

entirety. The classifications no longer serve a needed purpose as to the lands described above.

3. Until appropriate rules and regulations are issued by the Secretary of the Interior, the reserved minerals on 774.375 acres of conveyed lands, as described above, will not be subject to location under the U.S. mining laws.

4. At 10 a.m. on March 30, 1998, 225.625 acres of public lands, as described above, will be opened to the operation of the public land laws generally, subject to valid existing rights, the provision of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirement of applicable law. All valid applications received at or prior to 10 a.m. on March 30, 1998 shall be considered as simultaneously filed at that time. Those received thereafter shall be considered in the order of filing.

5. At 10 a.m. on March 30, 1998, 225.625 acres of public lands, as described above, will be opened to location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. Appropriation of any of the lands described in this notice under the general mining laws prior to the date and time of restoration is unauthorized. Any such attempted appropriation, including attempted adverse possession under 30 U.S.C. 38 (1994), shall vest no rights against the United States. Acts required to establish a location and to initiate a right of possession are governed by State law where not in conflict with Federal law. The Bureau of Land Management will not intervene in disputes between rival locators over possessory rights since Congress has provided for such determination in local courts.

Dated: February 18, 1998.

Ed Hastey,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK-020-08-1220-00-241A]

Notice of Availability of the Squirrel River Draft Environmental Impact Statement

SUMMARY: The Northern District of the Bureau of Land Management in Alaska has prepared a draft environmental impact statement on a proposal to make

the Squirrel River, located in northwestern Alaska, a component of the national wild and scenic rivers system. The draft EIS is available February 27, 1998. The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act identifies the Squirrel River in Section 5(a), and requires the Department of the Interior to conduct a study on the suitability of the river as a worthy addition to the national system. That authority was delegated to the BLM. A draft environmental impact statement has been prepared because the National Environmental Protection Act calls for the preparation of draft and final environmental impact statements whenever a proposal results from a study process required by statute.

Dates and Locations: Written comments must be received or postmarked on or before April 28, 1998. Public meetings will be held at:

Kiana, Alaska: April 9, 1998; old City Office. Open House 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Public meeting begins 1 p.m.

Kotzebue, Alaska: April 10, 1998, Alaska Technical Center. Open House 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Public Meeting begins 1 p.m.

Fairbanks, Alaska: April 16, 1998; BLM-Northern District Office Building, 1150 University Ave. Open House 2 to 5 p.m.; Public Meeting begins 5 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: General information: Susan Will, (907) 474-2338. Technical information: Lon Kelly, (907) 474-2368. Public meetings in Kiana and Kotzebue: Randy Meyers, (907) 442-3430.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An electronic version of the document is available on the Internet at: <http://aurora.ak.blm.gov/squirrel>.

Copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement can be obtained by writing to: Bureau of Land Management, 1150 University Ave., Fairbanks, AK, 99709-3899; or by calling 1-800-437-7021 or (907) 474-2200.

Dated: February 20, 1998.

Lon Kelly,

Squirrel River Coordinator.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-910-0777-30]

BLM Nevada State Office Moves From 850 Harvard Way, Reno, NV to 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno, NV 89502, on March 10, 1998

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Bureau of land management Nevada State Office Move Location and date.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management's Nevada State Office will move March 10, 1998, to 1340 Financial Blvd. Near McCarran and Mill Streets. The public room at 850 Harvard Way will close for business at noon, March 10, 1998, and will reopen at 1340 Financial Blvd. on March 16, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Atanda Clinger, Records Administrator, Public Contact and Records Sub-Unit, Bureau of Land Management Nevada State Office, 850 Harvard Way, Reno, Nevada, 89502-2055, telephone for 850 Harvard Way, 702-785-6632, for 1340 Financial Blvd., 702-861-6400.

Dated: February 20, 1998.

Jo Simpson,

Chief, External Affairs, BLM Nevada State Office.

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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.
ACTION: Recreation and Public Purpose Lease/Conveyance.

SUMMARY: The following public lands in Clark County, Nevada, have 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 lands are needed for development of a Senior High School.

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T.22 S., R. 60 E.,
Section 9, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$

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).