

with, the patentee's use, occupancy, or operations of the patented real property. The indemnification and hold harmless agreement includes, but is not limited to, acts and omissions of the patentee and their employees, agents, contractors, or lessees, or any third party, arising out of or in connection with the use and/or occupancy of the patented real property which has already resulted or does hereafter result in: (1) Violation of federal, state, and local laws and regulations that are now, or may in the future become, applicable to the real property; (2) Judgements, claims or demands of any kind assessed against the United States; (3) Costs, expenses, or damages of any kind incurred by the United States; (4) or threatened releases of solid or hazardous waste(s) and/or hazardous substance(s), as defined by federal or state environmental laws; off, on, into or under land, property and other interests of the United States; (5) Other activities by which solids or hazardous substances or wastes, as defined by federal and state environmental laws are generated, released, stored, used or otherwise disposed of on the patented real property, and any cleanup response, remedial action, or other actions related in any manner to said solid or hazardous substances or wastes; or (6) Natural resources damages as defined by federal and state law. This covenant shall be construed as running with the patented real property and may be enforced by the United States in a court of competent jurisdiction.

The appraisal report for the parcels will be available for public review at the BLM's Ely Field office on or before August 10, 2001. Bids at the oral auction must be for not less than appraised fair market value (FMV).

The parcels will be offered for competitive/modified competitive sale by oral auction beginning at 10:00 a.m. PDT, September 18, 2001, at the Mesquite City Hall, 10 East Mesquite Blvd., Mesquite, Nevada. Registration for oral bidding will begin at 8:00 a.m. the day of sale and will continue throughout the auction. All bidders are required to register.

The highest qualifying bid for parcel 1 (N-74934) will be declared the high bid. The apparent high bidder must submit the required bid deposit immediately following the close of the sale in the form of cash, personal check, bank draft, cashiers check, money order, or any combination thereof, made payable to the Bureau of Land Management, for not less than 20 percent of the amount bid.

The remainder of the full bid price must be paid within 180 calendar days

of the date of sale. Failure to pay the full price within the 180 days will disqualify the apparent high bidder and cause the bid deposit to be forfeited to the BLM.

Parcel number 2 (N-74587) will be offered for sale under Modified Competitive procedures at no less than estimated fair market value (FMV) or at the cost per acre established by the oral auction of parcel 1 (N-74934), whichever is greater. Parcel number 2 (N-74587) will be sold under these procedures in order to resolve a trespass. The party in trespass may purchase the trespass parcel based upon the above procedure. If the trespass party purchases parcel 2 under the above procedures, the full sale price will be immediately due the day of sale. Federal law requires that bidders must be U.S. citizens 18 years of age or older, a corporation subject to the laws of any State or of the United States; a State, State instrumentality, or political subdivision authorized to hold property; or an entity, including but not limited to associations or partnerships, capable of holding property or interests therein under the law of the State of Nevada. Certification of qualification, including citizenship or corporation or partnership, must accompany the bid deposit. In order to determine the fair market value of the subject public lands through appraisal, certain assumptions have been made on the attributes and limitations of the lands and potential effects of local regulations and policies on potential future land uses. Through publication of this notice, the Bureau of Land Management gives notice that these assumptions may not be endorsed or approved by units of local government. Furthermore, no warranty of any kind shall be given or implied by the United States as to the potential uses of the lands offered for sale; conveyance of the subject lands will not be on a contingency basis. It is the buyers' responsibility to be aware of all applicable local government policies and regulations that would affect the subject lands. It is also the buyer's responsibility to be aware of existing and potential uses for nearby properties. When conveyed out of federal ownership, the lands will be subject to any applicable reviews and approvals by the respective unit of local government for proposed future uses, and any such reviews and approvals would be the responsibility of the buyer. Any land lacking access from a public road or highway will be conveyed as such, and future access acquisition will be the responsibility of the buyer. For a period of 45 days from the date of

publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the general public and interested parties may submit comments to Jeffrey A. Weeks, Assistant Field Manager, Ely Field Office, HC 33 Box 33500, Ely, Nevada 89301-9408. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the Nevada State Director, who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any adverse comments, the 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, communication of the sale would be fully consistent with FLPMA or other applicable laws or is determined not in the public interest. Any comments received during this process, as well as the commentator's name and address, will be available to the public in the administrative record and/or pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act request. You may indicate for the record that you do not wish your name and/or address made available to the public. Any determination by the Bureau of Land Management to release or withhold the names and/or addresses of those who comment will be made on a case-by-case basis. A commentator's request to have their name and/or address withheld from public release will be honored to the extent permissible by law.

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: July 9, 2001.

Jeffrey A. Weeks,

Assistant Field Manager, Nonrenewable Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Prepare a Resource Management Plan for the BLM Lake Havasu Field Office

AGENCY: United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Lake Havasu Field Office, Lake Havasu City, Arizona.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare a Resource Management Plan, with an Environmental Impact Statement, for portions of Mohave, La Paz, Yavapai, and Maricopa Counties, Arizona; and

portions of San Bernardino County, California.

SUMMARY: This document provides notice that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) intends to prepare a Resource Management Plan (RMP) with an associated Environmental Impact Statement for the Lake Havasu Field Office. This field office is currently managing the resources under portions of four different Land Use Plans (LUP): Yuma District RMP 1985, Kingman RMP 1995, Lower Gila North Management Framework Plan (MFP) 1983, and Lower Gila South RMP 1988. The proposed plan will meet the needs and obligations set forth by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), and BLM management policies. This notice initiates the public scoping process to examine proposed issues and planning criteria.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The modification of the Lake Havasu Field Office boundaries has necessitated creation of the Lake Havasu RMP. Currently the office is managing resources under four different Land Use Plans (LUP): Yuma District RMP 1985, Kingman RMP 1995, Lower Gila North MFP 1983, and the Lower Gila South RMP 1988. The proposal is to revise and update the previous plans and combine them into one RMP for the Lake Havasu Field Office. This action requires an EIS level analysis, followed by an approved RMP and Record of Decision (ROD). Public meetings will be held throughout the plan scoping and preparation period. Meetings will be held in the communities of Parker, Lake Havasu City, and Bullhead City, Arizona, to ensure local participation and input. At least 15 days public notice will be given for meetings/activities where the public is invited to attend. Written comments will also be accepted throughout the planning process at the address below. Meetings and comment deadlines will be announced through the mailings, local news media, and the BLM web site (www.az.blm.gov). Additional public participation and input will be provided through comment on the alternatives and the BLM Draft RMP/ Draft EIS. Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Lake Havasu Field Office located in Lake Havasu City, Arizona or via the BLM web site. Early participation by all those interested is encouraged and will help determine the future management of the Lake Havasu Resource Management Area.

Preliminary issues and management concerns have been received internally from BLM personnel, other agencies,

tribes and at meetings with individuals and user groups. This input represents the BLM understanding to date on issues and concerns with current management practices. Major issues to be addressed in the plan include, but are not limited to: 1) Protection of natural and cultural resources; 2) Management of public activities and uses; 3) Consistency with other agencies and community plans; 4) Facilities and infrastructures to provide visitor services and administration; 5) Transportation and access management.

After gathering public comments on what issues the plan should address, the suggested issues will be placed in one of three categories:

1. Issues to be resolved in the plan
2. Issues resolved through policy or administrative action.
3. Issues beyond the scope of this plan.

Rationale will be provided for each issue in Category 2 or 3. In addition to the preceding major issues, questions and concerns to be addressed include: ecosystem health, riparian condition, threatened and endangered species habitat, wildlife habitat, biodiversity, reintroduction of native species, wilderness values and management, cultural resource protection and interpretation, recreation/visitor use, rangeland management, and minerals management. The following disciplines will be represented on the BLM planning team: recreation, wildlife, range management, fire ecology, wilderness, geology, reactivity, cultural resources, soils, hydrology, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and engineering.

Background Information

The plan will address and incorporate BLM policies, regulations and management directives. The BLM Lake Havasu Field Office manages approximately 1.3 million acres of Public Land in Arizona and California. The mission statement is: "Provide quality outdoor recreation opportunities and meet community expansion demands along the Colorado River, managing resources wisely. Foster responsible stewardship of the Public Lands through resource protection, public outreach and education." The BLM intends to conduct formal scoping until January 31, 2002, to formulate alternative management strategies. During the winter of 2002, the team will hold field discussions and public meetings on each management alternative. The Draft RMP/Draft EIS will be issued for public comment by January 2003. The proposed RMP and Final EIS will be published by

September of 2003, the approved RMP and ROD will be published by December 2003.

Comments

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the address below during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

ADDRESSES: For further information, future mailings, and to register comments, contact Catherine L. Wolff-White, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, Bureau of Land Management Lake Havasu Field Office, 2610 Sweetwater Drive, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86406. Phone: 928-505-1309, Fax 520-505-1208.

Dated: July 9, 2001.

Donald Ellsworth,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Notice and Agenda for Meeting of the Royalty Policy Committee of the Minerals Management Advisory Board

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Interior established a Royalty Policy Committee on the Minerals Management Advisory Board to provide advice on the Department's management of Federal and Indian minerals leases, revenues, and other minerals-related policies. Committee membership includes representatives from States, Indian tribes, allottee organizations, minerals industry associations, the general public, and Federal departments. At this thirteenth meeting, the committee will again consider minority and majority reports on sodium/potassium draft