

Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate lease UTU-70834, effective January 1, 1997, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

Robert Lopez,

Group Leader, Minerals Adjudication Group.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-040-1430-01; WYW-122360]

Notice of Realty Action; Direct Sale of Public Lands; Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action, sale of public lands in Sublette County.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management has determined that the lands described below are suitable for public sale under Section 203 and Section 209 of the Federal Land Management Policy Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1713, 1719.

Sixth Principal Meridian

T 30 N., R. 111 W.

Section 22, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

These lands contain 160 acres.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Leslie Theiss, Area Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Pinedale Resource Area, P.O. Box 768, Pinedale, Wyoming 82941, 307-367-4358.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Bureau of Land Management proposes to sell the surface and mineral estates, excepting oil and gas, to Sublette County and Teton County, pursuant to Section 203 and Section 209 of the Federal Land Management Policy Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1713, 1719. Sublette County and Teton County wish to acquire the lands for future landfill purposes.

The proposed direct sale to Sublette County and Teton County would be made at fair market value. Additionally, Sublette County and Teton County will be required to submit a nonrefundable application fee of \$50.00 in accordance with 43 CFR Subpart 2720, for conveyance of all unreserved mineral interests in the lands.

The proposed sale is consistent with the Pinedale Resource Area Management Plan and would serve important public objectives which

cannot be achieved prudently or feasibly elsewhere. The lands contain no other known public values. The planning document and environmental assessment/land report covering the proposed sale will be available for review at the Bureau of Land Management, Pinedale Resource Area Office, Pinedale, Wyoming.

Conveyance of the above public lands will be subject to:

1. Reservation of a right-of-way for ditches and canals pursuant to the Act of August 30, 1890, 43 U.S.C. 945.
2. Reservation of oil and gas to the United States.

The public lands described above shall be segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. The segregative effect will end upon issuance of the patent or 270 days from the date of the publication, whichever comes first.

For a period of forty-five (45) days from the date of issuance of this notice, interested parties may submit comments to the Bureau of Land Management, District Manager, Rock Springs, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, Wyoming 82901. Any adverse comments will be evaluated by the State Director who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any objections this proposed realty action will become final.

Dated: March 31, 1997.

Leslie Theiss,

Area Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-924-1430-01; MTM 86164]

Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; MT

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management proposes to withdraw 175.36 acres of public land in Fergus County to protect the unique and significant geologic resources of the Crystal Cave area. This notice closes the land for up to 2 years from surface entry and mining. The land has been and will remain open to mineral leasing.

DATES: Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by August 11, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the Montana State Director, BLM, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandra Ward, BLM Montana State Office, 406-255-2949.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 25, 1997, a petition was approved allowing the Bureau of Land Management to file an application to withdraw the following described public land from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights. The land is described as follows:

Principal Meridian, Montana

T. 16 N., R. 19 E.,

sec. 15, lot 15, lots 25 to 28, inclusive, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and MS 9204; sec. 16, MS 5974.

The area described contains 175.36 acres in Fergus County.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to protect the unique and significant geologic resources of Crystal Cave area for recreational purposes.

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 Montana 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 Montana 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 part 2300.

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the land 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 licenses, permits, cooperative agreements, or discretionary land use authorization of a temporary nature, but only with the approval of unauthorized