

individuals who submitted it. For these reasons, USGS believes it is no longer necessary to withhold this information, and is seeking comments on this proposed change in its policy.

Dated: October 7, 1999.

P. Patrick Leahy,

Chief Geologist, U.S. Geological Survey.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Digital Earth Interagency Working Group; Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Digital Earth Interagency Working Group, chaired by NASA with representatives from other Federal departments and agencies, will hold an open meeting at the USGS facility in Reston, Virginia, to discuss options for a near-term demonstration of the Digital Earth vision (for details visit www.digitalearth.gov). Throughout Federal, State, and local government, the private sector, and other public sector interests, there exist data, infrastructure, partnerships, and capability to support the exploitation of geospatial information to answer questions of concern to students, researchers, community leaders, and others. The goal of this meeting will be to identify existing and emerging data, infrastructure, and tools that can be brought together to provide an "alpha version" of the Digital Earth vision in a limited number of use contexts (e.g., students asking a question about the effects of pollution on their community). The results of this discussion may lead to subsequent Commerce Business Daily requests for proposals.

DATES: The meeting will be held in the USGS main Auditorium on Monday, October 25, 1999, commencing at 8 a.m. and adjourning at 1 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To reserve a space at the meeting, please contact Mr. Mark Reichardt at (703) 648-5742, or via e-mail at mreichardt@usgs.gov. Although the meeting is open to all interested parties, space is limited and will be allocated on a first come basis. Please limit requests to one member of your organization.

Dated: October 6, 1999.

John A. Kelmelis,

Acting Chief, National Mapping Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-010-1430-01; MTM-88157]

Notice of Closure of Public Land to Certain Uses in Yellowstone County, MT

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior

ACTION: Closure of 765 acres of public land to the use of motorized vehicles and mechanized vehicles, the discharge of firearms, horseback riding, hang gliding, and rock climbing.

SUMMARY: Notice is served that public land located approximately one mile directly east of downtown Billings, Montana, known as the Four Dances Natural Area (formerly known as Sacrifice Cliff or the Larsen property), is closed to the use of off-highway vehicles (OHVs) and mechanized vehicles including mountain bicycles, the discharge of any firearms including pellet guns, horseback riding, hang gliding, and rock climbing. The closure will be in effect beginning on November 1, 1999, and remain in effect until public consultation is completed and an activity plan for the area is approved. OHV use includes all types of motor vehicles except for those authorized for administration operations, law enforcement, and property maintenance or other BLM management programs. This closure is necessary to protect public land and adjacent private property, and for public safety. More detailed information, the legal land description and survey plats of the area are on file at the Billings Field Office.

Also, effective November 1, 1999, the Four Dances Natural Area will be open for restricted use as a walk-in area for hiking, picnicking, cross country skiing, and wildlife viewing. The area will be open daily to the public from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset. Camping will be allowed by permit only. Dogs must be leashed and under the control of the owner. Fires and firewood cutting are prohibited.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandra S. Brooks, Field Manager, BLM, Billings Field Office, P.O. Box 36800, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, MT 59107-6800 or call 406-896-5013.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Authority for this action is outlined in sections 302, 303, and 310 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976, (43 U.S.C. 1716) and Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations Subject 8341 (43 CFR 8341.2) and 8364 (43 CFR 8364.1). Any person who fails to comply with this closure is subject to citation or arrest and a fine up to \$1,000 or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months, or both. This closure applies to all persons except persons authorized by the Bureau of Land Management.

Dated: October 6, 1999.

Sandra S. Brooks,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-930-5410-00-ZBKC; CACA 41100]

Conveyance of Mineral Interests in California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of segregation.

SUMMARY: The private land described in this notice, aggregating 51.00 acres, is segregated and made unavailable for filings under the general mining laws and the mineral leasing laws to determine its suitability for conveyance of the reserved mineral interest pursuant to section 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976. The mineral interests will be conveyed in whole or in part upon favorable mineral examination. The purpose is to allow consolidation of surface and subsurface of minerals ownership where there are no known mineral values or in those instances where the reservation interferes with or precludes appropriate nonmineral development and such development is a more beneficial use of the land than the mineral development.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathy Gary, Bureau of Land Management, California State Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825, (916) 978-4677.

Mount Diablo Meridian

T. 26 S., R. 37 E.,

Sec. 7, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

County—Kern

As Reservation—All coal and other minerals.

Upon publication of this Notice of Segregation in the **Federal Register** as

provided in 43 CFR 2720.1-1(b), the mineral interests owned by the United States in the private lands covered by the application shall be segregated to the extent that they will not be subject to appropriation under the mining and mineral leasing laws. The segregative effect of the application shall terminate by publication of an opening order in the **Federal Register** specifying the date and time of opening; upon issuance of a patent or other document of conveyance to such mineral interest; or two years from the date of publication of this notice, whichever occurs first.

Dated: September 30, 1999.

David McInay,

Chief, Branch of Lands.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Availability of the Reference Manual #32 for Use With Director's Order #32 Concerning Relationships Between the National Park Service and Cooperating Associations

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Public Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) is converting and updating its current system of internal instructions to a three-level system consisting of: (1) NPS Management Policies; (2) Director's Orders; and (3) Reference Manuals/ Handbooks and other helpful information. When these documents contain new policy or procedural requirements that may affect parties outside the NPS, this information is being made available for public comment. Previously, Director's Order #32 was released and Reference Manual #32 is an operational guide for implementing this previous document that establishes operational policies and procedural guidance concerning relationships between the NPS and Cooperating Associations. Cooperating Associations are private non-profit organizations that provide interpretive and educational services in many areas of the National Park System.

DATES: Written comments will be accepted until November 15, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Glenn Clark, Servicewide Cooperating Association Coordinator, Room 7312, National Park Service, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Glenn Clark at 202-565-1058.

Glen Clark,

Servicewide Coordinator for Cooperating Association.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

INT-DES-99-39

Bostwick Division, Frenchman-Cambridge Division, and Kanaska Division, Almena Unit

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability and public hearing on draft environmental impact statement (DEIS).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, has prepared a DEIS on the proposed renewal of long-term water supply contracts for irrigation water from Federal projects in the Republican River basin in Nebraska and Kansas. The DEIS describes five alternatives, including no action, and evaluates the environmental consequences of renewing the long-term water supply contracts and of modifications to reservoir operations. Public hearings have been scheduled to provide interested parties an opportunity to provide oral or written comments on the proposed renewal of long-term water supply contracts.

DATES: A 60-day public review and comment period commences with the publication of this notice. Written comments on the DEIS should be submitted by December 13, 1999.

Written comments from interested parties unable to attend the hearings, those not wanting to make oral presentations, or those wishing to supplement their oral presentations at the public hearing should be transmitted to the Nebraska-Kansas Area Office by December 13, 1999, for inclusion in the public record.

Public hearings have been scheduled from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on the following dates:

- November 2, 1999, Belleville, Kansas.
- November 3, 1999, Alma, Nebraska.
- November 4, 1999, McCook, Nebraska.

ADDRESSES: The public hearing locations are:

- Harvester Room in the Jensik Insurance Building, 1309 Eighteenth Street, Belleville, Kansas.

- Johnson Community Center, 509 Main Street, Alma, Nebraska.

- Community Building, West Fifth and O Streets, McCook, Nebraska.

Written comments on the DEIS should be submitted to the Area Manager (Attention: Judy O'Sullivan), Nebraska-Kansas Area Office, P.O. Box 1607, Grand Island NE 68802.

You may request a Summary of the DEIS or the entire DEIS (with appendices) in printed copy or on computer disk. Copies may be obtained from the above address or by telephone (308) 389-4622 x211. Copies are also available for public inspection and review on the Internet at "www.gp.usbr.gov" in the "Current Activities" section under "Environmental Activities."

See Supplementary Information section for additional addresses where the DEIS is available for public inspection and review.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jill Manring, Basin Study Coordinator, Nebraska-Kansas Area Office, P.O. Box 1607, Grand Island NE 68802—telephone (308) 389-4622 x214.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

DEIS Public Inspection and Review Locations

Offices

- Bureau of Reclamation, Nebraska-Kansas Area Office, 203 West Second Street, Grand Island NE 68801—telephone (308) 389-4622
- Bureau of Reclamation, Great Plains Regional Office, 316 North 26th Street, Billings MT 59101—telephone (406) 247-7638
- Bureau of Reclamation, Reclamation Service Center Library, Building 67, Room 167, Denver Federal Center, Sixth and Kipling, Denver CO 80225—telephone (303) 445-2072
- Bureau of Reclamation, Program Analysis Office, Room 7456, 1849 C Street NW, Washington DC 20240—telephone (202) 208-4662
- Bostwick Irrigation District in Nebraska, Red Cloud NE
- Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District No. 2, Courtland KS
- Frenchman-Cambridge Irrigation District, Cambridge NE
- Frenchman Valley and H&RW Irrigation District, Culbertson NE
- Almena Irrigation District, Almena KS

Libraries

- Alma Public Library, West Second Street, Alma NE 68920-3378