

field manager reports on current BLM activities and planned actions in the Battle Mountain, Elko and Ely Field Offices. The Council will also determine subject matter for future meetings.

On February 5, 1999, the Council will take a field tour of a gold mine in the Elko vicinity. Up to fifteen members of the public may attend.

All meetings are open to the public. Citizens may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. The public comment period for the Council meeting is listed below. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Up to fifteen members of the public may attend the mine tour.

Individuals who plan to attend or need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Curtis Tucker, Special Projects Coordinator, Ely District Office, 702 North Industrial Way, HC 33 Box 33500, Ely, NV 89301-9408, telephone 702-289-1841.

DATES, TIMES: The time and location of the meeting is as follows: Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council meeting, February 4, 1999, starting at 9:00 a.m.; BLM Office, 3900 East Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada, 89801; public comments will be at 11:30 a.m.; tentative adjournment 5:00 p.m. February 5, 1999, starting at 8:00 a.m., the gold mine tour will depart from the Elko Convention Center, 700 Moren Way in Elko and return at approximately 4 p.m. Tentative adjournment will be at 4:30 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Curtis Tucker, Special Projects

Coordinator, Ely District Office, 702 North Industrial Way, HC 33 Box 33500, Ely, NV 89301-9408, telephone 775-289-1841.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Council is to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues, associated with the management of the public lands.

Those planning to attend the tour should wear warm clothing and sturdy footwear. Lunch will be provided.

Dated: December 17, 1998.

Helen Hankins,

District Manager, Elko.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-935-1430-01; COC-28582; COC-0123470]

Public Land Order No. 7244, Correction; Partial Revocation of Secretarial Order Dated March 25, 1910, Which Established Power Site Reserve No. 133; Opening of Lands Subject to Section 24 of the Federal Power Act in the Secretarial Order Dated July 12, 1957, Which Established Power Project No. 2204; Colorado

Dated: December 16, 1998.

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Correction.

SUMMARY: This action corrects Public Land Order No. 7244, 62 FR 8263, published February 24, 1997, as FR Doc. 97-4391.

On page 8263, third column, paragraph 2, center of the page should be corrected to include the following described lands:

T. 1 N., R. 79 W.,

Sec. 14, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 23, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 26, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The areas described aggregate an additional 600 acres in Grand County.

Jenny L. Saunders,

Realty Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-025-09-1430-01; G-0060]

Realty Action: Sale of Public Land in Harney County, Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), DOI.

ACTION: Notice of realty action, sale of public land.

SUMMARY: The following described public land in Harney County, Oregon, has been examined and found suitable for sale under Section 203 and 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (90 Stat. 2750, 43 U.S.C. 1713 and 1719), at not less than the appraised market value. All parcels being offered are identified for disposal in the Three Rivers Resource Management Plan.

All of the land described is within the Willamette Meridian.

Parcel No.	Legal description	Acres	Minimum acceptable bid	Bidding procedures	Preference bidders
OR-52578 ...	T.26S., R.29E., sec. 1, lots 2, 3 SW ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄ , SE ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄ .	159.36	\$8,000.00	Unsold Competitive	None.
OR-52579 ...	T.26S., R.29E., sec. 2, SE ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄	40	2,000.00	Unsold Competitive	None.
OR-52784 ...	T.25S., R.30E., sec. 33, NE ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄	40	2,000.00	Competitive	None.
OR-52786 ...	T.26S., R.30E. (north of Harney Lake), sec. 5, SE ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄ , NE ¹ / ₄ , SW ¹ / ₄ , NW ¹ / ₄ .	120	8,000.00	Unsold Competitive	None.
OR-53942 ...	T.23S., R.27E., sec. 18, NE ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄	40	2,000.00	Modified Competitive	Meadow Creek Enterprises, Inc., and Richard O. and Patricia Ann Raney.
OR-53944 ...	T.25S., R.33E., sec. 3, NW ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄	40	2,000.00	Modified Competitive	Richard and Nancy Adams, Naomi Arnold, Frank Catterson and the State of Oregon.
OR-53945 ...	T.25S., R.33E. sec. 4, lot 7	41.67	2,100.00	Competitive	None.
OR-53947 ...	T.26S., R.31E., north of Malheur Lake, sec. 5, S ¹ / ₂ N ¹ / ₂ , N ¹ / ₂ SW ¹ / ₄ .	240	12,000.00	Modified Competitive	Sylvester and Mary Morris, Herbert R. Voedman, Anna C. Voedman, Joseph M. and Kathryn A. Sylvia, and the State of Oregon.
OR-53948 ...	T.26S., R.31E., north of Malheur Lake, sec. 6, lot 4, SE ¹ / ₄ SW ¹ / ₄ ; sec. 7, NW ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄ , S ¹ / ₂ NE ¹ / ₄ , E ¹ / ₂ NW ¹ / ₄ , SE ¹ / ₄ .	439.65	22,000.00	Modified Competitive	Roger Perry White, William White, Herbert R. Voedman, Anna C. Voedman, and the State of Oregon.
OR-53949 ...	T.25S., R.13E., north of Malheur Lake, sec. 8, N ¹ / ₂ SE ¹ / ₄ .	80	4,000.00	Modified Competitive	Chester C. and Joan Knight, and William White.
OR-53950 ...	T.26S., R.31E., north of Malheur Lake sec. 9, N ¹ / ₂ NW ¹ / ₄ .	80	4,000.00	Modified Competitive	Chester C. and Joan Knight, Gilbert L. and Dixie L. Keith, Kevin L. Keith, and Taylor and Riddle.
OR-53951 ...	T.26S., R.31E., north of Malheur Lake, sec. 15, W ¹ / ₂ ; sec. 22, N ¹ / ₂ NW ¹ / ₄ .	400	20,000.00	Competitive	None.
OR-53952 ...	T.27S., R.33E., sec. 1, SW ¹ / ₄ NW ¹ / ₄ , W ¹ / ₂ SW ¹ / ₄ ; sec. 2, S ¹ / ₂ NE ¹ / ₄ , SE ¹ / ₄ .	360	52,200.00	Competitive	None.

The following rights, reservations, and conditions will be included on the patents conveying the land:

All Parcels—A reservation for a right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed thereon by the authority of United States under the Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).

OR-53945—A reservation to the United States of all saleable mineral deposits pursuant to the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1719)

OR-53947—A wetland restrictive covenant pursuant to Executive Order 11990. The patent will be subject to a covenant that the portions of the land containing wetland habitat must be managed to protect and maintain the wetland.

OR-53947, OR-53948, OR-53950, OR-53951—A floodplain restrictive covenant pursuant to Executive Order 11988. The patent will be subject to a covenant that the land may be used only for agricultural purposes, livestock grazing or for park and nonintensive open space recreation purposes, but not for dwellings or buildings.

OR-53952, OR-52786—Patents will be subject to a right-of-way for electric power transmission and distribution purposes.

Access will not be guaranteed to any of the parcels being offered for sale, nor any warranty made as to the use of the property in violation of applicable land use laws and regulations. Before submitting a bid, prospective purchasers should check with the appropriate city or county planning department to verify approved uses.

All persons, other than the successful bidder, claiming to own unauthorized improvements on the land are allowed 60 days from the date of sale to remove the improvements.

All land described is hereby segregated from appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, pending disposition of this action, or 270 days from the date of publication of this notice, whichever occurs first.

Bidding Procedures

Competitive Procedures

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act and its implementing regulations (43 CFR 2710) provide that competitive bidding will be the general method of selling land supported by factors such as competitive interest, accessibility and usability of the parcel, regardless of adjacent ownership.

Under competitive procedures the land will be sold to any qualified bidder submitting the highest bid. Bidding will be by sealed bid followed by an oral auction to be held at 2:00 p.m. PST on

Wednesday, March 10, 1999, at the Burns District Office, Bureau of Land Management, Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon. To qualify for the oral auction bidders must submit a seal bid meeting the requirements as stated below. The highest valid sealed bid will become the starting bid for the oral auction. Bidding in the oral auction will be in minimum increments of \$50. The highest bidder from the oral auction will be declared the prospective purchaser.

If no valid bids are received, the parcel will be declared unsold and offered by unsold competitive procedures on a continuing basis until sold or withdrawn from sale.

Modified Competitive Procedures

Modified competitive procedures are allowed by the regulations (43 CFR 2710.0-6(c)(3)(ii)) to provide exceptions to competitive bidding to assure compatibility with existing and potential land uses.

Under modified competitive procedures the preference bidders designated above will be given the opportunity to match or exceed the apparent high bid. The apparent high bid will be established by the highest valid sealed bid received from the general public. If two or more valid sealed bids of the same amount are received for the same parcel, that amount shall be determined to be the apparent high bid. The bid deposit for the apparent high bid(s) will be retained and all others will be returned. In the absence of any sealed bids the parcel will be offered to the preference bidder(s) at the minimum bid (appraised market value). The designated preference bidders need not bid in the initial round of bidding to remain qualified for preference consideration.

The preference bidders will be notified by certified mail of the apparent high bid.

Where there are two or more preference bidders for a single parcel, they will be allowed 30 days to provide the authorized officer with an agreement as to the division of the property or, if agreement cannot be reached, sealed bids for not less than the apparent high bid. Failure to submit an agreement or a bid shall be considered a waiver of the option to divide the property equitably and forfeiture of the preference consideration. Failure to act by all of the preferred bidders will result in the parcel being offered to the apparent high bidder or declared unsold, if no bids were received in the initial round of bidding.

Unsold Competitive Procedures

Unsold competitive procedures will be used after a parcel has been unsuccessfully offered for sale by competitive or modified competitive procedures.

Unsold parcels will be offered competitively on a continuous basis until sold. Under competitive procedures for unsold parcels the highest valid bid received during the preceding month will be declared the purchaser. Sealed bids will be accepted and held until the second Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. PST when they will be opened. Openings will take place every month until the parcels are sold or withdrawn from sale.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the Burns District Office, no later than 2:00 p.m. PST on Wednesday, March 10, 1999, the time of the bid opening and oral auction. The outside of bid envelopes must be clearly marked with "BLM Land Sale," the parcel number and the bid opening date. Bids must be for not less than the appraised market value (minimum bid). Separate bids must be submitted for each parcel. Each sealed bid shall be accompanied by a certified check, postal money order, bank draft, or cashier's check made payable to the Department of the Interior—BLM for not less than 20 percent of the amount bid. The bid envelope must also contain a statement showing the total amount bid and the name, mailing address, and phone number of the entity making the bid. A successful bidder for competitive parcels shall make an additional deposit at the close of the auction to bring his total bid deposit up to the required 20 percent of the high bid. Personal checks or case will be acceptable for this additional deposit only.

Federal law requires that public land may be sold only to either (1) citizens of the United States 18 years of age or older; (2) corporations subject to the laws of any state or the United States; (3) other entities such as associations and partnerships capable of holding land or interests therein under the laws of the state within which the lands are located; or (4) states, state instrumentalities or political subdivisions authorized to hold property. Certifications and evidence to this effect will be required of the purchaser prior to issuance of conveyance documents.

Prospective purchasers will be allowed 180 days to submit the balance of the purchase price. Failure to meet this timeframe shall cause the deposit to be forfeited to the BLM. The parcel will then be offered to the next lowest

qualified bidder, or if no other bids were received, the parcel will be declared unsold.

A successful bid on a parcel constitutes an application for conveyance of those mineral interests offered under the authority of Section 209(b) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. In addition to the full purchase price, a nonrefundable fee of \$50 will be required from the prospective purchaser for purchase of the mineral interests to be conveyed simultaneously with the sale of the land.

DATES: On or before February 11, 1999, interested persons may submit comments regarding the proposed sale to the Burns District Manager at the address described below. Comments or protests must reference a specific parcel and be identified with the appropriate serial number. In the absence of any objections, this proposal will become the determination of the Department of the Interior.

ADDRESSES: Comments, bids, and inquiries should be submitted to the Burns District Manager, HC 74-12533, Hwy 20 West, Hines; Oregon 97738.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Detailed information concerning this public land sale is available from Craig M. Hansen, Area Manager or Skip Renchler, Realty Specialist, Three Rivers Resource Area at the above address, phone (541) 573-4400.

Dated: December 17, 1998.

Craig M. Hansen,

Three Rivers Resource Area 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, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Department of the Interior has established a Royalty Policy Committee (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 and allottee organizations, minerals industry associations, the

general public, and Federal Departments. At this eighth meeting, the Minerals Management Service will be prepared to discuss the OIG report on Net Receipts Sharing, the Committee's recommendations on Lessee/Designee issue, the Royalty-in-Kind Pilot, Reengineering Operational Models, Joint Ventures Paper, Annual Performance Reviews, and the Marginal Properties Accounting Relief Rule. The Committee will also consider progress reports by the active subcommittees.

DATES: The meeting will be held on: Wednesday, January 20, 1999, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Mountain time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Denver West, 360 Union Boulevard, Lakewood, Colorado 80228, telephone number (303) 987-2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Gary L. Fields, Chief, Program Services Office, Royalty Management Program, Minerals Management Service, P.O. Box 25165, MS 3062, Denver, CO 80225-0165, telephone number (303) 231-3102, fax number (303) 231-3781.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The location and dates of future meetings will be published in the **Federal Register**. The meetings will be open to the public without advanced registration. Public attendance may be limited to the space available. Members of the public may make statements during the meetings, to the extent time permits, and file written statements with the Committee for its consideration. Written statements should be submitted to Mr. Gary L. Fields, at the address listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Minutes of Committee meetings will be available 10 days following each meeting for public inspection and copying at the Royalty Management Program, Building No. 85, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado.

These meetings are being held by the authority of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. No. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 1, and Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-63, revised.

Dated: December 21, 1998.

R. Dale Fazio,

Acting Associate Director for Royalty Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Backcountry and Wilderness Management Plan, Joshua Tree National Park, California; Notice of Extension of Public Comment Period

SUMMARY: Pursuant to § 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190 as amended), the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, has prepared a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) assessing five alternatives for, and potential impacts of, a proposed Backcountry and Wilderness Management Plan for Joshua Tree National Park, California. In deference to interest expressed by local governmental agencies, organizations, and other interested parties, the public comment period has been extended through January 20, 1999.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Draft Environmental Impact Study was issued November 14, 1997; the SEIS was issued October 30, 1998. Copies of the documents can be reviewed at local libraries or obtained from the park at the address noted below. The original 60-day public comment period (ending December 31, 1998) has been extended an additional 20 days. All written comments must now be postmarked not later than January 20, 1999 and should be addressed to: Superintendent, Joshua Tree National Park, 74485 National Park Drive, Twentynine Palms, CA 92277.

Dated: December 16, 1998.

John J. Reynolds,

Regional Director, Pacific West.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the Final Environmental Impact Statement, Southern Terminus of the Natchez Trace Parkway

SUMMARY: The Department of the Interior, National Park Service has prepared a Record of Decision for the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Natchez Trace Parkway, Section 3X, Southern Terminus in Adams County, Mississippi. This Record of Decision is a statement of the decision made, the background of the project, other alternatives considered, the basis for the decision, the environmentally