

Council will meet beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the conference room of the Holiday Inn Express, 1800 Monterey Street in San Luis Obispo. Agenda items will include a discussion of giant Sequoia ecology, fees and guidelines for recreation on public land, the distribution of range improvement funds, and agricultural land retirement in the Central Valley. A public comment period is scheduled beginning at 11:00 a.m., March 30. Anyone may discuss any public land issue with the Council at that time. Written comments will be accepted at the meeting, or at the address below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Larry Mercer, Public Affairs Officer, Bureau of Land Management, 3801 Pegasus Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93308, telephone 661-391-6010.

Dated: March 9, 1999.

**John Skibinski,**

*Associate Field Office Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[UT-030-99-1610-00]

#### Land Use Restrictions: Utah; Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument; Off-Highway Vehicle Use

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a temporary closure to off-highway vehicle use for protection of the Kodachrome Bladder Pod (*Lesquerella tumulosa*) endangered plant species near Kodachrome Basin, Utah.

**SUMMARY:** This notice closes approximately 3,062 acres to off-highway vehicle (OHV) use, with one designated route within the closed area. OHV access on the designated route, Rock Springs Bench Road, will remain open. Access and use on private land are not affected by this closure. The legal descriptions for the closed area is: All of T38S R02W Sections 23, 22, 21 and the parts of T38S R02W Sections 15, 16, and 17 that are within Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument boundaries. Temporary fencing and signing may be used as necessary to facilitate this action. The authority for this action is 43 CFR 8341.2.

**DATES:** This closure will begin immediately and remain in effect pending completion of a Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument

Management Plan, which is expected to be completed by the fall of 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of maps are available at the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Office, 337 S. Main, Suite 010, Cedar City, Utah, 84720.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tom Leatherman, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Office, at (435) 865-5107.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 3,062 acre habitat includes the area near Kodachrome Basin State Park. The Bladder Pod was listed as an endangered plant species on October 6, 1993. Most of the area is currently designated as open to OHV use as documented in the Paria Management Framework Plan completed in 1981. Under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, BLM is required to protect the habitat for all listed species. Monitoring plots were established in 1997 to determine changes in the population. In 1998, when these plots were visited, mortality from OHV use was documented. An interdisciplinary team was assigned to review the protection requirements and determine appropriate actions to protect this population. The team determined impairment was occurring and that closure of the area was appropriate to protect this species. Therefore, BLM is temporarily closing the area to OHV use. The Rock Springs Bench Road, a designated OHV access route, will remain open. Access and use on private lands in the area is not affected by these restrictions.

**G. William Lamb,**

*State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NV-930-1430-05;N-63021 and N-63022]

#### Notice of Realty Action Lease/ conveyance for Recreation and Public Purposes

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

**ACTION:** Recreation and public purpose lease/conveyance.

**SUMMARY:** The following described public land in Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada has been examined and found suitable for lease/conveyance for recreational or public purposes under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*). The City of Las

Vegas proposes to use the land for a Metropolitan Police Academy and Public Park.

#### Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

Park Site:

T. 20S. R. 60E. Sec. 7

N $\frac{1}{2}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$

25 acres

Metropolitan Police Academy:

T. 20S. R. 60E. Sec. 7

S $\frac{1}{2}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$

5 acres

Containing 30 acres, more or less.

The land is not required for any federal purpose. The lease/conveyance is consistent with current Bureau planning for this area and would be in the public interest. The lease/patent, when issued, will be subject to the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, and will contain the following 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. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine and remove such deposits from the same under applicable law and such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe.

and will be subject to:

An easement 50 feet in width along the South boundary, 40 feet in width along the West boundary in favor of the City of Las Vegas for roads, public utilities and flood control purposes.

Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, 4765 W. Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the above described land will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease/conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, leasing under the mineral leasing laws and disposals under the mineral material disposal laws. For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed lease/conveyance for classification of the lands to the Field Manager, Las Vegas Field Office, 4765 Vegas Dr., Las Vegas, Nevada 89108.