

Plan of Operations. Additional scoping meetings may be held as appropriate. Written comments on the Plan of Operations and the scope of the EIS will be accepted until July 18, 1997.

A draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) is expected to be completed by the spring of 1998 and made available for public review and comment. At that time a notice of availability of the DEIS will be published in the **Federal Register**. The comment period on the DEIS will be 60 days from the date the notice of availability is published.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scoping comments may be sent to: District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 3900 E. Idaho St., Elko, NV 89801. ATTN: South Operations Area Project Amendment EIS Coordinator. For additional information, write to the above address or call Roger Congdon at (702) 753-0200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Newmont Gold Company of Carlin, Nevada has submitted a Plan of Operations to expand and continue their Gold Quarry open pit mine, located approximately six miles northwest of the town of Carlin. The mine and associated facilities are located in portions of Sections 22, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35, and 36 of Township 34 North, Range 51 East, Sections 29, 31, and 32 of Township 34 North, Range 52 East, Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 of Township 33 North, Range 51 East, and Sections 6 and 7 of Township 33 North, Range 52 East, MDM. Newmont developed the Gold Quarry open pit mine in 1980, when it was known as the Maggie Creek pit. It is currently permitted through the year 2001. The proposal is to continue operations at the Gold Quarry mine; expand existing waste rock dumps, and continue dewatering operations through the year 2013. Existing and approved operations have been analyzed through the year 2001 for impacts to 2,047 acres of public land and 5,913 acres of private land. Part of the proposed operation would be confined to previously disturbed areas. Additional surface disturbance is anticipated on approximately 855 acres of public land and 465 acres of private land. The issues expected to be analyzed in the EIS include potential impacts to ground water availability and quality, wildlife, pit water quality, and cultural resources. Cumulative impacts will also be addressed. In addition, the following resources will be analyzed: recreation and wilderness, geology, paleontology, air quality, soils, vegetation, range management, lands and realty, visual resources, land use

planning, social and economic values, and hazardous materials. The analysis will be conducted by an interdisciplinary team.

A range of alternatives (including but not limited to alternative reclamation measures and the no-action alternative) will be developed to address the issues. Mitigating measures will be considered to minimize environmental impacts and to assure that the proposed action does not result in undue or unnecessary degradation of public lands. Federal, state and local agencies and other individuals or organizations who may be interested in or affected by the Bureau's decision on the Plan of Operations are invited to participate in the scoping process with respect to this environmental impact statement. These entities and individuals are also invited to submit comments on the DEIS.

It is important that those interested in the Plan of Operations participate in the scoping and commenting process. Comments should be as specific as possible.

The tentative project schedule is as follows:

Begin Public Comment Period—June 1997.

Issuance of Draft Environmental Impact Statement—Spring of 1998.

File Final Environmental Impact Statement—Autumn of 1998.

Record of Decision—Autumn of 1998.
Begin Permitted Operation—Winter of 1998/1999.

The Bureau of Land Management's scoping process for the EIS will include: (1) Identification of issues to be addressed; (2) Identification of viable alternatives; (3) Notification of interested groups, individuals and agencies so that additional information concerning these issues, or other additional issues, can be obtained.

Dated: June 11, 1997.

Helen Hankins,

Elko District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management—Interior

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Lower Snake River District Resource Advisory Council will meet in Boise to finalize standards and guidelines for managing livestock grazing on Idaho public lands and to

develop comments on the U.S. Air Force's Enhanced Training in Idaho Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

DATES: July 7, 1997. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. Public comment periods will be held beginning at 9:30 am and 3:00 pm.

ADDRESSES: The Lower Snake River District Office is located at 3948 Development Avenue, Boise, Idaho.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barry Rose, Lower Snake River District Office (208-384-3393).

Dated: June 12, 1997.

Barry Rose,

Public Affairs Specialist.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK-931-1430-01; AA-17987]

Public Land Order No. 7269; Partial Revocation of Executive Order No. 3406, Dated February 13, 1921; Alaska

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.

SUMMARY: This order partially revokes an Executive order insofar as it affects approximately 99 acres of public land withdrawn for use by the Coast Guard, Department of Transportation for the Inner Iliasik Island Lighthouse reserve. The land is no longer needed for the purpose for which it was withdrawn. The land will continue to be withdrawn as part of the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge, as established and designated by the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 18, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Shirley J. Macke, BLM Alaska State Office, 222 W. 7th Avenue, No. 13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599, 907-271-5477.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1994), it is ordered as follows:

1. Executive Order No. 3406, dated February 13, 1921, which reserved public land on Inner Iliasik Island for lighthouse purposes, is hereby revoked insofar as it affects the following described land:

Seward Meridian

T. 59 S., R. 83 W.,

Located within sec. 30, that part of the southern end of the island lying south of

a true east and west line drawn across the same at a distance of 1500 feet north true from the high water mark at the southern most extremity of the island, including adjacent rocks and reefs not covered at low water.

Excluded from the area is a parcel described as:

Inner Iliasik Island, Alaska Peninsula, shown on U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey Chart No. 9703, Sheet No. 121. That part of the southern end of the island lying within a 300-foot radius of the light, at approximate latitude 55°02.3' N., longitude 161°56.3' W., containing approximately 1 acre.

The area described, less the excluded portion, contains approximately 99 acres.

2. The land described in this order will remain withdrawn as part of the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge, pursuant to Sections 303(1)(iv) and 304(c) of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, 16 U.S.C. 668(dd) (1994); and will be subject to the terms and conditions of any other withdrawals or segregations of record.

Dated: June 6, 1997.

Bob Armstrong,

Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-930-1430-01; CACA 7616, CACA 7665, and CACA 7909]

Public Land Order No. 7268; Partial Revocations of Secretarial Order Dated October 1, 1925, United States Geological Survey Order dated June 24, 1952, and Executive Order Dated April 13, 1912; California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.

SUMMARY: This order revokes a Secretarial order insofar as it affects 159.67 acres of public lands withdrawn for Power Site Classification No. 118, a United States Geological Survey order insofar as it affects 44.46 acres of public land withdrawn for Power Site Classification No. 425, and an Executive order insofar as it affects 920 acres of public lands withdrawn for Power Site Reserve No. 258. The lands are no longer needed for these purposes, and the revocations are necessary to facilitate two pending land exchanges under Section 206 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. The lands are temporarily closed to

surface entry and mining due to two pending land exchanges. The lands have been and will remain open to mineral leasing. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has concurred with this action.

EFFECTIVE DATES: For the land described below in paragraph 1(b), this order is effective on June 18, 1997. For the lands described below in paragraphs 1 (a) and (c), this order is effective on August 9, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Duane Marti, BLM California State Office (CA-931.4), 2135 Butano Drive, Sacramento, California 95825; 916-979-2858.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1994), it is ordered as follows:

1 (a). The Secretarial Order dated October 1, 1925, which established Power Site Classification No. 118, is hereby revoked insofar as it affects the following described lands:

Mount Diablo Meridian

T. 47 N., R. 5 W.,

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

T. 48 N., R. 5 W.,

Sec. 34, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The areas described aggregate 159.67 acres in Siskiyou County.

(b). The United States Geological Survey Order dated June 24, 1952, which established Power Site Classification No. 425, is hereby revoked insofar as it affects the following described land:

Mount Diablo Meridian

T. 19 N., R. 6 E.,

Sec. 15, lots 11 and 12.

The area described contains 44.46 acres in Yuba County.

(c). The Executive Order dated April 13, 1912, which established Power Site Reserve No. 258, is hereby revoked insofar as it affects the following described lands:

Mount Diablo Meridian

T. 47 N., R. 5 W.,

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

Sec. 8, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 18, SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 20, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 30, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 48 N., R. 4 W.,

Sec. 30, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 32, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 34, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 48 N., R. 5 W.,

Sec. 34, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The areas described aggregate 920 acres in Siskiyou County.

2. The above described lands are hereby made available for exchange

under Section 206 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1716 (1994).

3. The lands have been open to mining under the provisions of the Mining Claims Rights Restoration Act of 1955, 30 U.S.C. 621 (1994). However, since this act applies only to lands withdrawn for power purposes, the provisions of the act are no longer applicable. The lands have been and will remain open to mineral leasing.

4. In regards to the land described above in paragraph 1(b), the State of California has waived its right of selection in accordance with the provisions of Section 24 of the Act of June 10, 1920, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 818 (1994).

5. In regards to the lands described above in paragraphs 1 (a) and (c), the State of California has a preference right for public highway rights-of-way or material sites until August 8, 1997, and any location, entry, selection, or subsequent patent shall be subject to any rights granted the State as provided by the Act of June 10, 1920, Section 24, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 818 (1994).

Dated: June 6, 1997.

Bob Armstrong,

Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-930-1430-01; N-60673]

Intent To Prepare a Planning Amendment to the Lahontan and Walker Resource Management Plans, Lyon County, Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a plan amendment and environmental document addressing the proposed exchange of federal land for private land.

SUMMARY: The following described land within Lyon County has been proposed for transfer from federal ownership as part of Land Exchange N-60673:

Mt. Diablo Meridian

T. 20 N., R. 25 E.,

Sec. 4, Lots 5-12, S $\frac{1}{2}$, (excluding lands within Churchill County)

This land is currently withdrawn as part of the Newlands Reclamation Project and is not included in any existing resource management decisions. The land is no longer needed for reclamation project purposes. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will