

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 (1994), 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 where not in conflict with Federal 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: August 26, 1998.

**Bob Armstrong,**

*Assistant Secretary of the Interior.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Nevada

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management proposes to withdraw 77.04 acres of public land for a period of 50 years to protect and preserve a series of geothermal springs, water quality, and critical habitat for listed endangered fish species. This notice closes the land for up to 2 years from surface entry and mining while various studies and analyses are made to make a final decision. The land will remain open to mineral leasing.

**DATE:** Comments and requests for meeting should be received on or before November 30, 1998.

**ADDRESS:** Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the Nevada State Director, BLM, 1340 Financial Blvd., P.O. Box 12000, Reno, Nevada 89520-0006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dennis J. Samuelson, BLM Nevada State Office, 702-861-6532.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 13, 1998, a petition was approved allowing the Bureau of Land Management to file an application to withdraw the following described public land from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws, but not

the mineral leasing laws, subject to valid existing rights:

#### Mount Diablo Meridian

T. 5 S., R. 61 E.,

Sec. 31, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

T. 6 S., R. 61 E.,

Sec. 6, lot 4.

The area described contains 77.04 acres in Lincoln County.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to protect a series of springs known as Ash Springs. These geothermal springs provide habitat for two species of fish listed as endangered by the Fish and Wildlife Service. The proposed withdrawal is in conformance with the Bureau of Land Management Las Vegas/Caliente Resource Area Management Framework Plan and the Ash Springs Coordinated Resource Management Plan.

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 Nevada 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 Nevada 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 Part 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. Other uses which will be permitted during this segregative period are rights-of-way, leases, and permits.

Dated: August 26, 1998.

**William K. Stowers,**

*Lands Team Lead.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

#### Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Advisory Council Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, announcement is made of a meeting of the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Advisory Council.

**DATES:** The meeting is scheduled to begin at about 1:00 pm, Monday October 19, 1998 and recess at about 5:00 pm. The council will briefly reconvene the following day at about 3:00 pm and adjourn at about 3:30 pm.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the first floor conference room, the National Education Association Building, 130 S. Capitol, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. David Trueman, Colorado River Salinity Control Program Manager, Bureau of Reclamation, UC-228, Mail Room 6107, 125 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84138-1102; Telephone: (801) 524-3753.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Council members will be briefed on the status of salinity control activities and receive input for drafting the Council's annual report. The Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, and the Environmental Protection Agency will each present a progress report and a schedule of activities on salinity control in the Colorado River Basin. The Council will discuss salinity control activities and the content of their report.

The meeting of the Advisory Council is open to the public. Any member of the public may file written statements with the Council before, during, or after the meeting, in person or by mail. To the extent that time permits, the Council chairman may allow public presentation of oral statements at the meeting.

Dated: August 27, 1998.

**Stanley L. Ponce,**

*Director, Research.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

#### Glen Canyon Technical Work Group

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Glen Canyon Technical Work Group (TWG) was formed as an official subcommittee of the Glen Canyon Adaptive Management Work Group (AMWG) on September 10, 1997. The TWG members were named by members of the AMWG and provide advice and information to the AMWG to act upon. The AMWG uses this information to form recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior for guidance of the Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center science program, and other direction as requested by the Secretary. All meetings are open to the public; however, seating is limited and is available on a first come, first served basis.

**DATES AND LOCATIONS:** The TWG will conduct three (3) public meetings at the following times and locations:

*September 14-15, 1998—Phoenix, Arizona:* The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. on the first day. The second day of the meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Turquoise Room at the Embassy Suites Hotel at 1515 North 44th Street in Phoenix, Arizona.

*November 17-18, 1998—Phoenix, Arizona:* The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. on the first day. The second day of the meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Turquoise Room at the Embassy Suites Hotel at 1515 North 44th Street in Phoenix, Arizona.

*December 8, 1998—Phoenix, Arizona:* The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m., will be held in the Host Marriot Meeting Room, located on level 2, terminal 3, of the Sky Harbor Airport located at 3400 East Sky Harbor Boulevard in Phoenix, Arizona.

Time will be allowed at each meeting for any individual or organization wishing to make formal oral comments (limited to 10 minutes), but written notice must be provided at least five (5) days prior to the meeting to Mr. Bruce Moore, Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Colorado Regional Office, 125 South State Street, Room 6107, Salt Lake City, Utah 84138-1102, telephone (801) 524-3702, faxogram (801) 524-5499, e-mail at: bmoore@uc.usbr.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** General topics of discussion for the three meetings will be as follows:

Welcome and other Administrative Business  
Reports from Ad Hoc Committees and Other Official Reports  
Call for Public Comment

Cultural Research and Monitoring Program Overview  
Review the Center's Monitoring and Research Project List and Funding Levels for 1999  
Funding Sources for Compliance Projects and Expanded Ecosystem Studies  
Conceptual Model Presentation  
Report of Workshop Accomplishments  
Glen Canyon Dam Power Replacement Report  
Committee/Member Progress Reports  
Elect Chairperson for 1999  
Approve Recommendations for AMWG  
Review Resource Criteria Analysis for Fiscal Year 1999  
Draft Beach/Habitat-Building Flow Recommendation  
Review the Center's Annual and Strategic Plans and Budget  
Hydrology Forecast and Report

Final agendas for each of the three public meetings will be available 15 days prior to each meeting on the Bureau of Reclamation's website under the Adaptive Management Program at <http://www.uc.usbr.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bruce Moore, telephone (801) 524-3702, faxogram (802) 524-5499, e-mail at: bmoore@uc.usbr.gov.

Dated: August 27, 1998.

**Stanley L. Ponce,**

*Director, Research.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

#### Resource Management Plan for the Potholes Reservoir, Grant County, Washington

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) proposes to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on the proposed Potholes Reservoir Resource Management Plan (RMP). This EIS will be prepared pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended.

Reclamation is currently assessing the existing resources, issues, and concerns at Potholes Reservoir in order to develop a plan to guide future management of Reclamation lands surrounding the reservoir. The waters and adjacent lands of Potholes Reservoir are currently being managed under a memorandum of agreement that will

expire in 2002. The RMP will provide Reclamation and their land management partners, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, and Grant County, a framework for future management actions at Potholes Reservoir. The RMP will not address water operations at Potholes Reservoir.

**DATES:** Comments concerning issues or concerns that should be addressed in the proposed RMP and EIS should be received in writing by October 1, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments concerning the proposal to Mr. James Blanchard, Activity Manager, Bureau of Reclamation, Epharata Field Office, P.O. Box 815, Ephrata, Washington 98823.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. James Blanchard, at (509) 754-0226.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Potholes Reservoir is located in southern Grant County, Washington, approximately 4 miles south and southwest of Moses Lake, Washington. The Potholes Reservoir provides irrigation water to portions of the Columbia Basin Project.

Reclamation initiated preparation of an environmental assessment (EA) on the Potholes RMP in 1996. Based on a preliminary analysis of alternatives that indicates a potential for significant impacts, Reclamation has decided to prepare an EIS. A comprehensive public involvement program has been conducted during the RMP planning process and has provided opportunities for public input. Scoping of issues was accomplished through public meeting and discussions and meetings with Federal state, and local agencies and tribes. These meetings helped in identification of issues and concerns, formulation of goals and objectives, and development of alternatives for analysis. While no additional scoping meetings are planned in connection with the preparation of the draft EIS, this notice solicits additional comments on issues and concerns that should be addressed in the development of an RMP for Potholes Reservoir. To submit comments see the **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** sections. Comments may also be sent by E-Mail to [jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov](mailto:jblanchard@pn.usbr.gov).

The draft EIS is expected to be complete and available for review and comment in early 1999. Public hearings will then be held to receive comments on the adequacy of the EIS in analyzing the effects of the alternative actions.

The following issues, concerns, and problems have been identified to date:

**Fisheries:** Concern with the decline of fisheries over the last 10 to 15 years.

**Wildlife:** The need to prevent damage to wildlife and habitat, especially for