

initially considered alternatives, selected on the basis of screening criteria described in Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act. These are:

Alternative A—Replacement of the pipeline in a modified alignment parallel to Plateau Creek such that impacts to all resources are minimized.

Alternative B—Replacement of the pipeline parallel to Plateau Creek mainly within the existing state highway 65 and 330 rights-of-way.

Alternative C—Replacement of the pipeline in either alignment A with a smaller pipeline. This alternative includes provisions for construction of a booster pump station at the mouth of Plateau Canyon to be built at a future date to meet long-term demands.

Alternative D—A “no federal action” alternative (Denial of the proposed action or reasonable alternatives).

Major issues identified during the scoping include: (1) wetlands and riparian areas, (2) threatened and endangered species, (3) Prime and Unique Farmlands, (4) water depletion issues, and (5) impacts to State Highway 65.

Mark T. Morse,

District Manager

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Realty Action: Lease/Conveyance for Recreation and Public Purposes

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Recreation and public purpose lease/conveyance.

SUMMARY: The following described public land in Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada has been examined and found suitable for lease/conveyance for recreational or public purposes under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*). The West Charleston Baptist Church proposes to use the land for a church facility to include a child care center.

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 20 S., R. 60 E.,

Sec. 7: Lots 22, 27-30

Containing 25.00 acres, more or less.

The land is not required for any federal purpose. The lease/conveyance is consistent with current Bureau

planning for this area and would be in the public interest. The lease/patent, when issued, will be subject to the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, and will contain the following reservations to the United States:

1. A right-of-way thereon for ditches or canals constructed by the authority of the United States, Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).

2. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right of prospect for, mine and remove such deposits from the same under applicable law and such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe.

and will be subject to:

1. Easements in accordance with the City of Las Vegas/Clark County Transportation Plan for roads, public utilities and flood control purposes.

2. Those rights for public road purposes which have been granted to Clark County by Permit No. N-59722 under the Act of October 21, 1976 (43USC1761). Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the Office of the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas District, 4765 W. Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, above described land will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease/conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, leasing under the mineral leasing laws and disposals under the mineral material disposal laws. For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed lease/conveyance for classification of the lands to the District Manager, Las Vegas District, 4765 Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89108.

Classification Comments

Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for a church facility. 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 church facility.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification of the land described in this notice will become effective 60 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**. The lands will not be offered for lease/conveyance until after the classification becomes effective.

Dated: June 23, 1997.

Michael F. Dwyer,

District Manager, Las Vegas, NV.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Public Scoping Meetings Regarding Management Plan of Black Rock Desert; Nevada, California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent and scoping period.

SUMMARY: To prepare for the development of a Black Rock region management plan, a series of public scoping meetings will be held in July, 1997. These meetings will be conducted as workshops so that BLM and the concerned public can analyze the many varied issues of the Black Rock Desert region, leading to development of various management alternatives for the resources. These resources include lengthy, pristine sections of the Applegate/Lassen, Noble and Fremont National Historic Trails, related hot springs, private property, visual settings, the Playa and its edge or transition areas, distinctive plant and animal habitats, and mineral potential. Plan goals include (1) Managing the varied resources while providing for a wide range of dispersed recreational activities and opportunities in a prudent manner; (2) Providing economic opportunities and other human values within a sustainable, healthy ecosystem. **DATES:** See Supplementary Information section for meeting dates and locations. All comments must be submitted in writing and postmarked no later than August 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Ron Wenker, District Manager, Winnemucca Field Office,