

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

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Notice of Realty Action, Recreation and Public Purpose (R&PP) Act Classification, Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Golden Valley, Fire Department, Station #2, 749 S. Egar Road, Golden Valley, Arizona, has filed an R&PP application amending their original lease of 2½ acres for a fire station to add an additional 2½ acres for a training facility located on the following public lands.

Gila and Salt River Base and Meridian, Mohave County, Arizona

Township 21 North, Range 19 West
Sec 16, SE¼SE¼SE¼NE¼

Comprising 2½ acres, more or less

Lease or conveyance is consistent with current BLM land use planning and would be in the public interest.

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

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

2. A right-of-way 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 right to prospect for mine, and remove the minerals.

Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, Kingman Field Office, 2475 Beverly Avenue, Kingman, Arizona.

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 or conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purpose Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws.

For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice, interested persons may submit comments regarding the amended proposed lease/conveyance or classification of the land to Joyce Bailey, Realty Specialist, Kingman Field Office, 2475 Beverly Ave, Kingman, Arizona, 86401, telephone (520) 692-4400. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State

Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective 60 days from the date of publication of this notice.

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Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Reclamation****Notice of Intent To Prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for a Recovery Implementation Program for Four Threatened and Endangered Species in the Central Platte River Region and Announcement of Public Scoping Meetings**

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a programmatic environmental impact statement, and announcement of public scoping meetings.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce their intent to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended.

This PEIS will evaluate impacts of alternative Recovery Implementation Programs (Programs) to: (1) Secure defined benefits for the target species and their associated habitats to assist in their conservation and recovery through a basin-wide cooperative approach that can be agreed to by the three states and the Department of the Interior (Department); (2) serve as the reasonable and prudent alternative to offset the effects of existing and new water related activities in the Platte River Basin that, in the absence of such a Program, would be found by FWS to be likely to jeopardize the continued existence of the target species or adversely modify designated critical habitat; (3) help prevent the need to list more basin associated species pursuant to the ESA; and (4) mitigate new water related activities in a state in a manner that will not increase the mitigation responsibilities of other signatory states.

The Department invites other Federal agencies, States, Indian tribes, local governments, and the general public to submit written comments or suggestions concerning the scope of the issues to be addressed, alternatives to be analyzed, and the environmental impacts to be

assessed in the Draft PEIS. The public is invited to participate in a series of scoping workshops and meetings that will be held during the months of February through April in Wyoming, Nebraska, and Colorado. A schedule of the meetings is provided. Those not desiring to submit comments or suggestions at this time, but who would like to receive a copy of the Draft PEIS, should write to the address below.

During the scoping process, Reclamation and the Service will be identifying which other Federal, State and local agencies, and tribal governments may have expertise or authority relative to the Program and may be invited to become cooperating agencies in the preparation of the PEIS.

When the Draft PEIS is complete, its availability will be announced in the **Federal Register** and in the local news media. Comments will be solicited on this document.

DATES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for meeting dates.

ADDRESSES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for meeting locations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Curt Brown, Study Manager, or Ms. Lynn Holt, Outreach Coordinator, Platte River EIS Office, PO Box 25007, Mail Code PL-100, Department of the Interior, Denver, Colorado 80225-0007. Telephone: (303) 445-2096. FAX: (303) 445-6331.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

The States of Nebraska, Wyoming, and Colorado, and the U.S. Department of the Interior have entered into an agreement to begin cooperatively addressing endangered species issues in the Platte River in Nebraska which may affect the entire Platte River Basin, including development of a recovery implementation program (Program). (*Cooperative Agreement for Platte River Research and Other Efforts Relating to Endangered Species Habitat Along the Central Platte River, Nebraska*. Signed July 1, 1997, by the Governors of Wyoming, Colorado, and Nebraska, and the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior.) A copy of the Cooperative Agreement may be obtained by contacting the Platte River EIS Office, or attending a scoping meeting. It is also available at the Platte River EIS website: <http://www.usbr.gov/platte>.

Purpose and Need for Action

The whooping crane, piping plover, and interior least tern, which are listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), use the