trust for the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe. The transfers and acquisitions are for the purposes of creating a tribal homeland in and around Death Valley National Park.

The initial Notice of Scoping was published in the **Federal Register** on April 19, 1999 (V64, N74, PP19193-19194) announcing public meetings and other scoping activities so as to initiate an environmental impact analysis process for the Draft Secretarial Report to Congress. The Secretary of the Interior's draft report, The Timbisha Shoshone Tribal Homeland-A Draft Secretarial Report to Congress to Establish a Permanent Tribal Land Base and Related Cooperative Activities was released for public comment in May 1999.

Over 500 comments were received through July 1999, and the responses addressed a spectrum of regulatory, socio-economic and environmental issues. On September 20, 1999 the Final Scoping Summary Document was released to the public characterizing the nature of public response and comment

letters received on the Draft Secretarial Report.

In October 1999, the Department determined that the National Park Service would serve as the lead agency. The Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Indian Affairs, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Nye County, Nevada have been cooperators to this project.

Alternatives

In addition to a no-action alternative, the proposed action is primarily to recommend that Congress authorize the transfer of several parcels of lands as identified in the Draft Secretarial Report currently managed by NPS and BLM in California and Nevada. Authorization for the Department to expend appropriated funds for the purchase of several parcels of private land from willing sellers in California and Nevada is also being proposed. All transacted lands would be taken into trust for the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe by the Secretary of the Interior.

For Current Information

Written communications may be addressed to the Superintendent, Death Valley National Park, Post Office Box 579, Death Valley, California 92328. For current information about the ongoing LEIS effort, please contact: Joan DeGraff, Project Manager, (760) 255-8830, or utilize the park website (www.nps.gov/deva).

Approval Process

The Department officials responsible for approval are: the Assistant Secretary Fish, Wildlife and Parks; the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management; and the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs. If approved, the proposal would subsequently be submitted by the Secretary of the Interior to Congress for consideration. If enacted, the National Park Service officials responsible for implementation would be the Superintendent, Death Valley National Park and the Regional Director, Pacific West Region; as well as the State Directors, Bureau of Land Management, Nevada and California; the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs; and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Central California Agency. The draft LEIS is expected to be available for public review in spring, 2000. At this time it is anticipated that the final LEIS will be completed in summer, 2000.