

purposes that are not detrimental to the survival of the species and that are not primarily commercial.

The ZSSD applied for and was granted a permit in 1995 to import two giant pandas for scientific research. They imported the pandas in September 1996. Conditions of the permit require the ZSSD to submit an annual report summarizing the research they conducted for that year. The ZSSD's research is primarily focused on investigating the communication system of giant pandas, particularly the olfactory modality. Their investigations on captive pandas can have implications for management of pandas in the wild. Olfactory signaling plays a key role in mate location, maintaining community social structure and spatial regulation. The ZSSD's panda research has four basic goals: (1) to develop new methodologies for assessing population trends and habitat use in China's spatially restricted reserves; (2) to increase the understanding of physiology, behavior, and reproductive biology, in particular those aspects that would assist in the management of the wild population; (3) to contribute to a more viable collaborative structure for international research efforts in all spheres where giant pandas are found; and (4) to contribute to the process of educating governments, conservation NGOs and the general public on the giant panda's attributes and vulnerability to extinction.

The ZSSD is addressing these goals through a series of studies that have specific aims. The reports reflect the progress that the ZSSD has made toward these goals.

Dated: March 30, 1999.

**Teiko Saito,**

*Chief, Office of Management Authority.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[ID-065-1220-00]

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Upper Columbia-Salmon Clearwater Districts, Idaho.

**ACTION:** Notice of Closure and Restriction Order for BLM Lands in Fiddle Creek Area, Order No. ID-060-14.

**SUMMARY:** By order, the following closures and restrictions apply to the area known as "Fiddle Creek," described as all public land administered by the Bureau of Land

Management in T.25N., R.1E., sections 22, 23, and 27, Idaho County, Idaho.

(1) Camping is prohibited.

(2) The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages by persons under the age of 21 is prohibited.

For the purpose of this closure, camping is defined as erecting a tent or shelter, preparing a sleeping bag or other bedding material for use, parking a motor vehicle, motor home or trailer for the apparent purpose of overnight occupancy.

The authority for establishing these closures and restrictions is Title 43, CFR, Section 8364.1.

The closures and restrictions are in effect from April 15, 1999 through April 20, 1999.

The closures and restrictions do not apply to:

(1) Any Federal, State, or local law enforcement, rescue or fighting force while in the performance of an official duty.

(2) Any Bureau of Land Management employee, agent, or contractor while in the performance of an official duty.

The closures and restrictions are necessary to protect persons, property, public lands and resources. Persons abusing alcohol cause a public disturbance, particularly at night, and create a risk to other persons on public lands.

Violation of this order is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed one year.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Greg Yuncevich, Area Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Cottonwood Field Office, Route 3, Box 181, Cottonwood, ID 83522.

Dated: March 3, 1999.

**Fritz U. Rennebaum,**

*District Manager.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[MT-070-99-1030-00]

**Notice of Realty Action: Lease**

**AGENCY:** Butte Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

**ACTION:** Notice of Realty Action, proposal to lease Public Land in Lewis & Clark County, Montana.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management proposes to issue a non-competitive lease on the following described public land to resolve an unintentional occupancy trespass:

**Principal Meridian, Montana**

T. 12 N., R. 6 W., Sec. 36, a Metes and Bounds tract within Lot 35; comprising 0.90 acres.

The public land is located near Marysville, Montana approximately 20 miles northwest of Helena, Montana.

The lease would be issued under Section 302 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976: 43 U.S.C. 1732, and subsequent regulations found at 43 CFR Part 2920. The lease would be issued for a term of 30 years with the right of renewal. Fair market rental will be collected on 5 year intervals subject to reappraisal at the beginning of each period. A final determination on the lease of the public land will be made after completion of the environmental assessment.

**DATES:** 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 Butte Field Manager, P.O. Box 3388, Butte, Montana 59702.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gary Beals, Realty Specialist, P.O. Box 3088, Butte, Montana 59702; telephone 406-494-5059.

Dated: March 30, 1999.

**Merle Good,**

*Field Manager.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[NV030-5700-77; N-49077]

**Notice of Realty Action: Amendment to Airport Lease; Lyon County, Nevada**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management has received a request to amend an airport lease for the Tiger Field Airport (BLM Public Airport Lease N-49077) pursuant to the Act of May 24, 1928 (49 U.S.C. 211-214) to extend the lease term for a 10-year period (October 19, 1999 through October 18, 2009), to partially assign the lease so that it is held by Sheri Hill and Toybox Enterprises, Inc. and to add 84.68 acres to the lease. The amended lease area would include the following described lands:

All that certain land situated in a portion of section 36, Township 20 North, Range 24 East, Mount Diablo Meridian, Lyon County, Nevada; beginning at the south 1/4 corner of section 36, thence from said point of