

appropriation under the public land laws, including mineral location under the general mining laws. The land has been and will remain open to the mineral leasing laws.

2. Pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), and the regulations contained in 43 CFR 2091.7-1(b)(1)(iii), the classification, dated April 9, 1976, which classified the above described public land for lease for recreation and public purposes is hereby terminated in its entirety. The classification no longer serves a needed purpose as to the land described above.

3. At 10 a.m. on June 9, 1998, the public land, 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 June 9, 1998 shall be considered as simultaneously filed at that time. Those received thereafter shall be considered in the order of filing.

4. At 10 a.m. on June 9, 1998, the public land, 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 land 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: June 2, 1998.

Al Wright,

Acting State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to withdraw 3,716.83 acres of public lands and 858.52 acres of federally reserved mineral interests underlying private surface estate in Sandoval and McKinley Counties to protect an area having high potential for development of a mineral material, humate (a carbonaceous shale). This notice closes 3,716.83 acres of public lands for up to 2 years from surface entry and mining and closes 858.52 acres of federally reserved mineral interests from mining under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights. The lands will remain open to mineral leasing.

DATES: Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by September 8, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments and requests for a public meeting should be sent to the Albuquerque Field Manager, BLM, 435 Montano NE., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Debby Lucero, BLM Albuquerque Field Office, (505) 761-8787.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 14, 1998, a petition was approved allowing the BLM to file an application to withdraw the following described public lands from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights:

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 19 N., R. 4 W.

Sec. 4, lots 3 and 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 6, lots 3 to 7, inclusive, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 7, lots 1 and 4;

Sec. 8;

Sec. 9, N $\frac{1}{2}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 16, NE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 17;

Sec. 18, E $\frac{1}{2}$.

T. 19 N., R. 5 W.

Sec. 5, SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 7, lots 1 and 2, E $\frac{1}{2}$, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The areas described aggregate 3,716.83 acres in Sandoval and McKinley Counties.

And to withdraw the following described mineral interests underlying

private surface estate from mining under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights:

T. 19 N., R. 4 W.

Sec. 6, lots 1 and 2, and S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 7, lots 2 and 3;

Sec. 9, SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 19 N., R. 6 W.

Sec. 10, W $\frac{1}{2}$, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$.

The areas described aggregate 858.52 acres in Sandoval and McKinley Counties.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to segregate the above described lands from mineral entry so a mineral material, humate (a carbonaceous shale) can be offered for sale.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to the Albuquerque Field Manager of the Bureau of Land Management.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the Albuquerque Field Manager within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR part 2300.

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the land will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. The temporary uses which may be permitted during this segregative period are licenses, permits, cooperative agreements, or discretionary land use authorizations of a temporary nature but only with the approval of an authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management.

Dated: June 2, 1998.

Amy L. Lueders,

Acting Field Manager.

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