

scenic study of river segments within the Park. Consequently, BLM determined that the Park's study provided a timely, efficient way for BLM and the National Park Service to evaluate the streams throughout their reaches across contiguous Federal lands. Thus, for purposes of wild and scenic river study only, BLM through a memorandum of understanding with Zion National Park, served as a co-lead agency in the development of the General Management Plan for Zion National Park and preparation of any associated environmental document. BLM and Zion National Park will cooperate as partners and strive to reach a joint conclusion as to eligibility, tentative classification, and suitability for each river segment where public lands are involved. It is recognized that although the BLM-managed river segments identified above may not be eligible for further study when considered on their own, they may be eligible when considered in conjunction with contiguous segments in the Park.

Two additional public land parcels at the head of the Middle Fork of Taylor Creek (T. 38 S., R. 11 W., Sec. 30: SWNW—40 acres), and at the head of Kolob Creek Narrows (T. 39 S., R. 10 W., Sec. 30: portions thereof—80 acres), may also be affected should the streams (that are within the Park) be determined suitable for Congressional designation into the National Wild and Scenic River System. Thus, river values involving these parcels have been addressed in the DEIS/GMP. Wild and scenic evaluations will be made by Zion National Park, the BLM, and other experts in accordance with the interagency guidelines of July 1996 titled "Wild and Scenic River Review in the State of Utah, Process and Criteria for Interagency Use."

BLM will prepare its own Record of Decision regarding stream segments that cross or otherwise affect BLM-managed public lands. Such decision will constitute a plan amendment for the St. George Resource Management Plan.

**Sally Wisely,**

*Utah State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### **Public Land Order No. 7426; Revocation of Bureau of Reclamation Order dated March 17, 1952, Partial Revocation of Public Land Order No. 4172, and Partial Revocation of Secretarial Order dated July 2, 1902; Arizona**

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

**ACTION:** Public Land Order.

**SUMMARY:** This order revokes a Bureau of Reclamation order in its entirety, and partially revokes a public land order and a Secretarial order insofar as they affect 1,818.20 acres of National Forest System lands withdrawn for the Orme Dam and Reservoir Project, State Highway 87 Roadside Zone, and Salt River Survey. The lands are no longer needed for the purposes for which they were withdrawn and the revocations are needed to accommodate a proposed Forest Service land exchange. Of the 1,818.20 acres being revoked, 599.28 acres are temporarily closed by the proposed exchange and 957.82 acres are included within other existing Bureau of Reclamation withdrawals. The remaining 261.10 acres will be opened to mining and to such forms of disposition as may by law be made of National Forest System lands. All of the lands have been and will remain open to mineral leasing.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 24, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cliff Yardley, BLM Arizona State Office, 222 North Central Ave., Phoenix, Arizona 85004-2203, 602-417-9437.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1994), it is ordered as follows:

1. The Bureau of Reclamation Order dated March 17, 1952, which withdrew lands for the Bureau of Reclamation's Orme Dam and Reservoir Project, is hereby revoked in its entirety. The area involved contains 1,806.62 acres, plus the area between the meanders of the left and right bank of the Verde River, in Maricopa County, as shown on the plats of survey officially filed July 29, 1964.

2. Public Land Order No. 4172 and the Secretarial Order dated July 2, 1902, which withdrew lands for State Highway 87 Roadside Zone, and Salt River Survey respectively, are hereby

revoked insofar as they affect the following described lands:

#### **Gila and Salt River Meridian**

Tonto National Forest

T. 3 N., R. 7 E.,  
sec. 27, lots 2, 3, and 5;  
sec. 28, lots 13 and 15.  
T. 4 N., R. 7 E.,  
sec. 27, lot 13.

The areas described aggregate 51.62 acres in Maricopa County.

3. The lands described in Paragraph 2, and the following described lands are hereby made available for exchange under the General Exchange Act of 1922:

#### **Gila and Salt River Meridian**

Tonto National Forest

T. 3 N., R. 7 E.,  
sec. 16, lots 9 to 12, inclusive;  
sec. 21, lots 9 to 12, inclusive, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
sec. 22, W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ .

The lands made available for exchange aggregate 631.71 acres in Maricopa County.

4. At 10 a.m. on January 24, 2000, the land described below shall be opened to such forms of disposition as may by law be made of National Forest System land, including location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law:

#### **Gila and Salt River Meridian**

Tonto National Forest

T. 3 N., R. 7 E.,  
sec. 27, lot 6, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
sec. 28, lots 10, 11, 14, and 16, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  
and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described contains 261.10 acres in Maricopa County.

Appropriation of lands described in this order under the general mining laws prior to the date and time of restoration is unauthorized. Any such attempted appropriation, including attempted adverse possession under 30 U.S.C. 38 (1994), shall vest no rights against the United States. Acts required to establish a location and to initiate a right of possession are governed by State law where not in conflict with Federal law. The Bureau of Land Management will not intervene in disputes between rival locators over possessory rights since Congress has provided for such determinations in local courts.

Dated: December 14, 1999.

**Kevin Gover,**

*Assistant Secretary of the Interior.*

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