

Douglas County Regional 10(a)(1)(B) Permit, and no action. The draft EA analyzes the onsite, offsite, and cumulative impacts of the proposed project and all associated development and construction activities and mitigation activities on the Preble's, other threatened or endangered species, vegetation, wildlife, wetlands, geology/soils, land use, water resources, air and water quality, or cultural resources. None of the proposed impacts occur within the riparian corridor. All of the proposed impacts are in upland areas outside of the 100-year floodplain. The Applicant, using the Service's definition of Preble's habitat, has determined that the proposed project would impact approximately 0.294 acres of potential Preble's habitat. The mitigation for the identified impacts may provide a net benefit to the Preble's and other wildlife by improving riparian habitat through planting of additional shrub vegetation.

The Preble's is the only known federally listed species that occurs on site and has the potential to be directly affected by the proposed project. The Applicant has agreed to implement the following measures to minimize and mitigate impacts that may result from incidental take of Preble's:

In order to compensate for the loss of Preble's habitat, a 0.59-acre area in the northeast corner of the property will be preserved and enhanced at a ratio of 2.0 to 1 by planting shrubs.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act. The Service will evaluate the permit application, the EA/HCP, and comments submitted therein to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act. If it is determined that those requirements are met, a permit will be issued for the incidental take of Preble's. The final permit decision will be made no sooner than December 22, 2000.

Dated: November 15, 2000.

Elliott Sutta,

Acting Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Establishment of the National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska Research and Monitoring Advisory Team

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Establishment of the National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska Research and Monitoring Advisory Team

SUMMARY: This notice is published in accordance with section 9(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (Pub. L. 92-463). Following consultation with the General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the Secretary of the Interior has established the National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska Research and Monitoring Advisory Team. The purpose of the Team will be to advise and assist the Manager of the Bureau of Land Management's Northern Field Office on issues pertaining to the adequacy and appropriateness of mitigative stipulations established in the Northeast National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska Integrated Activity Plan/Environmental Impact Statement, Record of Decision of 1998.

The Team will be comprised of 11 members from the Bureau of Land Management; Minerals Management Service; Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy; U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service; U.S. Geological Survey—Biological Resources Division; Alaska Department of Fish and Game; North Slope Borough, Department of Wildlife Management; oil and gas, or related, industry; nationally or regionally recognized environmental or resource conservation organization; academicians employed in natural resource management or the natural sciences; and the public at large.

The duties of the Team will include identification of research and monitoring needs; recommendations on priorities for these needs; recommendations on standards and guidance as to what constitutes acceptable, valid studies; review of proposals for studies or actions to meet identified needs; review and evaluation of results and interpretations of ongoing and recently completed studies; synthesis of information gained; review of the BLM's mitigation plan for effectiveness and appropriateness; recommendations to the BLM on mitigation plan improvement; and evaluation of the adequacy of compliance with stipulations, determination of the reasons for observed inadequacies, and recommendations for change to the BLM.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. David A. Yokel, Bureau of Land Management, Northern Field Office, 1150 University Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709, (907) 474-2314.

Certification Statement: I hereby certify that the National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska Research and Monitoring Advisory Team is in the public interest in connection with the Secretary of the Interior's responsibilities to manage the National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska, administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

Dated: November 6, 2000.

Bruce Babbitt,

Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Realty Action: Segregation Terminated, Lease/Conveyance for Recreation and Public Purposes

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Segregation terminated, recreation and public purpose lease/conveyance.

SUMMARY: The following described public land in Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada was segregated for exchange purposes on September 10, 1991 under serial number N-54981; on September 9, 1993 under serial number N-57773; on October 19, 1995 under serial number N-60073; on July 23, 1997 under serial number N-61855; and on July 23, 1997 under serial number N-66364. These exchange segregations will be terminated on November 22, 2001. The land has been examined and found suitable for lease/conveyance for recreational or public purposes under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*). Clark County School District proposes to use the land for a high school.

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 22 S., R. 61 E.,

Sec. 34, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,

N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,

N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Containing 45.0 acres, more or less, located at Bermuda Road and W. Maryland Parkway.

The land is not required for any federal purpose. The lease/conveyance is consistent with current Bureau planning for this area and would be in the public interest. The lease/patents, when issued, will be subject to the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, and will