

Winnemucca Boulevard, Winnemucca, NV 89445. In the absence of timely objections, this proposal shall become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

Dated: October 19, 1998.

Terry Reed,

Field Manager, Winnemucca, Nevada.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Imperial County, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management proposes to withdraw 9,360.74 acres of public land in Imperial County to protect the archaeological and cultural resources located in the Indian Pass Area of Critical Environmental Concern and Expanded Management Area. Publication of this notice segregates the land proposed to be withdrawn, subject to valid existing rights, for a 2-year period from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws. The land will remain open to the operations of the mineral leasing, geothermal leasing, and material sales laws.

DATES: Comments and request for a public meeting must be received by February 1, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the Field Manager, El Centro Field Office (CA-067), 1661 South 4th Street, El Centro, California 92243-4561.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Zale, BLM, El Centro Field Office, (760) 337-4420.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 26, 1998, a petition was approved allowing the Bureau of Land Management to file an application to withdraw for a 20-year period, and subject to valid existing rights, 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, geothermal leasing, or the material sales laws, subject to valid existing rights:

San Bernardino Meridian

T. 13 S., R. 20 E.,

Sec. 25, E $\frac{1}{2}$.

T. 13 S., R. 21 E.,

Sec. 21, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 28, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Secs. 29 to 33, inclusive.

T. 14 S., R. 20 E.,

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

Sec. 11, E $\frac{1}{2}$;

Secs. 12 to 14, inclusive.

T. 14 S., R. 21 E.,

Sec. 4, lots 1 and 2 of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 5, lots 1 and 2 of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, lots 1 and 2 of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 6, lots 1 and 2 of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, lots 1 & 2 of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, lots 1 and 2 of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

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

Sec. 8, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 17, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 18, lots 1 and 2 of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 9,360.74 acres in Imperial County.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to protect the archaeological and cultural resources in the Indian Pass Area of Critical Environmental Concern and Expanded Management Area (collectively the "Indian Pass area"). The Indian Pass area is considered to be a sacred site by the Quechan people.

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 Field Manager, El Centro Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management.

Notice is hereby given that a public meeting will be held to discuss the proposed withdrawal and solicit comments from the public regarding it. 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 2300. The application and case file are available for public inspection at the El Centro Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management.

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. During the segregation period various studies and analyses will be conducted. No action as to the proposed withdrawal shall be taken until these studies and analyses are completed. The temporary uses which may be permitted during this segregative period are those which are compatible with the use of

land, as determined by the Bureau of Land Management.

Dated: October 27, 1998.

Duane Marti,

Acting Chief, Branch of Lands.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement; Backcountry and Wilderness Management Plan, Joshua Tree National Park, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, CA

SUMMARY: Pursuant to § 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190 as amended), the National Park Service (NPS), Department of the Interior, has prepared a supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) assessing alternatives for, and potential impacts of, a proposed Backcountry and Wilderness Management Plan for Joshua Tree National Park.

BACKGROUND: After an initial public review and comment phase, thorough review of all comments received, and with consideration of the Joshua Tree National Park Advisory Commission's input, the NPS has determined it necessary to issue a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS). The SEIS expands upon the conservation planning and impact analysis undertaken in the original DEIS, and contains: an update on the planning process; a discussion of an additional alternative, which constitutes the new proposed action; a discussion of foreseeable environmental consequences if this new alternative were to be implemented; and summary tables comparing the actions and consequences of all five alternatives.

COMMENTS: The formal review period for the SEIS document extends through December 31, 1998. Reviewers may address any aspect of the DEIS or SEIS. All written comments must be postmarked not later than December 31, 1998, and sent to: Superintendent, Joshua Tree National Park, 74485 National Park Drive, Twentynine Palms, California 92277.

Dated: October 21, 1998.

William C. Walters,

Acting Regional Director, Pacific West.

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