

- The RMP will be accompanied by an EIS prepared under NEPA.
- The RMP will only cover lands under jurisdiction of the Dillon Field Office. This includes split estate, where the surface is private, but subsurface minerals are Federal. This does not include BLM lands in Beaverhead County along the south side of the Big Hole River under jurisdiction of the Butte Field Office.
- The RMP will study public land in the planning area not yet inventoried for wilderness characteristics.
- The RMP will consider the recovery plans in place for threatened and endangered species which utilize the planning area, including Whooping Crane, Bald Eagle, Grizzly Bear, Wolf, and Lynx.
- The RMP will consider the management strategies developed for Westslope Cutthroat Trout, Fluvial Arctic Grayling and Sage Grouse when developing the plan.
- The RMP will recognize the State of Montana's responsibility to manage wildlife populations, including hunting and fishing uses.
- RMP decisions will be compatible to the extent possible with the plans and mandates of other agencies and governments that share jurisdiction in the region.
- The RMP will consider and integrate local, Statewide and national interests.
- Actions proposed by the RMP must be achievable given technological, budget and staffing limits.

The BLM is also requesting public input for nominations considered worthy of ACEC designation. To be considered as a potential ACEC, an area must meet the criteria of relevance and importance as established and defined in 43 CFR 1610.7-2. Nominations must include descriptive materials, detailed maps, and evidence supporting the "relevance" and "importance" of the resource or area. Several nominations have already been proposed in previous planning efforts including the Madison River Corridor, the Virginia City Historic District, the Axolotl Lakes area, the Block Mountain area, the Upper Centennial Basin Bald Eagle Nesting Areas, the Sage Creek area, Lima Reservoir area, the Muddy Creek/Big Sheep Creek area, Everson Creek, Badger Gulch, Bannack Historic District, the Centennial Mountains from Nemesis Mountain to Price Creek, Clark Canyon, Maiden Rock, the East Fork of Blacktail Deer Creek, and the Ferruginous Hawk Nesting area. The Soap Gulch-Camp Creek area and the Jerry Johnson Creek area were previously nominated but are now administered by the BLM's Butte

Field Office and will not be considered in the Dillon planning effort. All other existing and new ACEC nominations within the planning area will be evaluated during development of the RMP.

Public Participation Opportunities

The BLM is seeking comments, concerns and views of a diverse array of individuals, groups, organizations, agencies, and governments. Early participation by all those interested is encouraged and will help determine the future management of public lands administered by the Dillon Field Office. The BLM anticipates inviting both Beaverhead and Madison Counties to become Cooperating Agencies under the provisions of the NEPA given special expertise the counties have in certain areas. The Montana Consensus Council, established under the Governor's Office, has also conducted a situation assessment prior to publication of this notice and is making recommendations to BLM to enhance the public participation process.

A scoping brochure will be sent to the public and interested parties after publication of this notice. The mailing list will continue to be updated and modified during the planning process. Press releases will be provided to local and regional newspapers regarding the initiation of the plan, availability of the scoping brochure, and the comment period. Information on the planning process and notice of the scoping period will also be placed on the Dillon Field Office website at www.mt.blm.gov/dfo. Public meetings and workshops will be held throughout the plan scoping and preparation period. In order to ensure local community participation and input, meetings will be held in the communities of Dillon, Sheridan, and Ennis. Other locations in the vicinity of the planning area may be included. At least 15 days public notice will be given for activities where the public is invited to attend. Meetings and comment deadlines will be announced through the local news media, newsletters and the Dillon Field Office Website (www.mt.blm.gov/dfo). The minutes and list of attendees for each meeting will be available to the public and open for 30 days to any participants who wish to clarify the views they expressed. Newsletter updates and newspaper articles will be used throughout development of the RMP to keep the public informed of progress on the plan. Documents and other information pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Dillon Field Office located in Dillon, Montana.

Dated: July 23, 2001.

Scott Powers,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-926-01-1420-BJ]

Montana: Filing of Amended Protraction Diagram Plats

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The plats of the amended protraction diagram accepted July 2, 2001, of the following described lands are scheduled to be officially filed in the Montana State Office, Billings Montana, September 10, 2001.

Tps. 6, 7, and 8 S., Rs. 25, 26, and 27 E.

The plat, representing the Amended Protraction Diagram 9 Index of unsurveyed Townships 6, 7, and 8 South, Ranges 25, 26, and 27 East, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted July 2, 2001.

T. 6 S., R. 25 E.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 9 of unsurveyed Township 6 South, Range 25 East, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted July 2, 2001.

T. 6 S., R. 26 E.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 9 of unsurveyed Township 6 South, Range 26 East, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted July 2, 2001.

T. 6 S., R. 27 E.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 9 of unsurveyed Township 6 South, Range 27 East, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted July 2, 2001.

T. 7 S., R. 26 E.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 9 of unsurveyed Township 7 South, Range 26 East, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted July 2, 2001.

T. 7 S., R. 27 E.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 9 of unsurveyed Township 7 South, Range 27 East, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted July 2, 2001.

T. 8 S., R. 26 E.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 9 of unsurveyed Township 8 South, Range 26 East, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted July 2, 2001.

T. 8 S., R. 27 E.

The plat, representing Amended Protraction Diagram 9 of unsurveyed Township 8 South, Range 27 East, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted July 2, 2001.

The amended protraction diagram was prepared at the request of the U.S. Forest Service to accommodate Revision of Primary Base Quadrangle Maps for the Geomtronics Service Center.

A copy of the preceding described plats of the amended protraction diagram accepted July 2, 2001, will be immediately placed in the open files and will be available to the public as a matter of information.

If a protest against the amended protraction diagram, accepted July 2, 2001, as shown on these plats, is received prior to the date of the official filings, the filings will be stayed pending consideration of the protests.

These particular plats of the amended protraction diagram will not be officially filed until the day after all protests have been accepted or dismissed and become final or appeals from the dismissal affirmed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bureau of Land Management, 5001 Southgate Drive, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800.

Dated: July 9, 2001.

Steven G. Schey,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Division of Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-040-1430-EU-040F]

Notice of Realty Action: Competitive Sale of Public Lands

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Competitive Sale of Public Lands in Lincoln County, Nevada.

SUMMARY: The below listed public land in Lincoln County, Nevada has been designated for disposal under Public Law 106-298, the Lincoln County Land Act of 2000. The lands will be offered for competitive sale in accordance with Section 203 and Section 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (90 Stat. 2750, 43 U.S.C. 1713, 1719, and 1740) at not less than fair market value (FMV). The sale is scheduled at public auction on October 12, 2001.

DATES: For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments to the Assistant Field Manager, Nonrenewable Resources, Ely Field Office.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to: Bureau of Land Management, Jeffrey A. Weeks, Assistant Field Manager, HC 33 Box 33500, Ely, Nevada 89301-9408.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Detailed information concerning the sale, including the reservations, sale procedures and conditions, planning and environmental documents, are available at the Ely Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management, at 702 North Industrial Way, Ely, Nevada 89301, or by calling Kevin Finn at (775) 289-1849. In addition, information may be obtained by calling the General Services Office in San Francisco at (415) 522-3428 or by e-mail to karen.hoover@gsa.gov. Additional, but not all information, will be available on the Internet at <http://www.nv.blm.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following described parcels of public land situated in Lincoln County, Nevada are being offered competitive sale.

Mount Diablo Meridian

Parcel A (N-74965)

T. 12 S., R. 71 E.,
 Sec. 16, lots 2 to 7 inclusive, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 17, lots 2 and 3, W $\frac{1}{2}$, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 18, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 19, E $\frac{1}{2}$;
 Sec. 20;
 Sec. 21, W $\frac{1}{2}$;
 Sec. 28, W $\frac{1}{2}$;
 Sec. 29, lot 1, E $\frac{1}{2}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 30, lots 5, 8, 9 and 12;
 Sec. 31, lots 5, 8 and 9;
 Sec. 32, lots 1 and 4, E $\frac{1}{2}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 33, W $\frac{1}{2}$ and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 34, lot 7;
 The areas described aggregate 4,357.63 acres.

Parcel B (N-74966)

T. 12 S., R. 70 E.,
 Sec. 25, E $\frac{1}{2}$;
 Sec. 36, E $\frac{1}{2}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
 T. 12 S., R. 71 E.,
 Sec. 29, lot 2;
 Sec. 30, lots 6, 7, 10, and 11, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 31, lots 6, 7, and 10, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 32, lots 2 and 3;

The areas described aggregate 2,009.57 acres.

The above legal descriptions are subject to minor adjustments upon final approval of the official plats of survey, which will also provide a new legal description for these land parcels. If the land is sold, conveyance of the locatable mineral interests being offered have no known mineral value. Acceptance of a sale offer will constitute an application for conveyance of those mineral interests. The applicant will be required

to pay a \$50.00 non-refundable filing fee in conjunction with the final payment for processing of the conveyance of the locatable mineral interests. The terms and conditions applicable to the sale are as follows:

1. All leaseable and saleable mineral deposits are reserved on land sold; permittees, licensees, and licensees, and lessees, retain the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals owned by the United States under applicable law and any regulations that the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe, including all necessary access and exit rights.

2. A right-of-way is reserved for ditches and canals constructed by authority of the United States under the Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).

3. All land parcels are subject to all valid and existing rights. Encumbrances of record are available for review during business hours, 7:30 to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Bureau of Land Management, Ely Field Office, 702 North Industrial Way, Ely, Nevada.

4. The parcels are subject to reservations for roads, public utilities and flood control purposes, both existing and proposed, in accordance with the local governing entities' Transportation Plans.

5. The high bidder will be required to sign a Development Agreement and Reconveyance Agreement within 30 days of the oral auction. The Development Agreement is to assure organized and planned development, and to assure a Master Plan submission to Lincoln County by the high bidder within 6 months of the auction. The Reconveyance Agreement is for the purpose of assuring compliance with the need for roads, school sites, and other public facilities. The Reconveyance Agreement will require at least 25% of the total acreage within the parcel to be transferred to Lincoln County for public purposes. Further information regarding the required Development and Conveyance Agreements may be obtained by calling Ace Robinson at 702-870-4043 or Paul Donohue at 775-962-1001.

6. All purchasers/patentees, by accepting a patent, agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the United States from any costs, damages, claims, causes of action, penalties, fines, liabilities, and judgements of any kind or nature arising from the past, present, and future acts or omissions of the patentee or their employees, agents, contractors, or lessees, or any third party, arising out of, or in connection with, the patentee's use, occupancy, or operations of the patented real property. The indemnification and hold harmless