

**ACTION:** Notice to authorize the continued use of public lands for recreation purposes.

**SUMMARY:** The following public lands in Klamath County, Oregon have been examined and found suitable for classification for lease to the La Pine Rodeo Association under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*). The La Pine Rodeo Association proposes to use the lands for a community rodeo grounds. This proposal would allow for the continued use that has been occurring for ten years under a similar lease. The lands involve about 20 acres and are described as:

**Willamette Meridian, Oregon**

T. 23 S., R. 10 E.,

Sec. 3, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; (that portion lying north of the county road),

The lands are not needed for Federal purposes. The renewal of this lease is consistent with current BLM land use planning and would be in the public interest.

The lease, when issued, will be subject to the following:

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

2. State and local planning and zoning ordinances.

3. The Management Plan approved by BLM.

Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, Prineville District, 3050 NE Third, Prineville, Oregon, 97754.

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws. For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested persons may submit comments regarding the proposed lease or classification of the lands to the District Manager, Prineville District Office, P.O. Box 550, Prineville, Oregon 97754.

**CLASSIFICATION COMMENTS:** Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for a community rodeo grounds. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the use will maximize the future use 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 community rodeo grounds.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective February 17, 1998.

Dated: December 10, 1997.

**Donald L. Smith,**

*Acting District Manager.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

[Docket No. NM-952-07-1420-00]

**Notice of Filing of Plat of Survey; New Mexico**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The plats of survey described below will be officially filed in the New Mexico States Office, Bureau of Land Management, Santa Fe, New Mexico, on January 10, 1998.

**New Mexico Principal Meridian, New Mexico.**

Tps. 30-31 N., R. 16 W., accepted October 30, 1997, for Group 922 NM; T. 31 N., R. 18 W., accepted October 30, 1997, for Group 922 NM; T. 23 N., Rs. 10 and 11 W., accepted November 7, 1997, for Group 909 NM; T. 25 S., R. 3E., accepted November 7, 1997, for Group 949 NM.

If a protest against a survey, as shown on any of the above plats is received prior to the date of official filing, the filing will be stayed pending consideration of the protest. A plat will not be officially filed until the day after all protests have been dismissed and become final or appeals from the dismissal affirmed.

A person or party who wishes to protest against any of these surveys must file a written protest with the NM State Director, Bureau of Land Management, stating that they wish to protest.

A statement of reasons for a protest may be filed with the notice of protest to the State Director, or the statement of reasons must be filed with the State Director within thirty (30) days after the protest is filled.

The above-listed plats represent dependent resurveys, surveys, and subdivisions.

These plats will be in the New Mexico State Office, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-0115. Copies may be obtained from this office upon payment of \$1.10 per sheet.

Dated: December 9, 1997.

**John P. Bennett,**

*Chief Cadastral Surveyor, For New Mexico.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Proposed Withdrawal: Opportunity for Public Meeting; Colorado**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, proposes to withdraw approximately 450 acres of National Forest System lands for 10 years to allow management alternatives for the Forest Service. This notice closes these lands to location and entry under the mining laws for up to two years. The lands remain open to mineral leasing.

**DATES:** Comments on this proposed withdrawal or requests for public meeting must be received on or before March 19, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and requests for a meeting should be sent to the Colorado State Director, BLM, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215-7076.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Doris E. Chelius, 303-239-3706.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On November 24, 1997, the Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, filed an application to withdraw the following described National Forest System lands from location and entry under the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. Ch 2):

**Uncompahgre National Forest New Mexico Principal Meridian**

T. 44 N, R. 7 W.,

Sec. 31, W $\frac{1}{2}$ .

T. 44 N, R. 8 W.,

Sec. 35, E $\frac{1}{2}$ .

The areas described exclude any patented lands within the application and contain approximately 450 acres of National Forest System lands in Ouray County.