

the Bridgeport Indian Colony to purchase at fair market value a 40 acre parcel adjacent to their existing reservation. The Tribe currently has a 40 acre reservation northeast of Bridgeport, Mono County, CA. The Tribe has been attempting to increase the size of their reservation to provide land for economic development, residential use and community services, including formal requests for withdrawal to the Bureau of Land Management as early as 1983. During development of the Bishop Resource Management Plan (approved March 1993), public land was identified for transfer to other tribal governments within the planning area. Despite the tribe's previously expressed interest in the adjacent 40 acres, the parcel was not evaluated for disposal to the tribe. The tribe has now formally requested that this 40 acre parcel immediately adjacent to the existing reservation be made available to them through a direct sale under the authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, Sec. 203 (43 USC 1713).

The requested sale would involve the following lands located northeast of Bridgeport and adjacent to Highway 182 in the County of Mono, California:

Selected Federal Lands, requested to be Patented to the Bridgeport Indian Colony:

Mount Diablo Meridian, California,

T. 5N., R. 25 E.,

Sec. 28, SW 1/4 of NE 1/4.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: A final decision on the sale proposal and the RMP amendment will be made following public comments and completion of an environmental analysis. The environmental analysis will evaluate a direct sale at fair market value and other alternatives. Factors to be considered include the proximity of the site to the Bridgeport Indian Colony reservation, the Department of the Interior's trust responsibilities to the Tribe, and the Rights-of-Way (ROW) encumbering the disposal parcel, some of which are held by the Bridgeport Tribe or directly support the Reservation. There are eight known ROWs within the 40 acre parcel that the Tribe would have to accept. These include:

CAS 2240 SCE Powerline, 25' wide;
CAS 059135 GTE Telephone line, 30' wide;
CAS 053545 Caltrans Highway 182, 400' wide;
CACA 6432 GTE Underground telephone cable, 10' wide;
CACA 6044 Indian Health Svcs, Pipeline and Powerline, 60' wide;
CACA 4083 BIA Road, dike, ditch and fill area, 60' wide;

CACA 8757 Bridgeport PUC Pipeline, 50' wide;
CACA 5332 SCE Powerline, guy and anchor point, 25' wide.

The following covenant would also be placed in the conveyance document: "Authorized rights-of-way and other valid third party rights will be recognized. The Proponent will negotiate new easement/permit agreements with third party rights. Patents to selected public lands will be issued subject to any third party rights not successfully negotiated and replaced by a Proponent easement or permit."

Upon publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**, the public lands described above are segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws for a period of 270 days from the date of publication. The segregative effect shall terminate as provided by 43 CFR 2711.1-2(d).

Detailed information concerning the RMP amendment and the requested sale is available at the BLM Bishop Field Office, 785 N. Main St. Suite E, Bishop, CA 93514 or by contacting Larry Primosch at (760) 872-4881.

COMMENTS: For a period of 45 days from the initial date of publication of this notice, interested parties may submit valid comments on the Bishop RMP amendment or the requested sale to the BLM Bishop Field Manager, 785 N. Main St. Suite E, Bishop, CA 93514. A public meeting will be held from 6-9 pm on October 12 at the Memorial Hall in the town of Bridgeport to gather comments and help define the issues which must be addressed in the environmental analysis.

Dated: September 22, 1999.

Steve Addington,

Field Manager, Bishop Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Realty Action; Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act Classification; Colorado

AGENCY: Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The following public lands in Gunnison County, Colorado have been examined and found suitable for classification for conveyance to the County of Gunnison, Colorado under

the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*). The County of Gunnison proposes to use the lands for a sanitary landfill.

New Mexico Principal Meridian, Colorado Township 49 North, Range 1 East, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Colorado

Sec. 10; S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 11; Lots 9-11 inclusive, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 14; W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 15; N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$;

The area described aggregates 319.95 acres, more or less.

A portion of the lands described, 150 acres, was previously classified as suitable for lease in 1983, and R&PP lease COC-35052 was issued to Gunnison County for a sanitary landfill. The County proposes to continue using the lands for a sanitary landfill. The lands are not needed for Federal purposes. Conveyance without reversionary interest is consistent with current BLM land use planning and would be in the public interest.

The patent, when issued, will be subject to the following terms, conditions and reservations:

1. Provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

2. A right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States.

3. The patentee shall comply with all Federal and State laws applicable to the disposal, placement or release of hazardous substances.

4. The patentee shall indemnify and hold harmless the United States against any legal liability or future costs that may arise out of any violation of such laws.

5. A provision stating that the landfill may contain small amounts of hazardous waste in the form of household or commercial materials.

6. No portion of the land covered by such patent shall under any circumstance revert to the United States.

Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, Gunnison Field Office, 216 N. Colorado St., Gunnison, Colorado.

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, except

for lease or conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws. For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested persons may submit comments regarding the proposed conveyance or classification of the lands to the Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Gunnison Field Office, 216 N. Colorado St., Gunnison, CO 81230.

CLASSIFICATION COMMENTS:

Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for a sanitary landfill. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the land is physically suited for the proposal, whether the use will maximize the future use or uses of the land, whether the use is consistent with local planning and zoning, or if the use is consistent with State and Federal programs.

APPLICATION COMMENTS:

Interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific use proposed in the application and plan of development, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land for a sanitary landfill.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective 60 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Signed September 24, 1999.

Barry A. Tollefson,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Acceptance of Plan of Operations; Mining Operations, CIMA Cinder Mine, Mojave National Preserve, San Bernardino County, California

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Section 9.17(a) of Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 9, Subpart A, that the National Park Service has received, and accepted as complete, from J. Lorene Caffee, the Cima Cinder Mine, a plan of operations on the Cinder No. 2 and Cinder No. 3 claims, in the Mojave National Preserve, located within San Bernardino County, California.

The plan of operations is available for public review and comment for a period

of 30 days from the publication date of this notice. The document can be viewed during normal business hours at the office of the Superintendent, Mojave National Reserve, 222 East Main Street, Suite 202, Barstow, California 92311. Individuals desiring to comment on the plan are notified that their names and addresses are generally available to the public.

Dated: September 13, 1999.

Mary G. Martin,

Superintendent, Mojave National Preserve.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the Operations of the Navajo Unit, Colorado River Storage Project, New Mexico and Colorado and Announcement of Public Scoping Meetings

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the operations of the Navajo Unit, Colorado River Storage Project, New Mexico and Colorado and announcement of public scoping meetings.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), announces its intent to prepare a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS), pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, on the Navajo Unit (Unit). The DEIS will describe the effects of operating the Unit to implement the flow recommendations provided by the San Juan River Basin Recovery Implementation Program (Program). The purpose of the proposed action is to mimic the natural hydrograph of the San Juan River to create and maintain habitat and a healthy biological community in order to conserve populations of two endangered fishes, the razorback sucker and the Colorado pikeminnow (formerly Colorado squawfish), while maintaining the other authorized purposes of the Unit, Colorado River Storage Project (CRSP). Such conservation is consistent with the recovery goals established under the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*

Reclamation invites other federal agencies, states, Indian Tribes, local

governments, and the general public to submit written comments or suggestions concerning the scope of the issues to be addressed in the DEIS. The public is invited to participate in a series of scoping meetings that will be held in November in Colorado and New Mexico (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section). Those not desiring to submit comments or suggestions at this time, but who would like to receive a copy of the DEIS, should write to the addresses below. When the DEIS is complete, its availability will be announced in the **Federal Register**, local news media, and through direct contact with interested parties so that comments can be solicited.

DATES AND LOCATIONS: See

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for meeting dates and locations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jone Wright, Bureau of Reclamation, Western Colorado Area Office, Northern Division, 2764 Compass Drive, Suite 106, Grand Junction, Colorado 81506, telephone: (970) 248-0636. FAX: (970) 248-0601. E-Mail: jwright@uc.usbr.gov or refer to Reclamation's web site at www.uc.usbr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Unit was authorized by Congress in 1956 as one of four key features of the CRSP intended to develop the water resources of the Upper Colorado River Basin for the purposes of:

* * * regulating the flow of the Colorado River, storing water for beneficial consumptive use, making it possible for the States of the Upper Basin to utilize, consistently with the provisions of the Colorado River Compact, the apportionments made to and among them in the Colorado River Compact and the Upper Colorado River Basin Compact, respectively, providing for the reclamation of arid and semiarid lands, for the control of floods, and for the generation of hydroelectric power, as an incident to the foregoing purposes. * * *

Other project purposes include a municipal and industrial water supply, recreation, and fish and wildlife.

Operations

After completion of the Unit in December 1963, the focus of the criteria for releasing water from the dam was primarily on meeting irrigation needs, providing flood control, maintaining stable flows, and providing a recreation pool in Navajo Reservoir. Over the last decade, however, the focus of the criteria and associated pattern for releasing water from the Unit has changed. The effects that Unit operations have had on endangered fishes and trout have resulted in various