

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Refuge Improvement Act of 1997, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has published the Fort Niobrara Wildlife Refuge Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment and the Valentine National Wildlife Refuge Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment. These Plans describes how the FWS intends to manage both the Fort Niobrara and Valentine NWRs for the next 10–15 years.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of either of the Plans may be obtained by writing to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Fort Niobrara/ Valentine NWR Complex, HC 14, Box 67, Valentine, NE 69201.

The Plans can also be obtained electronically through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Region 6 Land Acquisition and Refuge Planning HomePage. The Internet address to access the Plans is as follows: <http://www.r6.fws.gov/larp>. Follow the link to "CCP Status in Region 6," click on Nebraska on the Region 6 map, and look under the "Refuge" column for links to both the Fort Niobrara and Valentine Draft CCPs.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bernardo Garza, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486 DFG, Denver, CO 80225, 303/236–8145 extension 672; fax 303/236–4792.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For Niobrara and Valentine NWRs are located in north central Nebraska. These Plans and their supporting documents outline a vision for the management of each of these Refuges and specify how one of the largest contiguous blocks of federally owned Nebraska Sandhills grass-stabilized regions can be managed to conserve indigenous wildlife and provide enjoyment to people. Opportunities for compatible wildlife-dependent recreation will continue to be provided.

The comment period for these documents will be reopened until August 19, 1999. All comments need to be addressed to: Bernardo Garza, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Land Acquisition and Refuge Planning, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486 DFC, Denver, Colorado 80225.

Dated: July 9, 1999.

**Terry T. Terrell,**

*Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Geological Survey

#### Request for Public Comments on Proposed Information Collection To Be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

The proposed information collection described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the proposed collection of information may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's clearance officer at the phone number listed below. Comments and suggestions on the proposal should be made within 60 days directly to the Bureau clearance officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192, telephone (703) 648–7313.

Specific public comments are requested as to:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions on the bureaus, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
4. How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

**Title:** Public knowledge and perception of Black Tailed Prairie Dogs in the Midwest region of the United States.

**OMB Approval No:** New collection.

**Abstract:** The ability to identify knowledge gaps in the public's understanding of the issues concerning Black-tailed Prairie Dog (*Cynomys ludovicianus*) is necessary while conservation efforts involving this species are in the early planning stages. The object of this study is to provide information that is needed to understand the complexities of wildlife/human interactions and current land use and management practices. Any additional information about this species can provide data that can help determine if the species needs to be included on the Federal list of threatened and endangered wildlife and plants. As a result of rapidly declining populations, increased pressure to

develop habitats, and controversies about disease vectors associated with prairie dog communities attention has focused in the past few years on the status of this species. The issue of listing Prairie Dog as threatened or endangered species has become a very important subject for fish and wildlife managers, political leaders, and community groups in a 10 state area of the Midwest (Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, Utah, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska). Although the subject has achieved wide attention, no studies have been conducted that evaluate public knowledge, perception, or economic value of prairie dog communities and management practices in these area. Understanding public knowledge, perception, and values is a vital component of wildlife management. Improved understanding will guide future management practices.

**Bureau Form No:** None.

**Frequency:** One time.

**Description of Respondents:** Individual or households.

**Estimated Completion Time:** 12 minutes per respondent (approximate).

**Number of Respondents:** 2880 (3,600 mail surveys).

**Burden hours:** 576 hours. (the burden estimates are based on 12 minutes to complete each questionnaire and an 80% return rate.)

All comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Berton Lee Lamb, Supervisory Administrative Analyst, 970–226–9314; or Phadrea Ponds, Wildlife Biologist, 970–226–9445, U.S. Geological Survey, Biological Resources Division, Social, Economic and Institutional Analysis Section, 4512 McMurry Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80525–3400.

For Additional Information Please

Contact: Phadrea Ponds, (970) 226–9445, [phadrea\\_ponds@usgs.gov](mailto:phadrea_ponds@usgs.gov)

Bureau clearance officer: John Cordyack (703) 648–7313.

Dated: July 21, 1999.

**Dennis B. Fenn,**

*Chief Biologist.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CO–932–1430–01; COC–60906]

#### Public Land Order No. 7399; Withdrawal of Public Lands for Recreation Sites; Colorado

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

**ACTION:** Public land order.

**SUMMARY:** This order withdraws 129.80 acres of public lands from surface entry and mining for 20 years for the Bureau of Land Management to protect three recreation sites with developed facilities. The lands have been and will remain open to mineral leasing.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 15, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Doris E. Chelius, BLM Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215-7076, 303-239-3706.

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. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described public lands are hereby withdrawn from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. Ch. 2 (1994)), but not the mineral leasing laws, to protect three Bureau of Land Management recreation sites with developed facilities:

**Sixth Principal Meridian**

*Mud Springs Recreation Site*

T. 13 S., R. 102 W.,

Sec. 24, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

*Dominguez Recreation Site*

T. 15 S., R. 100 W.,

Sec. 15, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

*Miracle Rock Recreation Site*

T. 12 S., R. 103 W.,

Sec. 26, West 10 chains of lot 3, and that portion of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  within acquired parcel C-832;

Sec. 35, West 10 chains of lot 2, and that portion of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  within acquired parcel C-832.

The areas described aggregate 129.80 acres in Mesa County.

2. The withdrawal made by this order does not alter the applicability of those public land laws governing the use of the lands under lease, license, or permit, or governing the disposal of their mineral or vegetative resources other than under the mining laws.

3. This withdrawal will expire 20 years from the effective date of this order, unless, as a result of a review conducted before the expiration date pursuant to section 204(f) of the Federal Land and Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f) (1994), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be extended.

Dated: July 1, 1999.

**John Berry,**

*Assistant Secretary of the Interior.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[MT-924-1430-01; MTM 023270, et al.]

**Public Land Order No. 7400; Partial Revocation of Executive Order Dated July 12, 1911, Secretarial Order Dated March 18, 1918, and Public Land Order No. 2760; Montana**

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

**ACTION:** Public land order.

**SUMMARY:** This order revokes an Executive order, a Secretarial order, and a public land order (PLO) insofar as they affect 801.64 acres of public lands withdrawn for the Bureau of Land Management's Reservoir Site Reserve No. 4 and Stock Driveway No. 11, Montana 1, and the Bureau of Reclamation's Missouri River Basin Project. The lands are no longer needed for these purposes and the revocations are needed to permit disposal of the lands through exchange. The lands are temporarily closed to surface entry and mining due to pending land exchange proposals. The lands have been and will remain open to mineral leasing.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 16, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Sandra Ward, BLM Montana State Office, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107, 406-255-2949.

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 Executive order dated July 12, 1911, which withdrew public lands for the Bureau of Land Management's Reservoir Site Reserve No. 4, is hereby revoked insofar as it affects the following-described lands:

Principal Meridian, Montana

T. 14 S., R. 4 W.,

Sec. 5, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 7, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 8, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ .

The area described contains 280 acres in Beaverhead County.

b. The Secretarial order dated March 18, 1918, which withdrew public land for the Bureau of Land Management's Stock Driveway No. 11, Montana No. 1, is hereby revoked insofar as it affects the following-described land:

Principal Meridian, Montana

T. 8 S., R. 7 W.,

Sec. 23, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 26, E $\frac{1}{2}$ .

The area described contains 480 acres in Madison County.

c. PLO No. 2760, which withdrew public lands for the Bureau of Reclamation's East Bench Unit of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River Basin Reclamation Project, is hereby revoked insofar as it affects the following-described land:

Principal Meridian, Montana

T. 5 S., R. 6 W.,

Sec. 6, lot 1.

The area described contains 41.64 acres in Madison County.

2. The lands described in paragraph 1(a), 1(b), and 1(c) 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).

Dated: July 1, 1999.

**John Berry,**

*Assistant Secretary of the Interior.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Realty Action (NORA), Direct Sale of Public Land in Bingham County, Idaho**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Realty Action (NORA), Direct Sale of Public Land in Bingham County, Idaho.

**NOTICE:** The following described lands in Bingham County have been examined and found suitable for classification and direct sale to the Cedar Hills Gun Club under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*). The Cedar Hills Gun Club currently holds a lease on the land for a shooting range but desires to gain patent to the land. The land would continue to be used for non-profit shooting range purposes.

**Boise Meridian**

T. 01 S., R. 35 E.

Section 25: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Containing 360 acres, more or less.

The lands under lease are not needed for other federal purposes. Conversion of the Cedar Hills Gun Club's lease to a patent is consistent with current BLM