

received on the DEIS and these are included with responses in the FEIS.

The FEIS analyzes three alternatives. The Proposed Action is to hold a competitive sealed-bid sale and issue a lease for the tract as applied for to the successful qualified bidder, if the bid meets or exceeds the fair market value of the tract as determined by the BLM. This is the preferred alternative of the BLM. The second alternative, Alternative 1, is the No Action Alternative which assumes that the tract will not be leased. The third alternative, Alternative 2, is to hold a competitive sealed-bid sale and issue a lease for the tract as modified by BLM to the successful qualified bidder, if the bid meets or exceeds the fair market value of the tract as determined by the BLM.

The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement is a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EIS because it is the Federal agency that would review the mining plans for the tract if it is leased, and recommend approval or disapproval of the mining plans to the Secretary of the Interior.

The lease application area is within the boundaries of the Thunder Basin National Grasslands. Some of the surface lands in the area were formerly under the jurisdiction of the United States and were administered by the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) as part of the Thunder Basin National Grasslands. As a result of recent land exchanges between the USFS and local landowners, however, there are no longer any surface lands within the lease application area that are under the jurisdiction of the USFS, and as a result, the USFS is not a cooperating agency in the preparation of this EIS.

Issues of concern that were identified related to this lease application include the potential impacts to wetlands, aquifers, agricultural producers, wildlife, wildlife habitat, wildlife-based recreation, cultural resources, public land access, and regional visibility that may occur if a lease is issued for this tract, and the potential for conflict with development of existing oil and gas leases in this area including coal bed methane. There are no producing oil or gas wells on the lease application area.

Comments received on the FEIS during the 30-day availability period, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Bureau of Land Management, Casper Field Office, 2987 Prospector Drive, Casper, Wyoming, during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address

from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: May 5, 2000.

Alan R. Pierson,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-930-1430-ET; Nev-059798]

Public Land Order No. 7443; Partial Revocation of Public Land Order No. 3512; Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public land order.

SUMMARY: This order partially revokes a public land order insofar as it affects 700.12 acres of public land withdrawn for use by the Bureau of Reclamation for the Robert B. Griffith Water Project. The land is no longer needed for the purpose for which it was withdrawn and the revocation is needed to facilitate a pending land exchange. The land will remain closed to location and entry under the mining laws, and from operation of the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws in accordance with Section 4(c) of the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 12, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dennis J. Samuelson, BLM Nevada State Office, P.O. Box 12000, Reno, Nevada 89520, 775-861-6532.

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. Public Land Order No. 3512, which withdrew public land for the Bureau of Reclamation's Robert B. Griffith Project, is hereby revoked insofar as it affects the following described land:

Mount Diablo Meridian

T. 21 S., R. 63 E.,

Sec. 26, lots 1, 6 to 13, inclusive, 16, 18 to 21, inclusive, and 23;

Sec. 27, SE¹/₄;

Sec. 34, lots 8, 10 to 13, inclusive, 15, 17, 24, and 26.

Sec. 35, lot 11.

The area described contains 700.12 acres in Clark County.

2. The land described in paragraph 1 is hereby made available for disposal in accordance with Section 4 of the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998, Public Law 105-263, 112 Stat. 2343, *et seq.*

Dated: April 28, 2000.

Sylvia V. Baca,

Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-958-1430-ET; GP0-0063; (OR-19008, OR-19087)]

Public Land Order No. 7444; Revocation of Executive Order Dated January 19, 1917, and Partial Revocation of Secretarial Order Dated January 19, 1917; Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.

SUMMARY: This order revokes an Executive order in its entirety and partially revokes a Secretarial order as to 3,690.67 acres of lands withdrawn for Bureau of Land Management Powersite Reserve No. 582 and Water Power Designation No. 3. The lands are no longer needed for the purpose for which they were withdrawn. This action will open approximately 3,690.67 acres to surface entry, subject to other segregations of record. All of the lands have been and will remain open to mining and mineral leasing subject to other segregations of record.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 10, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Allison O'Brien, BLM Oregon/Washington State Office, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208-2965, 503-952-6171.

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 Executive Order dated January 19, 1917 and the Secretarial Order dated January 19, 1917, which established Bureau of Land Management Power Site Reserve No. 582 and Water Power Designation No. 3 respectively, are hereby revoked insofar as they affect the following described lands: