

described in this order 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 determinations in local courts.

Dated: August 26, 1998.

Bob Armstrong,

Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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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; Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management proposes to withdraw 77.04 acres of public land for a period of 50 years to protect and preserve a series of geothermal springs, water quality, and critical habitat for listed endangered fish species. This notice closes the land for up to 2 years from surface entry and mining while various studies and analyses are made to make a final decision. The land will remain open to mineral leasing.

DATE: Comments and requests for meeting should be received on or before November 30, 1998.

ADDRESS: Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the Nevada State Director, BLM, 1340 Financial Blvd., P.O. Box 12000, Reno, Nevada 89520-0006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis J. Samuelson, BLM Nevada State Office, 702-861-6532.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 13, 1998, a petition was approved allowing the Bureau of Land Management to file an application to withdraw the following described public land from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws, but not

the mineral leasing laws, subject to valid existing rights:

Mount Diablo Meridian

T. 5 S., R. 61 E.,

Sec. 31, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 6 S., R. 61 E.,

Sec. 6, lot 4.

The area described contains 77.04 acres in Lincoln County.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to protect a series of springs known as Ash Springs. These geothermal springs provide habitat for two species of fish listed as endangered by the Fish and Wildlife Service. The proposed withdrawal is in conformance with the Bureau of Land Management Las Vegas/Caliente Resource Area Management Framework Plan and the Ash Springs Coordinated Resource Management Plan.

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 Nevada State Director 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 Nevada State Director 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 lands will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. Other uses which will be permitted during this segregative period are rights-of-way, leases, and permits.

Dated: August 26, 1998.

William K. Stowers,

Lands Team Lead.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Advisory Council Public Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, announcement is made of a meeting of the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Advisory Council.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled to begin at about 1:00 pm, Monday October 19, 1998 and recess at about 5:00 pm. The council will briefly reconvene the following day at about 3:00 pm and adjourn at about 3:30 pm.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the first floor conference room, the National Education Association Building, 130 S. Capitol, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. David Trueman, Colorado River Salinity Control Program Manager, Bureau of Reclamation, UC-228, Mail Room 6107, 125 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84138-1102; Telephone: (801) 524-3753.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Council members will be briefed on the status of salinity control activities and receive input for drafting the Council's annual report. The Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, and the Environmental Protection Agency will each present a progress report and a schedule of activities on salinity control in the Colorado River Basin. The Council will discuss salinity control activities and the content of their report.

The meeting of the Advisory Council is open to the public. Any member of the public may file written statements with the Council before, during, or after the meeting, in person or by mail. To the extent that time permits, the Council chairman may allow public presentation of oral statements at the meeting.

Dated: August 27, 1998.

Stanley L. Ponce,

Director, Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Glen Canyon Technical Work Group

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.