

[CA-330-1430-01; CACA 36364]

Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; California**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management proposes to withdraw 308.49 acres of public lands in Humboldt County to protect the Mattole Estuary. This notice closes the lands for up to 2 years from surface entry and mining. The lands will remain open to mineral leasing and the Materials Act of 1947. Up to approximately 514 acres of non-federally owned lands would be subject to this withdrawal if they are acquired by the United States in the future by exchange, donation, or purchase.

DATES: Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by April 21, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the California State Director, BLM California State Office (CA-931), 2135 Butano Drive, Sacramento, California 95825-0451.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Duane Marti, BLM California State Office, 916-979-2858 or Charlotte Hawks, BLM Arcata Resource Area Office, 707-825-2319.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 3, 1997, a petition was approved allowing the Bureau of Land Management to file an application to withdraw the following described public lands from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights:

Humboldt Meridian

T. 2 S., R. 2 W.,

Sec. 17, NE¹/₄NW¹/₄ and W¹/₂NW¹/₄;Sec. 18, NW¹/₄SE¹/₄.

T. 2 S., R. 3 W.,

Sec. 12, lot 3;

Sec. 13, lots 1 and 2.

The areas described aggregate 308.49 acres in Humboldt County.

In addition, if any of the non-federally owned land within the area described below are acquired by the United States in the future by exchange, donation, or purchase, that land will be subject to this withdrawal:

Humboldt Meridian

T. 2 S., R. 2 W.,

Sec. 16, N¹/₂SW¹/₄, SW¹/₄SW¹/₄, SE¹/₄, and that portion described as Parcels 1, 2, and 3 of Parcel Map No. 1369 recorded under Document No. 18699 on August 23, 1976, in Book 12 of Parcel Maps on page 32, Humboldt County Records;

Sec. 21, N¹/₂NE¹/₄, SE¹/₄NE¹/₄, and NE¹/₄SE¹/₄.

The areas described aggregate approximately 514 acres in Humboldt County.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to protect the fragile aquatic and estuary resources and critical wildlife habitat on and adjacent to the Mattole River.

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 California State Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the California State Director within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, 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.

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register, the lands will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. The temporary uses which may be permitted during this segregative period are those which are compatible with the use of the lands, as determined by BLM.

Dated: January 9, 1997.

David McInay,

Chief, Branch of Lands.

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[ID-933-1430-01; IDI-31261]

Opening of Land in a Proposed Withdrawal; Idaho**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The temporary 2-year segregation of a proposed withdrawal of 3,805.87 acres of National Forest System land for the Forest Service's Howell Canyon Recreation Complex expires March 30, 1997, after which the land

will be opened to mining. The land is located in the Boise National Forest. The land has been and will remain open to surface entry and mineral leasing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 30, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry R. Lievsay, BLM Idaho State Office, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho 83709, 208-373-3864.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Notice of Proposed Withdrawal was published in the Federal Register (60 FR 62, March 31, 1995), which segregated the land described therein for up to 2 years from the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, but not from the general land laws and the mineral leasing laws. The 2-year segregation expires March 30, 1997. The withdrawal application will continue to be processed unless it is canceled or denied. The land is described as follows:

Boise Meridian

T. 12 S., R. 24 E.,

Sec. 36, SW¹/₄, NW¹/₄, W¹/₂SW¹/₄ and S¹/₂SE¹/₄.

T. 12 S., R. 25 E.,

Sec. 31, lot 4, NE¹/₄, NE¹/₄, SW¹/₄NE¹/₄, W¹/₂SE¹/₂NE¹/₄, SE¹/₄SW¹/₄ and SE¹/₄;

Sec. 32, S¹/₂, SE¹/₄SW¹/₄NW¹/₄, SE¹/₄NW¹/₄ and N¹/₂SW¹/₄.

T. 13 S., R. 24 E.,

Sec. 1, N¹/₂ lot 1, lots 2 to 4 inclusive, S¹/₂NW¹/₄ and SW¹/₄;

Sec. 2;

Sec. 3, lots 1 to 4 inclusive, S¹/₂N¹/₂, N¹/₂S¹/₂, SW¹/₄SW¹/₄; and SE¹/₄SW¹/₄;

Sec. 4, lots 1 and 2, S¹/₂NE¹/₄, NE¹/₄SW¹/₄, NW¹/₄SW¹/₄, S¹/₂SW¹/₄ and SE¹/₄;

Sec. 5, SE¹/₄;

Sec. 9, N¹/₂NE¹/₄, SW¹/₄NE¹/₄, E¹/₂NW¹/₄, NW¹/₄NW¹/₄, NE¹/₄SW¹/₄, N¹/₂SE¹/₄ and SE¹/₄NE¹/₄;

Sec. 10, W¹/₂NW¹/₄;Sec. 11, NE¹/₄;Sec. 12, NW¹/₄.

The area described aggregate 3,805.87 acres in Cassia County.

At 9 a.m. on March 30, 1997, the land shall be opened to location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. Appropriation of land described in this order under the general mining laws prior to the date and time of restoration is unauthorized. Any such attempted appropriation, including attempted adverse possession under 30 U.S.C. 38 (1988), shall vest no rights against the United States. Acts required to establish a location and to initiate a right of possession are governed by State law. The Bureau of Land Management will not intervene in disputes between rival locators over possessory rights since Congress has provided for such determinations in local courts.

Dated: January 10, 1997.
 Jimmie Buxton,
 Branch Chief, Lands and Minerals.
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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

National Park Service

Indian Memorial Advisory Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.
ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a scheduled meeting of the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument Advisory Committee (a.k.a. Indian Memorial Advisory Committee.) Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463).

MEETING DATE AND TIME: February 15-16, 1997, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on 02/15/97, 1:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m. on 02/16/97.

ADDRESSES: Radisson Northern Hotel, Broadway & 1st Avenue North, Billings, Montana 59101. (406) 252-7400.

THE AGENDA OF THIS MEETING WILL BE: Introductions and agenda changes, approve minutes of last meeting, symposium results, budget report, fundraising strategy, future role of NPS support team, jury sub-committee report on design competition, recommendation to Secretary of Interior, development of winning design, plans for traveling exhibit, set schedule and agenda for next meeting.

The meeting will be open to the public. However, facilities and space for accommodating members of the public are limited, and persons will be accommodated on a first-come-first-served basis. Any member of the public may file a written statement concerning the matters to be discussed with: Superintendent, Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, P.O. Box 39, Crow Agency, Montana 59022, telephone (406) 638-2621. Minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection four weeks after the meeting at the Office of the Superintendent of Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Committee was established under Title II of the Act of December 10, 1991, for the purpose of advising the Secretary on the site selection for a memorial in honor and recognition of the Indians who fought to preserve their land and culture at the Battle of Little Bighorn, on the conduct of a national

design competition for the memorial, and " * * * to ensure that the memorial designed and constructed as provided in section 203 shall be appropriate to the monument, its resources and landscape, sensitive to the history being portrayed and artistically commendable."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Barbara A. Sutteer, Chief, Office of American Indian Trust Responsibilities, Intermountain Field Area Office, National Park Service, 12795 W. Alameda Parkway, P.O. Box 25287, Denver, Colorado 80225-0287, (303) 969-2511.

Dated: January 10, 1997.
 Gerard A. Baker,
 Designated Federal Officer, Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, National Park Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act

Notice is hereby given that a proposed consent decree in *United States v. Air Products and Chemicals, et al.*, Civil Action No. 92-3860 (JBS) (consolidated with Civil Action No. 84-0152 (JBS)), was lodged on January 2, 1997 with the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. The Settlers are 273 defendants in the pending litigation related to the Gloucester Environmental Management Services ("GEMS") Landfill Superfund Site ("Site") in Gloucester Township, Camden County, New Jersey.

Under the terms of the proposed decree, 21 Reopener Settling Defendants will perform certain remedial activities involving the construction and operation of a groundwater extraction system and an on-site groundwater pre-treatment system. In addition, the Reopener Settling Defendants and the 252 *De Minimis* Settling Defendants will pay the United States and the State of New Jersey \$9.6 million in settlement of past costs, of which the United States receives \$3.275 million, and for natural resource damages.

The Department of Justice will receive, for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication, comments relating to the proposed consent decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530, and

should refer to *United States v. Air Products and Chemicals, et al.* D.J. reference #90-11-2-292A.

The proposed consent decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey, 970 Broad Street, Room 502, Newark, New Jersey; the Region II Office of the Environmental Protection Agency, 290 Broadway, New York, New York; and at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005, (202) 624-0892. A copy of the proposed consent decree may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, N.W., 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005. In requesting a copy please enclose a check in the amount of \$17.50 for solely the consent decree text and an additional \$241.25 if copies of the appendices are also requested, or a total of \$258.75 for both the text and the appendices (25 cents per page reproduction costs), payable to the Consent Decree Library.

Joel M. Gross,
 Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section,
 Environment and Natural Resources Division.
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Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to Federal Water Pollution Control Act as Amended by the Oil Pollution Control Act

In accordance with Departmental policy, notice is hereby given that a proposed consent decree in *United States v. Conoco Pipe Line Company*, Civil Action No. 96-1482-WEB, was lodged on December 31, 1996 with the United States District Court for the District of Kansas. In a complaint filed contemporaneously with the lodging of the proposed consent decree, the United States alleges that Defendant Conoco Pipe Line Company ("CPL"), pursuant to Sections 301, 309 and 311 of the Clean Water Act ("CWA"), as amended by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA), 33 U.S.C. §§ 1311, 1319 and 1321, spilled 594 barrels of oil on five separate occasions into navigable waters in Kansas and Missouri between March 1991 and August 1994.

The proposed consent decree provides that the Defendant will conduct pipe-to-soil surveys, inspect its pipelines, and replace and bury approximately 960 feet of existing pipeline at three water crossings as measures to prevent future oil spills into navigable waters. CPL will also pay a civil penalty of \$112,500.

The Department of Justice will receive, for a period of thirty (30) days