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Notice of Realty Action; Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act Classification; New Mexico

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

ACTION: Notice of Realty Action; R&PP Act Classification.

SUMMARY: The following public land in Dona Ana County, New Mexico has been examined and found suitable for classification for lease or conveyance to Las Cruces School District under the provision of the R&PP Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.). Las Cruces School District proposes to use the land for a school site.

T. 22 S., R. 2 E., NMPM
Sec. 33, lot 2, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Containing 45.64 acres, more or less.

DATES: Comments regarding the proposed lease/conveyance or classification must be submitted on or before April 8, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Bureau of Land Management, Las Cruces District Office, 1800 Marquess, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marvin M. James at the address above or at (505) 525-4349.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Lease or conveyance will be subject to the following terms, conditions, and reservations:

1. Provisions of the R&PP Act and to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.
2. All valid existing rights documented on the official public land records at the time of lease/patent issuance.
3. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals.
4. Any other reservations that the authorized officer determines appropriate to ensure public access and proper management of Federal lands and interests therein.

Upon publication of this notice in the Federal Register, the land will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease or conveyance under

the R&PP Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws. On or before April 8, 1996, interested persons may submit comments regarding the proposed lease/conveyance or classification of the land to the District Manager, Las Cruces District Office, 1800 Marquess, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective 60 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Classification Comments

Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for a school site. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the land is physically suited for the proposal, whether the use will maximize the future use or uses of the land, whether the use is consistent with local planning and zoning, or if the use is consistent with State and Federal programs.

Application Comments

Interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific use proposed in the application and plan of development, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land for a school site.

Dated: February 20, 1996.

Linda S.C. Rundell,

District Manager.

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Notice of Interim Management for Protection of Wild and Scenic River Values

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: The Bureau of Land Management, Canon City District, San Luis Resource Area has determined that 41 miles of the Rio Grande River in Colorado was eligible for consideration as a potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic River System. This determination was made as a part of the San Luis Resource Management Plan process in accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), 43 CFR 1600, the Guidance for the Identification and Evaluation of Potential Additions to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, the USDI-USDA Final Revised Guidelines for Eligibility, Classification

and Management of River Areas, and BLM Manual Section 1623.41A2d.

SUMMARY: In December, 1991 the Resource Management Plan (RMP) was finalized for the San Luis Resource Area of Colorado. Assessment of potential additions to the National Wild and Scenic River System was included in this planning effort. A total of 32 streams or segments of streams were analyzed and a 41 mile segment of the Rio Grande River in Colorado met the eligibility criteria. This segment of the river is "free-flowing" and has "outstandingly remarkable values," therefore, this stretch needs adequate interim protection until a final decision is reached.

The 41-mile segment of the Rio Grande River, which is the last 41 miles of this river within Colorado, has been tentatively classified as follows: the upper 33 miles meets the "Scenic" classification criteria, and the lower 8 miles meets the "Wild" classification criteria. These tentative classifications are based on conditions of the river corridor as they existed at the time of the study.

Management activities and authorized uses will not be allowed to adversely affect the eligibility or classification of this river. Management prescriptions for this river corridor should provide for protection in three ways:

1. The free-flowing characteristics of the river cannot be modified, to the extent that BLM is authorized under law to control stream impoundments and diversions.
2. Outstandingly remarkable values will be protected, and to the extent practicable, enhanced.
3. Management and development of the river corridor cannot be modified to the degree that eligibility or classification is changed.

A study report was prepared and included in the appendix to the proposed resource management plan/final environmental impact study and documents the application of the Eligibility/Classification/Suitability Criteria.

The study report was included as an integral part of the RMP process documentation. The determination within the RMP was a preliminary administrative recommendation for designation or non-designation depending on the suitability analysis. The recommendation will receive further review and possible modification by the Director of the BLM, the Secretary of the Interior and the President of the United States. Final decisions have been reserved by the U.S. Congress.