

initially considered alternatives, selected on the basis of screening criteria described in Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act. These are:

Alternative A—Replacement of the pipeline in a modified alignment parallel to Plateau Creek such that impacts to all resources are minimized.

Alternative B—Replacement of the pipeline parallel to Plateau Creek mainly within the existing state highway 65 and 330 rights-of-way.

Alternative C—Replacement of the pipeline in either alignment A with a smaller pipeline. This alternative includes provisions for construction of a booster pump station at the mouth of Plateau Canyon to be built at a future date to meet long-term demands.

Alternative D—A “no federal action” alternative (Denial of the proposed action or reasonable alternatives).

Major issues identified during the scoping include: (1) wetlands and riparian areas, (2) threatened and endangered species, (3) Prime and Unique Farmlands, (4) water depletion issues, and (5) impacts to State Highway 65.

Mark T. Morse,
District Manager

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Realty Action: Lease/Conveyance for Recreation and Public Purposes

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Recreation and public purpose lease/conveyance.

SUMMARY: The following described public land in Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada has been examined and found suitable for lease/conveyance for recreational or public purposes under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*). The West Charleston Baptist Church proposes to use the land for a church facility to include a child care center.

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 20 S., R. 60 E.,

Sec. 7: Lots 22, 27-30

Containing 25.00 acres, more or less.

The land is not required for any federal purpose. The lease/conveyance is consistent with current Bureau

planning for this area and would be in the public interest. The lease/patent, when issued, will be subject to the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, and will contain the following reservations to the United States:

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

2. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right of prospect for, mine and remove such deposits from the same under applicable law and such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe.

and will be subject to:

1. Easements in accordance with the City of Las Vegas/Clark County Transportation Plan for roads, public utilities and flood control purposes.

2. Those rights for public road purposes which have been granted to Clark County by Permit No. N-59722 under the Act of October 21, 1976 (43USC1761). Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the Office of the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas District, 4765 W. Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, above described land will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease/conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, leasing under the mineral leasing laws and disposals under the mineral material disposal laws. 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 lease/conveyance for classification of the lands to the District Manager, Las Vegas District, 4765 Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89108.

Classification Comments

Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for a church facility. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the land is physically suited for the proposal, whether the use will maximize the future use or uses of the land, whether the use is consistent with local planning and zoning, or if the use is consistent with State and Federal programs.

Application Comments

Interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific use

proposed in the application and plan of development, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land for a church facility.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification of the land described in this notice will become effective 60 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**. The lands will not be offered for lease/conveyance until after the classification becomes effective.

Dated: June 23, 1997.

Michael F. Dwyer,

District Manager, Las Vegas, NV.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Public Scoping Meetings Regarding Management Plan of Black Rock Desert; Nevada, California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent and scoping period.

SUMMARY: To prepare for the development of a Black Rock region management plan, a series of public scoping meetings will be held in July, 1997. These meetings will be conducted as workshops so that BLM and the concerned public can analyze the many varied issues of the Black Rock Desert region, leading to development of various management alternatives for the resources. These resources include lengthy, pristine sections of the Applegate/Lassen, Noble and Fremont National Historic Trails, related hot springs, private property, visual settings, the Playa and its edge or transition areas, distinctive plant and animal habitats, and mineral potential. Plan goals include (1) Managing the varied resources while providing for a wide range of dispersed recreational activities and opportunities in a prudent manner; (2) Providing economic opportunities and other human values within a sustainable, healthy ecosystem. **DATES:** See Supplementary Information section for meeting dates and locations. All comments must be submitted in writing and postmarked no later than August 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Ron Wenker, District Manager, Winnemucca Field Office,

5100 E. Winnemucca Blvd.,
Winnemucca, Nevada 89445.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mike Bilbo or Lynn Clemons, Outdoor Recreation Planners, at the above Winnemucca Field Office address or telephone (702) 623-1500.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 1994 the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Winnemucca District, began developing a management plan for the Black Rock/High Rock Canyon region of Northwestern Nevada. Due to internal BLM reorganization and other priorities, the planning process was delayed. With increased public use in the region, both casual and permitted, and possible resulting impacts to natural and cultural resources, it has become paramount to bring the planning effort back to the forefront and continue this initiative to completion. The initial 1994 scoping was conducted by mail to gain a sense of the many varied issues in the region.

The upcoming public meetings may also result in identification of new issues or concerns. Based on the initial 1994 scoping, BLM interdisciplinary team meetings, and public comments received since that time, several issues were identified, including the following: condition of national historic trail segments and hot springs impacted by off-road/off-highway vehicles and camping, increase in large-scale events and commercial and non-commercial activities, lack of appropriate facilities and interpretive means for public education and resource protection, appropriate visual resource management, and the best ways to involve interested parties, local governments, groups and individuals in region use and management. The Black Rock Desert Management Plan will also be developed as an environmental assessment, and may lead to Paradise-Denio and Sonoma-Gerlach Management Framework Plans (MFPs) amendments. These MFPs are the land use plans for the BLM in Winnemucca.

Meetings: The meetings will last from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. They will be held on the following dates:

July 8, 1997—Yosemite Conference Room, Red Lion Inn, 1401 Arden Way, Sacramento, California;

July 9, 1997—Conference Room B, BLM State Office, 850 Harvard Way, Reno, Nevada;

July 10, 1997—Gerlach Community Center, 410 Cottonwood Street, Gerlach, Nevada;

July 11, 1997—Pershing County Community Center, 820 Sixth Street, Lovelock, Nevada; and

July 14, 1997—BLM Surprise Resource Area Office, 602 Cressler Street, Cedarville, California.

Dated: June 24, 1997.

Ron Wenker,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Information Collection; Submission to OMB

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

Notice of Submission to OMB, Opportunity for Public Comment. OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days; therefore, public comments should be submitted to OMB within 30 days in order to assure their maximum consideration.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. 3507) and 5 CFR part 1320, Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements, the National Park Service (NPS) invites public comments on a request for renewal of approval for the information collection requirements associated with permits implementing provisions of agency regulations, pertaining to the use of public lands (OMB Control 1024-0026). Standard Form 10-114, Special Use Permit, is the primary form used to document certain privileges, benefits and other special uses that are allowed various persons, organizations or agencies, but that are not equally available to all members of the general public. This permit is intended to be used in conjunction with the agency guideline pertaining to special park uses (D.O.-53).

There were no public comments received as a result of publishing in the **Federal Register** (61 FR 14162) a 60-day notice of intention to request clearance for this information collection request.

DATES: Public comments will be accepted for thirty days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register** (July 31, 1997).

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of OMB, Attention Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dennis Burnett, Ranger Activities Division, National Park Service, 18th and C Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20240. Telephone 202-208-7675.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The objectives of the special use permit system are to assure that, requests for special park uses are evaluated by park managers, in accordance with applicable statutory law and NPS regulations; that a consistent set of standards and permitting criteria are used throughout the agency; and to the extent possible, that a single permitting document be used to grant a variety of privileges and benefits, and to document the many activities covered under this program. Use of a single permit streamlines and reduces the costs of administering the NPS information collection program. Use of the special use permit will also significantly reduce the information collection burden on affected persons through the use of a standardized and timesaving format.

The Special Use Permit is an extension of the NPS statutory responsibilities to protect the park areas it administers and to manage the public use thereof (16 U.S.C. 1 & 3). NPS regulations codified in 36 CFR parts 1 through 7, 12 and 13, are designed to implement statutory mandates that provide for resource protection and public enjoyment. Several regulations contain information collection requirements previously approved by the OMB (1024-0026) that were designed to evaluate requests for access and/or approval to engage in otherwise restricted or limited activities within park areas.

Title: Public Information Collection—Special Park Uses.

Estimated annual reporting burden: 496,944.

Estimated average burden hours per response: 17 minutes.

Estimated average number of respondents: 137,693.

NPS is soliciting comments regarding: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of NPS, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the burden estimate including the validity of the method and assumptions used; (3) the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (4) ways to minimize the burden, including through the use of automated collection or other forms of information