

and (5) No Commercial Timber Harvest Alternative (including conservation strategies for habitats and wildlife, with 100 percent of the lands in a no-commercial harvest reserve). Alternatives 3, 4, and 5 include essentially the same conservation strategies for streams, riparian areas, upland habitat, and special habitat areas, as Alternative 2, the Proposed Action.

Anadromous fish mitigation alternatives include: (1) No Action (continued operation of a pilot sockeye salmon hatchery with no guarantee of mitigation for chinook salmon, coho salmon, or steelhead trout); (2) Proposed Action (conservation strategies for chinook salmon, coho salmon, sockeye salmon, and steelhead trout, including upstream and downstream passage facilities, and habitat restoration and protection measures, with expansion of the sockeye hatchery to produce 34 million fry annually); (3) Down-sized Sockeye Hatchery Alternative with savings going towards downstream habitat restoration (with expansion of the sockeye hatchery to produce 17 million fry annually); (4) Deferred Hatchery Construction Alternative contingent on further studies; and (5) All Downstream Habitat Restoration and Protection Alternative (all funding would be used for habitat restoration and protection, and none for sockeye hatchery expansion).

Instream flow alternatives include: (1) No Action (continue current flow management practices); and (2) Proposed Action, with primary features including guaranteed flows and supplemental flows for salmon and steelhead trout spawning and fry outmigration for sockeye salmon in the lower Cedar River; adaptive management of flows for protection of salmon and steelhead redds (egg clusters); funding for improvements at Ballard Locks for juvenile outmigration, establishment of minimum flows necessary for anadromous and resident fish in bypass reach below Masonry Dam; established downramping rates, maintain existing annual municipal water yield; public service announcements promoting water conservation for fish; Lower Cedar River monitoring study of tributary and subsurface inflows; and establishment of a multi-agency commission to advise the City with respect to managing flows for fish.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(a) of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations, and the Services will evaluate the application, associated documents, and

comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application meets the requirements of the Act and National Environmental Policy Act. If it is determined that the requirements are met, a permit will be issued for the incidental take of listed species. The final permit decision will be made no sooner than 60 days from the date of this notice.

Dated: December 4, 1998.

**Anne Badgley,**

*Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Realty Action for Proposed Agricultural Lease of Public Lands, Nevada

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** The conversion of an existing Agricultural Land Use Permit to an Agricultural Lease.

The proposed action is in conformance with the Paradise-Denio Management Framework Plan, dated July 9, 1982.

The public lands proposed for leasing under provisions of section 302 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976 and 43 CFR Part 2920 are described as follows:

#### Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 36 N., R. 34 E.,

Sec. 20: W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 28: W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 30: Lot 1, N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 32: Lots 2 and 3;

Sec. 34: W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The proposal would encumber 123± acres of public land.

The public lands affected by the proposed lease are adjacent to Crawford Farms, north of Jungo Road, approximately 25 miles west of Winnemucca, Nevada on the west side of Blue Mountain. The lands are currently under cultivation, so no additional surface disturbance of the area would occur as a result of this lease.

No other proposals will be accepted. The affected parcels are currently being farmed by the applicant. The proposed lease would be issued in order to convert an existing Agricultural Land

Use Permit to an Agricultural Lease. The original land use permit was issued to resolve an unintentional trespass, that was discovered when a dependent resurvey of township was completed. Use of the parcels by the applicant has been permitted since 1993. The proposed lease would be in effect until a determination is made by the Bureau of Land Management on whether it is in the public's interests to sell the lands to the applicant for agricultural purposes, or terminate the agricultural use of the public lands. Therefore, no other proposals would be acceptable.

The proposal would be authorized by a lease for a term of 10 years. The lease could be renewed at the discretion of the authorized officer.

Fair annual rental has been determined to be \$1,200.00 per year. The rental determination was made, by appraisal completed on October 9, 1998, and approved by the BLM Nevada Chief, State Appraiser on October 15, 1998. The rental will be subject to review and adjustment every five (5) years to reflect the current fair market value.

The United States shall reserve the right to issue compatible rights-of-way or use permits over the leased lands. Such uses, however, shall not unduly impair the use of the lands for authorized purposes nor damage authorized improvements therein. The United States shall also reserve all of the coal, oil, gas, and other mineral deposits in the leased land together with the right to enter upon and prospect for, mine, and remove such minerals. The proposed lease would be issued subject to valid existing rights, easements, and rights-of-way of record.

For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments to the Field Manager, Winnemucca Field Office, 5100 E. Winnemucca Boulevard, Winnemucca, Nevada 89445. In the absence of adverse comments, an application for the proposed use will be processed in accordance with proper application procedures.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary Figarelle, Realty Specialist, Winnemucca Field Office, 5100 E. Winnemucca Boulevard, Winnemucca, Nevada 89445, or call (702) 623-1500.

Dated: December 2, 1998.

**Michael R. Holbert,**

*Acting Field Manager, Winnemucca, Nevada.*

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