

proposed lease tract. In addition, notice is also given that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 22, 1996, on the FONSI, the proposed lease sale, FMV, and MER.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before 4:30 p.m., October 25, 1996. The public hearing will be held Tuesday, October 22, 1996 at 1:00 p.m. at the BLM Miles City District Office, 111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, Montana.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments or questions may be directed to Todd Christensen, Area Manager, Powder River Resource Area, Bureau of Land Management, 111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, Montana, 59301 (telephone 406-232-4331).

Copies of the EA are available at the above address. For more complete data on this tract, please contact Randy Heuschler (telephone 406-255-2816), BLM, 222 North 32nd Street, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dan Benoit, Project Leader, Miles City District Office, phone (406) 232-4331.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Federal Coal Management regulations 43 CFR 3422 and 3425, not less than 30 days prior to publication of notice of sale, the Secretary shall solicit public comments on the proposed sale, FMV, and MER of the proposed lease tract. Proprietary data marked as confidential may be submitted to the Bureau of Land Management in response to this solicitation of public comments. Data so marked will be treated in accordance with the laws and regulations governing the confidentiality of such information. A copy of the comments submitted by the public on FMV and MER, except those portions identified as proprietary by the author and meeting exemptions stated in the Freedom of Information Act, will be available for public inspection at the Bureau of Land Management, 222 North 32nd Street, Billings, Montana, during regular business hours, (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) Monday through Friday.

Comments should be sent to the BLM, P.O. Box 36800, Billings Montana 59107 and should include but is not necessarily limited to the following:

1. The quantity and quality of the coal resources;
2. The mining method or methods which would achieve MER of the coal including specification of the seams to be mined, timing and rate of production, restriction to mining and inclusion of the tract in an existing mining operation;
3. The FMV appraisal including but not limited to the evaluation of the tract

as an incremental unit of the existing mine, selling price of the coal, mining and reclamation costs, net present value discount factors, depreciation and other tax accounting factors, value of the surface estate and any comparable sales data of similar coal lands.

The values given above may or may not change as a result of comments received from the public and changes in market conditions between now and when final economic evaluations are completed.

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### **Morrow and Gilliam Counties, OR: Visitor Restrictions**

September 10, 1996.

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Department of the Interior (DOI), Prineville District.

**ACTION:** Notice is hereby given that the public lands as legally described below are closed seasonally from September 15 to April 15 to all vehicle access and travel.

In Morrow County, Oregon

Township 3 South, Range 23 East, Willamette Meridian,

Section 31: That portion of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , the W $\frac{1}{2}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  lying South and West of Hale Ridge Morrow County Road 707.

Section 32: That portion of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  lying South and West of Hal Ridge Morrow County Road 707.

In Gilliam County, Oregon

Township 4 South, Range 23 East, Willamette Meridian,

Section 4: That portion of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  lying South and West of Hale Ridge Gilliam County Road 707.

Section 5: That portion of the W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  lying South and West of Hale Ridge Gilliam County Road 707.

The aforementioned land located in Morrow and Gilliam Counties, Oregon, near Rock Creek, are seasonally closed from September 15 to April 15 each year. The purpose of this closure is to reduce the spread of noxious weeds in the area by preventing vehicles from transporting and introducing weed seeds during the period of high visitor use, and to protect soil and watershed resources from off-road vehicle damage during periods of muddy conditions.

Exemptions to this closure will apply to administrative and law enforcement personnel of the BLM or Oregon

Department of Fish and Wildlife, and personnel performing law enforcement, firefighting, or other emergency duties.

The authority for this closure comes from 43 CFR 8364.1(a): Closure and restriction orders. Violation of this closure order is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months as provided in 43 CFR 8360.0-7. A more specific location of public lands under this closure can be obtained at the BLM Prineville District Office.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Heidi Mottl, Recreation Planner, BLM Prineville, District Office, P.O. Box 550, Prineville, Oregon 97754, telephone number (541) 416-6700.

Dated: September 10, 1996.

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*Area Manager, Central Oregon Resource Area.*

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

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The following public lands in Santa Fe County, New Mexico have been examined and found suitable for classification for lease or conveyance of Santa Fe County, under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*). Santa Fe County proposes to use the lands for a Fire Substation, Public Works Substation and Fire Fighters Training Facility.

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 20 N, R. 9 E.,

Sec. 18, lots 21, 22, and 23.

Containing approximately 15 acres.

The lands are not needed for Federal purposes. Lease or conveyance is consistent with current BLM land use planning and would be in the public interest.

The lease/conveyance, when issued, will be subject to the following terms, conditions and reservations:

1. Provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

2. A right-of-way of for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States.

3. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the