

[CA-330-1430-01; CACA 36364]

**Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; California****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management proposes to withdraw 308.49 acres of public lands in Humboldt County to protect the Mattole Estuary. This notice closes the lands for up to 2 years from surface entry and mining. The lands will remain open to mineral leasing and the Materials Act of 1947. Up to approximately 514 acres of non-federally owned lands would be subject to this withdrawal if they are acquired by the United States in the future by exchange, donation, or purchase.

**DATES:** Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by April 21, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the California State Director, BLM California State Office (CA-931), 2135 Butano Drive, Sacramento, California 95825-0451.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Duane Marti, BLM California State Office, 916-979-2858 or Charlotte Hawks, BLM Arcata Resource Area Office, 707-825-2319.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On January 3, 1997, a petition was approved allowing the Bureau of Land Management to file an application to withdraw the following described public lands from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights:

Humboldt Meridian

T. 2 S., R. 2 W.,

Sec. 17, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;Sec. 18, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

T. 2 S., R. 3 W.,

Sec. 12, lot 3;

Sec. 13, lots 1 and 2.

The areas described aggregate 308.49 acres in Humboldt County.

In addition, if any of the non-federally owned land within the area described below are acquired by the United States in the future by exchange, donation, or purchase, that land will be subject to this withdrawal:

Humboldt Meridian

T. 2 S., R. 2 W.,

Sec. 16, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and that portion described as Parcels 1, 2, and 3 of Parcel Map No. 1369 recorded under Document No. 18699 on August 23, 1976, in Book 12 of Parcel Maps on page 32, Humboldt County Records;

Sec. 21, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The areas described aggregate approximately 514 acres in Humboldt County.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to protect the fragile aquatic and estuary resources and critical wildlife habitat on and adjacent to the Mattole River.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to the California State Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the California State Director within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the Federal Register at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2300.

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register, the lands will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. The temporary uses which may be permitted during this segregative period are those which are compatible with the use of the lands, as determined by BLM.

Dated: January 9, 1997.

David McInay,

*Chief, Branch of Lands.*

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**Opening of Land in a Proposed Withdrawal; Idaho****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The temporary 2-year segregation of a proposed withdrawal of 3,805.87 acres of National Forest System land for the Forest Service's Howell Canyon Recreation Complex expires March 30, 1997, after which the land

will be opened to mining. The land is located in the Boise National Forest. The land has been and will remain open to surface entry and mineral leasing.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 30, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Larry R. Lievsay, BLM Idaho State Office, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho 83709, 208-373-3864.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A Notice of Proposed Withdrawal was published in the Federal Register (60 FR 62, March 31, 1995), which segregated the land described therein for up to 2 years from the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, but not from the general land laws and the mineral leasing laws. The 2-year segregation expires March 30, 1997. The withdrawal application will continue to be processed unless it is canceled or denied. The land is described as follows:

Boise Meridian

T. 12 S., R. 24 E.,

Sec. 36, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

T. 12 S., R. 25 E.,

Sec. 31, lot 4, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 32, S $\frac{1}{2}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

T. 13 S., R. 24 E.,

Sec. 1, N $\frac{1}{2}$  lot 1, lots 2 to 4 inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 2;

Sec. 3, lots 1 to 4 inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 4, lots 1 and 2, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

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

Sec. 9, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 10, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;Sec. 11, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;Sec. 12, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described aggregate 3,805.87 acres in Cassia County.

At 9 a.m. on March 30, 1997, the land shall be opened to location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. Appropriation of land described in this order under the general mining laws prior to the date and time of restoration is unauthorized. Any such attempted appropriation, including attempted adverse possession under 30 U.S.C. 38 (1988), shall vest no rights against the United States. Acts required to establish a location and to initiate a right of possession are governed by State law. The Bureau of Land Management will not intervene in disputes between rival locators over possessory rights since Congress has provided for such determinations in local courts.