

leased from the Bureau of Land Management be patented to the County under the authority of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act of June 14, 1926, as amended. Pending the completion of the Environmental Assessment (EA) and the Landfill Transfer Audit (LTA), it is the intent of the Bureau of Land Management to convey the lands to the County of Modoc. The Intent to Convey involves the following lands located in the County of Modoc, California:

Federal Lands to be conveyed to the County of Modoc:

Mount Diablo Meridian, California

1. Cedarville: T 43 N, R 17 E, Sec. 34, Lot 3, 6, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$; CA 15801 containing 60.00 acres.
2. Eagleville: T 40 N, R 17 E, Sec. 21, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ (within); CAS 308
3. Lake City: T 43 N, R 16 E, Sec. 3, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ (within); CAS 309
4. Likely: T 39 N, R 13 E, Sec. 11, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ (within); CAS 310
5. Davis Creek: T 45 N, R 14 E, Sec. 29, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ (within); CA 6549

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Conveyance is consistent with current BLM land use planning and is in the public interest. The County of Modoc is a qualified applicant for conveyance. Final determination of the Intent to Convey will be made using public comments, an Environmental Assessment (EA) and a Landfill Transfer Audit (LTA). The conveyance document (patent) for the Federal public lands will include the following terms, conditions or 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. Provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act and applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.
3. All valid and existing rights documented on the official public land records at the time of patent issuance.
4. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals.

Upon publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**, the public lands described above are segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mineral laws except for lease or conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws for a period of five years from the date of publication. The segregative effect shall terminate as provided by 43 CFR 2741.5(h)(2).

Detailed information concerning the Intent to Convey is available at the

Alturas Resource Area Office, 708 West 12th Street, Alturas, CA, 96101 and Surprise Resource Area Office, 602 Cressler Street, CA 96104 or by contacting Jerry Wheeler at 530-233-4666 or Joe McFarlan at 530-279-6101. For a period of 45 days after the initial publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments to the Alturas Field Manager, Alturas Field Office at the above address. Send comments to the Surprise Field Manager, Surprise Field Office at P.O. Box 460, Cedarville, CA 96104.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the California State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**.

Susan T. Stokke,

Manager, BLM Surprise Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Prepare a Land Disposal Plan Amendment for the Judith-Valley-Phillips and West HiLine Resource Management Plans

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will amend the Judith-Valley-Phillips and West HiLine Resource Management Plans (RMPs). The Bureau of Land Management is amending the RMPs to allow the disposal of small isolated tracts which were not specifically identified and listed in the RMPs. The public land being considered is located in Blaine, Chouteau, Fergus, Glacier, Hill, Judith Basin, Liberty, Petroleum, Phillips, Toole, and Valley Counties, Montana. An environmental assessment will be prepared by the Lewistown District Office to analyze the impacts of this proposal and any alternatives.

DATES: Comments and recommendations on this notice to amend the Judith-Valley-Phillips and West HiLine RMPs should be received on or before June 8, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to David L. Mari, District Manager, Lewistown District Office, P.O. Box 1160, Lewistown, MT 59457-1160.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Majerus, 406-538-7461.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The West HiLine (1988) and Judith-Valley-Phillips (1994) Resource Management Plans (RMP) identified specific parcels of public land for disposal. Under these RMPs, a plan amendment is required for any land exchange, or sale, that involves public land not specifically identified for disposal and listed in the RMPs no matter how small and insignificant the sale or exchange. Over the past seven years this has required six plan amendments to complete eight minor land sales exchanges which ranged in size from 20 to 382 acres. The purpose of each amendment was to dispose of small isolated tracts that were not identified in the RMPs, but upon closer examination did meet disposal criteria. Completing this plan amendment would allow the BLM the option, and flexibility, to identify additional disposal tracts in the future, provided they meet the disposal criteria and the management objectives in the RMPs. Under the plan amendment, additional disposal tracts would not be identified for major land exchanges that do not meet RMP objectives.

(Authority: Sec. 202, Pub. L. 94-579, 90 Stat. 2747 (43 U.S.C. 1712))

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M. James Feist,

Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Draft General Management Plan / Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Marsh-Billings National Historical Park, Vermont

AGENCY: National Park Service Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of Draft General Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Council on Environmental Quality regulations and National Park Service policy, this notice announces the availability for public review of a Draft General Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Marsh-Billings National Historical Park, Windsor County, Vermont. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act 102(2)(C) of 1969, the environmental impact statement was prepared to assess the impacts of implementing the general management plan.