

**DATES:** February 20, 1998, through February 22, 1998.

**SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS:** Specific restrictions and closure periods are as follows:

#### Designated Course

1. The portion of the course comprised of BLM lands, roads and ways located 2 miles either side of Shea Road from the eastern boundary of the Colorado River Indian Tribes Reservation to the junction with Swansea Road and 2 miles either side of Swansea Road from its junction with Shea Road to the eastern bank of the Central Arizona Project Canal is closed to public use from 9:00 a.m. Friday, February 20, 1998, to 8:00 p.m. Sunday, February 22, 1998 (Mountain Standard Time).

2. Vehicles are prohibited from the Gibraltar Mountain (AZ-070-12) Wilderness Area and the Cactus Plain (AZ-070-12A/B) Wilderness Study Area (WSA).

3. The entire area encompassed by the designated course and all area within 1 mile outside the designated course are closed to all vehicles except authorized and emergency vehicles.

4. Vehicle parking or stopping along Shea Road, and Swansea Road is prohibited except for designated spectator areas. Emergency parking for brief periods of time is permitted.

5. Spectator viewing (public land) is limited to the designated spectator areas located South and North of Shea Road as signed app. 7 miles east of Parker, Arizona.

6. The following regulations will be in effect for the duration of the closure. Unless otherwise authorized, no person shall:

a. Camp in any area outside of the designated spectator areas.

b. Enter any portion of the race course or any wash located within the race course, including all portions of Osborne Wash.

c. Spectate or otherwise be located outside of the designated spectator areas.

d. Cut or collect firewood of any kind, including dead and down wood or other vegetative material.

e. Be in possession of any alcoholic beverage unless that person has reached the age of 21 years.

f. Firearms must be unloaded and cased, and are not be used during the closure.

g. Fireworks are prohibited.

h. Park, stop, or stand any vehicle outside of the designated spectator areas.

i. Operate any vehicle, including an off-highway vehicle (OHV), which is not

legally registered for street and highway operation, including operation of such a vehicle in Spector viewing areas, along the race course, and in designated pit areas.

j. Park any vehicle in violation of posted restrictions, or in such a manner as to obstruct or impede normal or emergency traffic movement or the parking of other vehicles, create a safety hazard, or endanger any person, property or feature. Vehicles so parked are subject to citation, removal and impoundment at the owner's expense.

k. Take any vehicle through, around or beyond a restrictive sign, recognizable barricade, fence or traffic control barrier.

l. Fail to keep their site free of trash and litter during the period of occupancy or fail to remove all personal equipment, trash, and litter upon departure.

m. Violate quiet hours by causing an unreasonable noise as determined by the authorized officer between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Mountain Standard Time.

n. Allow any per or other animal in their care to be unrestrained at any time. Signs and maps directing the public to the designated spectator areas will be provided by the Bureau of Land Management and/or the event sponsor. The above restrictions do not apply to emergency vehicles owned by the United States, the State of Arizona or to LA Paz County. Vehicles under permit for operation by event participants must follow the race permit stipulations. Operators of permitted vehicles shall maintain a maximum speed limit of 35 mph on all Paz County and BLM roads and ways. Authority for closure of public lands is found in 43 CFR 8340, Subpart 8341; 43 CFR 8360, Subpart 8364.1, and 43 CFR 8372. Persons who violate this closure order are subject to arrest and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than \$100,000 and/or imprisoned for not more than 12 months.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bryan Pittman, District Law Enforcement Ranger, or Myron McCoy, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Lake Havasu Field Office, 2610 Sweetwater Avenue, Lake Havasu City, Arizona 86406, (520) 505-1200.

Dated: February 5, 1998.

**Jaime T. Provencio,**

*Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[UT-020-1020-00]

#### Notice of Availability; Correction

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability; Correction.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management, Cedar City District, Utah published in the January 27, 1998 issue of the **Federal Register** a Notice of Availability for an Environmental Analysis/Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) of the Proposed Amendments to the Cedar/Beaver/Garfield/Antimony and the Paria, Vermillion, and Zion Management Framework Plans. The notice contained an incorrect date for when protests must be received.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Verlin Smith, Area Manager, Kanab Resource Area, at 318 North First East, Kanab, Utah 84741, (801) 644-2672. Copies of the proposed Plan Amendments are available for review at the Kanab Resource Area.

#### Correction

In the **Federal Register** issue of January 27, 1998 (Volume 63, Number 17), FR Doc. 98-1635, on page 3911, in the third column, under the "Dates" caption, correct the second sentence to read:

**DATES:** Protests must be received on or before February 27, 1998.

Dated: February 5, 1998.

**G. William Lamb,**

*State Director, Utah.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NV-065-1610-00]

#### Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) Plan Amendment to the Tonopah Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Tonopah Field Station announces its intent to prepare an amendment to the Tonopah Resource Management Plan (RMP) to address Areas of Critical Environmental Concern

(ACECs). Preparation of this amendment was made necessary by a protest resolution to the Proposed Tonopah RMP of October 1994. The Tonopah RMP, as approved and signed on October 2, 1997, contains no provision for the designation of ACECs. Development of the ACEC Plan Amendment is expected to extend into mid-year 1999.

The Tonopah Field Station also solicits additional nominations for areas to be considered as potential ACECs. Forty-three sites are on the current nomination list. Site names and guidelines for nominating additional sites are given in the section on Supplementary Information below.

**DATES:** All written comments on the ACEC process and new nominations for ACEC consideration must be postmarked on or before April 13, 1998, or hand-delivered to the Tonopah Field Station within the same time period.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and ACEC nominations should be addressed to: Earl R. Verbeek, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 911, Tonopah, NV 89049.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Earl R. Verbeek (Planning and Environmental Coordinator) or Ron Huntsinger (Field Station Manager) at the above address, or telephone (702) 482-7800.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Those areas already nominated as ACECs, their approximate acreages, and a brief statement of the reason(s) for nomination are listed below in alphabetical order.

(1) Amargosa-Oasis: Thirteen separate areas totaling approximately 490 acres near Beatty, Nevada. Rare animals and plants.

(2) Big Moly: 9,600 acres. Scenic overlook.

(3) Big Springs Valley Lava Field: 14,700 acres. Included in Lunar Crater area.

(4) Brickyard Canyon: 320 acres. Cultural and geological features.

(5) Cane Man Hill Petroglyph District: 680 acres. Petroglyph sites.

(6) Crescent Sand Dunes: 3,000 acres. Uncommon invertebrates.

(7) Crystal Spring: 10 acres. Included in Amargosa-Oasis area.

(8) Emigrant Canyon: 9,300 acres. Scenic and geological values.

(9) Fish Lake: 20 acres. Uncommon fish species.

(10) Gilbert Historical Site: 100 acres. Historical values.

(11) Goldfield Joshua Tree Forest: 9,900 acres. Northernmost extremity of Joshua trees in Nevada.

(12) Gold Point Historical Site: 150 acres. Historical values.

(13) Hot Creek Valley: 5,000 acres. Threatened fish species; uncommon plant.

(14) Jumbled Rock Petroglyphs: 10 acres. Great Basin petroglyphs.

(15) Kawich Range: 40,000 acres. Uncommon plant species.

(16) Little Fish Lake Valley: 40 acres. Uncommon fish species.

(17) Lockes Pond: 400 acres. Included in Railroad Valley Wildlife Management Area.

(18) Lone Mountain: 14,400 acres. Rare and endemic plant species.

(19) Lunar Crater: 39,680 acres northeast of Warm Springs. Includes Black Rock lava flow. Recent volcanic flows and cinder cones.

(20) Monocline Crater: 4,800 acres. Tilted cinder cone on monocline.

(21) Moores Station Petroglyphs: 40 acres. Great Basin petroglyphs.

(22) Mount Jackson: 900 acres. Great Basin plant communities in excellent condition.

(23) Oasis Valley: 40 acres. Included in Amargosa-Oasis area.

(24) Oatmeal Spring: 20 acres. Eroded badlands.

(25) Pinyon-Joshua Transition Natural Area: 550 acres. Area showing transition from Joshua tree forest to pinyon forest.

(26) Railroad Valley Wildlife Management Area: 15,470 acres.

Threatened and endangered species.

(27) Rhyolite: 425 acres. Historical ghost town.

(28) Rhyolite Ridge: 160 acres. Uncommon plant.

(29) Sarcobatus Flats: 30,000 acres. Large playa.

(30) Sheep Mountain Wash: 600 acres. Scenic values.

(31) Silver Bow Historical Site: 40 acres. Historical values.

(32) Soberup Gulch Petroglyphs: 20 acres. Great Basin petroglyphs.

(33) Stone Cabin Valley: 400,000 acres. Wild horses.

(34) Stonewall Mountain: 960 acres. Uncommon plants; riparian plant communities.

(35) Stormy-Abel Prehistoric District: 12,320 acres. Prehistoric sites.

(36) The Sump: 1,600 acres. Badlands area with scenic, paleontological, and geological values.

(37) Timber Mountain Caldera: 7,040 acres. Large volcanic feature.

(38) Tonopah Gem Fields: 80 acres. Geological values.

(39) Trap Springs-Gravel Bar Prehistoric District: 8,480 acres. Prehistoric sites.

(40) Tybo-McIntyre Charcoal Kilns: Four sites totaling 80 acres. Historic charcoal kilns.

(41) Weepah Historical Site: 100 acres. Historical values.

(42) White Rock Canyon: 40 acres. Scenic values.

(43) Yellow Hills: 4,000 acres. Scenic values.

ACEC designations highlight areas where special management attention is needed to protect, and prevent irreparable damage to, important historic, cultural, or scenic values; fish or wildlife resources; or other natural systems or processes. ACECs may also be designated to protect human life and safety from natural hazards. The ACEC designation indicates to the public that the BLM recognizes that an area has significant values and has established special management measures to protect those values.

To be considered a potential ACEC an area must meet criteria of both relevance and importance. These criteria are described in BLM Manual 1613, Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, section 1613.1.11, and are summarized below.

Relevance. An area meets the relevance criteria if it contains one or more of the following:

1. A significant historic, cultural, or scenic value.

2. A fish or wildlife resource.

3. A natural process or system (including but not limited to areas supporting rare, endemic, relic, or endangered plant species, or rare geological features)

4. Natural hazards (areas of avalanche, unstable soils, rockfall, etc.)

Importance. An area meets the importance criteria if it is characterized by one or more of the following:

1. Has more than locally significant qualities.

2. Has qualities or circumstances that make it fragile, sensitive, irreplaceable, rare, unique, etc.

3. Has been recognized as warranting protection to satisfy national priority concerns or to carry out the mandates of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act.

4. Has qualities which warrant concern about safety and public welfare.

5. Poses a significant threat to human life and safety, or to property.

Nominations for additional ACECs submitted by the public should be accompanied by descriptive materials, maps showing the location and outline of the nominated area, and a discussion of evidence supporting the relevance and importance of the resources or hazards in the area. For those areas already nominated as ACECs, the public is encouraged to comment on the relevance and importance of those areas and to recommend appropriate management strategies for protecting their values. Additional information on

areas previously nominated is available from the Tonopah Field Station through the contacts listed above.

All ACEC nominations and comments on the ACEC Plan Amendment process, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the above address during regular business hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the environmental assessment document that will address the impacts of designating selected ACECs. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: January 30, 1998.

**Ron Huntsinger,**

*Tonopah Field Station Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[AK-910-0777-74]

#### Notice of Alaska Resource Advisory Council Meeting

**SUMMARY:** The Alaska Resource Advisory Council will conduct an open meeting Tuesday, March 3, 1998, from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday, March 4, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. The council will review BLM land management issues and take public comment on those issues. The meeting will be held at the BLM Northern District Office, 1150 University Avenue, Fairbanks, AK.

Public comments will be taken from 2-3 p.m. Tuesday, March 3. Written comments may be submitted at the meeting or mailed to the address below prior to the meeting.

**ADDRESS:** Inquiries about the meeting should be sent to External Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, 222 W. 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, AK 99513-7599.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Teresa McPherson, (907) 271-5555.

Dated: February 4, 1998.

**Sally Wisely,**

*Associate State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[UT-040-08-1430-00; UTU-75154]

#### Notice of Realty Action; Recreation and Public Purpose Conveyance

**SUMMARY:** The following described public land in Garfield County, Utah has been examined and found suitable for lease or conveyance under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*). The land to be leased or conveyed and the proposed patentee is:

*Patentee:* Boulder Town, Utah

*Location:* Salt Lake Meridian, Utah T. 33S., R.4E., sec. 25 & 26, Tract 37, containing 7.5 acres.

This land is hereby segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws.

The town of Boulder, Utah proposes to use this land to construct a community recreation and visitor center. The land is not needed for Federal purposes. Conveyance or lease is consistent with current BLM land use planning and would be in the public interest. The patent when issued will be subject to the following terms, conditions and reservations:

1. All minerals, including oil and gas, shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine and remove the same.

2. A right-of-way will be reserved for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States (Act of August 30, 1890, 26 Stat. 391; 43 U.S.C. 945).

3. The conveyance will be subject to all valid rights and reservations of record.

4. The town of Boulder assumes all liability for and shall defend, indemnify, and save harmless the United States and its officers, agents, representatives, and employees (hereinafter referred to as the United States), from all claims, loss, damage, actions, causes of action, expense, and liability resulting from, brought for, or on account of, any personal injury, threat of personal injury, or property damage received or sustained by any person or persons (including the patentee's employees) or property growing out of, occurring, or the release of hazardous substances from the above

listed land, regardless of whether such claims shall be attributable to: (1) the concurrent, contributory, or partial fault, failure, or negligence of the United States, or (2) the sole fault, failure, or negligence of the United States.

5. Title may revert to the United States upon a finding, after notice and opportunity for a hearing, that the patentee has not substantially developed the lands in accordance with the approved plan of development on or before the date five years after the date of conveyance.

**DATES:** Interested persons may submit comments regarding the proposed lease or conveyance of the land to the Area Manager, Escalante Resource Area Office, P. O. Box 225, Escalante, Utah 84726. Comments will be accepted until March 30, 1998. Any Adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director who may vacate or modify this realty action and issue a final determination. In the absence of any adverse comments, this notice will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior on April 13, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the Escalante Resource Area office by contacting Darrell "Butch" Olsen, P. O. Box 225, Escalante, Utah 84726, or telephone (801) 826-4291.

Dated: January 16, 1998.

**Gregg Christensen,**

*Area Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of a currently approved information collection.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, MMS invites the public and other Federal agencies to comment on a proposal to extend the currently approved collection of information discussed below. The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid