

Dated: September 18, 2000.

Gary Edwards,

Deputy Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-350-1430-EU; CACA-20540]

Opening Order

AGENCY: United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Termination of Recreation and Public Purposes Classification and Opening Order, Lassen County, California.

SUMMARY: This notice effects public lands in Lassen County, California within T.30 N., R.12 E., Section 21, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SESE, M.D.M. Classification under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act is terminated by this notice and opens the affected lands to disposal by exchange.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 28, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Wannebo, Realty Specialist, Eagle Lake Field Office, BLM, 2950 Riverside Drive, Susanville CA 96130, (530) 257-0456.

Dated: September 22, 2000.

Linda D. Hansen,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK-040-1410-00; AA-82056]

Realty Action; FLPMA Sec. 302 Permit, Innoko Mining District

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action, permit of public land.

SUMMARY: North Star Exploration Inc. has submitted an application for authorization to explore and evaluate Native selected lands for hard rock mineral potential. North Star has entered a joint venture with Doyon Limited and MTNT Limited to assess the land and assure the best information possible to prioritize lands they have selected for conveyance.

The land has been examined and found suitable for permit under the

provisions of Section 302 of the Federal Land Policy Management Act (FLPMA), of 1976, and 43 CFR Part 2920.

The proposed area is located at Yankee Creek within the Innoko Mining District (Ophir area) of Southwestern Alaska. The legal land description is as follows:

Seward Meridian, Alaska

T. 33 N., R. 37 W., Sec. 6

T. 33 N., R. 38 W., Sec. 14

Containing 1 acre, more or less.

The permittee shall reimburse the United States for reasonable administrative fees and other costs incurred by the United States in processing the permit and for monitoring of construction, operation, maintenance and rehabilitation of the land authorized.

The reimbursement of cost shall be in accordance with the provisions of 43 CFR 2920.6. The permit will be offered for a term of 2 years and will require the permittee to pay rent annually at no less than fair market value.

Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, Anchorage District Office, 6881 Abbott Loop Road, Anchorage, Alaska, 99507-2599.

DATES: Interested parties may submit comments until November 13, 2000 to the Field Manager, Anchorage Field Office, 6881 Abbott Loop Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99507-2599. In the absence of a timely objection, this proposal shall become the final decision of the Department of the Interior.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shirley Rackley, Anchorage Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 6881 Abbott Loop Road, Anchorage, Alaska, 99507-2599; (907) 267-1289 or (800) 478-1263.

Dated: September 20, 2000.

Peter Ditton,

Acting Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-200-1220-DA]

Notice of Intent To Prepare the Fourmile Travel Management Plan and Amend the Royal Gorge Resource Management Plan

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare an amendment to the Royal Gorge Resource

Management Plan, and prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA).

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the initiation of a Resource Management Plan (RMP) amendment for the Fourmile Travel Management Plan, pursuant to the BLM planning regulations in 43 CFR part 1600. This travel management planning is being done in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service, Pike & San Isabel National Forest, Salida Ranger District, which is proposing similar measures on National Forest lands. The Travel Management Plan will convert BLM's current Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) designation of "limited to existing roads and trails" to one of "limited to designated roads and trails". The EA, to be jointly prepared by BLM and USFS, will analyze the impacts of the change in OHV designation and management.

DATES: A public scoping meeting was held on March 23, 2000 that gave the public an opportunity to identify issues and concerns to be addressed in the plan amendment and EA. Comments will be accepted until October 15, 2000.

ADDRESSES: If you wish to comment, request additional information or request to be put on the mailing list, you may do so by any of several methods. You may mail or hand deliver your comments or requests to: U.S. Forest Service, Salida Ranger District, 325 W. Rainbow Blvd., Salida, CO 81201. You may also comment via email to: RGFWEB@blm.gov. Please submit email comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include your name and address in your email message. The address and telephone number of the administering BLM office is: Royal Gorge Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 3170 E. Main Street, Canon City, CO 81212; 719-269-8500.

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the U.S. Forest Service, Salida Ranger District, 325 W. Rainbow Blvd., Salida, CO during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name and/or 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. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of

organizations or businesses, are available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Levi D. Deike, Acting Field Office Manager, at the Royal Gorge Field Office address and phone number listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The planning area involves approximately 103,000 acres, of which 76% are Forest Service lands, 13% BLM lands, with the remainder being state and private lands. The main issues anticipated for this planning effort are: (1) Impacts to water quality; vegetation, including riparian and wetland areas; and soils; and (2) impacts to public land users and adjacent private landowners. The Fourmile Travel Management Plan is being prepared by an interagency interdisciplinary team. The analysis and proposed plan amendment are scheduled for completion in August 2001.

Additional public meetings may be held and a public comment period will be established on the Fourmile Travel Management Plan. Dates and locations of the meetings and the time period for the public comment period will be announced in the local media. The Proposed BLM Plan Amendment will be published during the EA process, and a 30-day protest period will apply to the BLM portion of the Fourmile Travel Management Plan.

Levi D. Deike,

Acting Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Request for Nominations for Public Members to the Royalty Policy Committee, Minerals Management Advisory Board

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Request for nominations.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Department of the Interior established a Royalty Policy Committee (RPC) on the Minerals Management Advisory Board to provide advice on our management of Federal and Indian minerals leases, revenues, and other minerals related policies. The RPC membership includes representatives from States, Indian Tribes and allottee organizations, minerals industry associations, the general public, and other Federal departments. Members serve without pay but will be reimbursed for travel

expenses incurred when attending official RPC meetings. Reimbursements will be calculated in accordance with the Federal travel regulations as implemented by the Department. Since the two public members' terms on the RPC will expire during the first half of next year, the Director, Minerals Management Service, is requesting nominations. These nominations may originate from State and local governments, organizations or individuals, and they may include self-nominations. Nominees should have the expertise in royalty management issues necessary to represent the public interest. The nomination package must include an updated copy of the nominee's biography that includes their mailing and e-mail addresses, and a letter from the nominee accepting the nomination. Since we are committed to the Department's diversity policy, nominators are requested to consider diversity when making nominations.

DATES: Submit nominations on or before October 30, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Submit nominations to Gary L. Fields, Chief, Program Services Office, Royalty Management Program, Minerals Management Service, P.O. Box 25165, MS 3006, Denver, CO 80225-0165.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary L. Fields, Chief, Program Services Office, Royalty Management Program, Minerals Management Service, PO Box 25165, MS 3006, Denver, CO 80225-0165, telephone number (303) 231-3102, fax number (303) 231-3781, e-mail: gary.fields@mms.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The locations, dates of RPC meetings, and other information will be published in the **Federal Register** and posted on the Internet at http://www.rmp.mms.gov/Laws_R_D/RoyPC/RoyPC.htm. Meetings are open to the public without advanced registration, on a space available basis. The public may make statements during the meetings, to the extent time permits, and file written statements with the RPC for its consideration; copies of these written statements should be submitted to Gary Fields.

These meetings are conducted under the authority of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 1) and the Office of Management and Budget (Circular No. A-63, revised).

Dated: September 22, 2000.

Lucy Querques Denett,

Associate Director for Royalty Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Draft General Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement, New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, Massachusetts

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of Draft General Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement; notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Council on Environmental Quality regulations and National Park Service Policy, this notice announces the availability for public review of a Draft General Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement for New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, Bristol County, Massachusetts. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act 102(2)(C) of 1969, the environmental impact statement was prepared to assess the impacts of implementing the general management plan.

The Draft General Management Plan/Draft Environmental Impact Statement presents a Proposal and two Management Alternatives, then assesses the potential environmental and socioeconomic effects of the actions presented on site resources, visitor experience, and the surrounding area. The Proposal and the Alternatives differ in their approaches to management. In the Proposal, the National Park Service would share stewardship responsibility for resource protection with its partners and offer visitor programs complementary to partners' activities. NPS interpretive and educational activities would promote resource stewardship. Alternative 1 (Management Option 1) is essentially the status quo, the National Park Service would bring a national voice and visibility to New Bedford through its publications and facilitate coordination of park partners' visitor-services and resource-protection programs. In Alternative 3 (Management Option 3) the National Park Service would assume the lead role among park partners, exercising intensive and extensive involvement in resource preservation, collections management, and visitor programming.

DATES: Comments on the draft EIS should be received no later than December 1, 2000. A public meeting will be held in the City of New Bedford on Wednesday, October 18, 2000 at the New Bedford Free Public Library, 613 Pleasant Street from 7 to 8:45 p.m.