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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The planning process for these two RMPs will utilize an open collaborative approach allowing the public, Tribes, State and Federal agencies, local elected officials, and BLM subject matter specialists to fully develop and analyze the alternatives for management of the public lands. To facilitate public comment, promote efficiency, and avoid confusion between the two planning efforts, it is anticipated that joint scoping meetings will be conducted. Beyond the scoping process, each planning effort will develop its own public involvement process to be responsive to the issues and concerns unique to the planning effort. The plans are expected to be completed in 2004.

#### **Snake River Birds of Prey NCA RMP**

The NCA encompasses 485,000 acres of public land along 81 miles of the Snake River. It is located in Ada, Canyon, Elmore, and Owyhee Counties and is within a 30 minute drive of Boise in southwestern Idaho. The NCA was established on August 4, 1993 by Public Law 103-64 for the conservation, protection and enhancement of raptor populations and habitats and the natural and environmental resources and values associated with the area. The current NCA management plan is an activity level plan that conforms with, and is used in conjunction with five land use plans. The NCA RMP will replace management decisions made in the existing five land use plans.

In order to address issues and meet Bureau requirements for determining appropriate public land uses, decisions may be made on the following: air resources, soil resources, water resources, vegetation (including invasive species and noxious weeds), riparian areas, wildlife habitat, fishery habitat, special status species (including threatened and endangered species), range management, fire management, lands (including tenure adjustments, rights-of-way, and NCA boundary adjustments), military training, mineral materials, recreation, visual resources, cultural resources, geological and paleontological resources, areas of critical environmental concern, and hazardous materials.

The preliminary issues have been identified, based on the NCA legislative mandate, and staff knowledge. These

preliminary issues will be expanded during public scoping and refined throughout the planning process. The following issues, at a minimum, will be addressed in the RMP: National Guard military training compatibility with NCA purposes; management and protection of raptors and scientific research on their decline; habitat restoration, including needs as a result of wildfire and other disturbances; fire and fuels management strategies to protect at risk communities and habitats, especially shrub sites; rangeland health assessments and livestock grazing compatibility determinations as required by the enabling legislation; special status species management (including threatened and endangered species); public access and transportation within the NCA that balances public access and resource protection; visitor use and environmental education; protection and management of significant cultural sites; land tenure adjustments and urban interface considerations; and possible withdrawal of an unexploded ordnance area. All issues will be considered in the context of compatibility with NCA purposes as described in the enabling legislation, the Snake River Birds of Prey Act of 1996 (Public Law 103-64). Disciplines corresponding to these issue areas will be represented and used during the planning process.

#### **Bruneau Planning Area**

The Bruneau planning area encompasses approximately 1.4 million acres of public land administered by the BLM Owyhee Field Office in southwestern Idaho. This area is currently managed in compliance with the Bruneau Management Framework Plan (MFP) approved in 1983. Reorganization of the Lower Snake River District resulted in incorporation of the Bruneau planning area into the Owyhee Field Office. In December of 1999, the Owyhee RMP was approved on 1.3 million acres. When completed, the Bruneau RMP will be used in conjunction with the Owyhee RMP to manage approximately 2.7 million acres administered by the Owyhee Field Office.

In order to address issues and meet BLM planning requirements for determining public land uses, decisions may be made for air, soil, and water resources; vegetation (including noxious weeds); riparian areas; forestry management (including juniper woodlands); wildlife and fishery habitat; special status species (including threatened, endangered, candidate, and BLM sensitive species); range management; fire and fuels

management; lands (including tenure adjustments and rights-of-way); locatable, leasable, and salable minerals; recreation (including wild and scenic rivers); wilderness; visual resources; cultural resources; hazardous materials; and areas of critical environmental concern.

The anticipated issues identified are preliminary and are based on staff knowledge. The issues will be expanded during public scoping and refined throughout the planning process. As a minimum the following issues will be addressed in the RMP: range management including compliance with Idaho standards for rangeland health and guidelines; public access and transportation to balance access and resource protection; recreation; identification of conservation measures for special status species; wilderness study area management; management of river segments eligible for the wild and scenic river system; protection and management of cultural resources; management of riparian and wetland habitats; fire and fuel management, including protection of low elevation shrub communities from unnatural wildfire; and consideration of local community needs, including consideration of the socio-economic effects of changes in public land management. Disciplines corresponding to the issue areas indicated will be represented and used during the planning process.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Bureau of Land Management**

[UTU-73872]

#### **Utah; Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease**

July 25, 2001.

In accordance with Title IV of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act (Pub. L. 97-451), a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease UTU-73872 for lands in Emery County, Utah, was timely filed and required rentals accruing from April 1, 2001, the date of termination, have been paid.

The lessee has agreed to new lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$10 per acre and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$  percent, respectively. The \$500 administrative fee has been paid and the lessee has

reimbursed the Bureau of Land Management for the cost of publishing this notice.

Having met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Section 31 (d) and (e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate lease UTU-73872, effective April 1, 2001, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rate cited above.

**Robert Lopez.**

*Chief, Branch of Minerals Adjudication.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[NV-050-5853-EU]

**Notice of Realty Action: Competitive Sale of Public Lands in Clark County, Nevada**

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

**ACTION:** The following lands have been designated for disposal under Public Law 105-263, the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2343); they will be sold competitively in accordance with section 203 and section 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (90 Stat. 2750, 43 U.S.C. 1713, 1719, and 1740) at not less than the appraised fair market value (FMV).

**Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada**

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

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Sec. 12, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

T. 19 S., R. 60 E.,

Sec. 18, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ,

W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 19, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ,

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T. 20 S., R. 60 E.,

Sec. 5, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

T. 21 S., R. 60 E.,

Sec. 18, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ,

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T. 22 S., R. 60 E.,

Sec. 13, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 14, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ,

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

Sec. 14, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 29, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ,

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In addition to the lands described herein, parcels that have been published in a previous Notice of Realty Action (NORA), and were previously offered but did not sell, may be re-offered at this sale.

When the land is sold, conveyance of the locatable mineral interests will occur simultaneously with the sale of the land. The locatable mineral interests being offered have no known mineral value. Acceptance of a sale offer will constitute an application for conveyance of those mineral interests. In conjunction with the final payment, the applicant will be required to pay a \$50.00 non-refundable filing fee for processing the conveyance of the locatable mineral interests.

The terms and conditions applicable to the sale are as follows:

**All Parcels Subject to the Following:**

1. All leaseable and saleable mineral deposits are reserved on land sold; permittees, licensees, and lessees retain the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals owned by the United States under applicable law and any regulations that the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe, including all necessary access and exit rights.

2. A right-of-way is reserved for ditches and canals constructed by authority of the United States under the Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).

3. All land parcels are subject to all valid and existing rights. Parcels may also be subject to applications received prior to publication of this Notice if processing the application would have no adverse affect on the appraised FMV. Encumbrances of record are available for review during business hours, 7:30 AM to 4:15 PM, Monday through Friday, at the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, 4765 Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada.

4. All land parcels are subject to reservations for roads, public utilities and flood control purposes, both existing and proposed, in accordance with the local governing entities' Transportation Plans.

5. All purchasers/patentees, by accepting a patent, agree to indemnify, defend, and hold the United States harmless from any costs, damages, claims, causes of action, penalties, fines, liabilities, and judgements of any kind or nature arising from the past, present, and future acts or omissions of the patentee or their employees, agents, contractors, or lessees, or any third-party, arising out of or in connection with the patentee's use, occupancy, or

operations on the patented real property. This indemnification and hold harmless agreement includes, but is not limited to, acts and omissions of the patentee and their employees, agents, contractors, or lessees, or any third party, arising out of or in connection with the use and/or occupancy of the patented real property which has already resulted or does hereafter result in: (1) Violations of federal, state, and local laws and regulations that are now or may in the future become, applicable to the real property; (2) judgements, claims or demands of any kind assessed against the United States; (3) costs, expenses, or damages of any kind incurred by the United States; (4) other releases or threatened releases of solid or hazardous waste(s) and/or hazardous substances(s), as defined by federal or state environmental laws; off, on, into or under land, property and other interests of the United States; (5) other activities by which solids or hazardous substances or wastes, as defined by federal and state environmental laws are generated, released, stored, used or otherwise disposed of on the patented real property, and any cleanup response, remedial action or other actions related in any manner to said solid or hazardous substances or wastes; or (6) natural resource damages as defined by federal and state law. This covenant shall be construed as running with the patented real property and may be enforced by the United States in a court of competent jurisdiction.

Maps delineating the individual sale parcels will be available for public review at the BLM Las Vegas Field Office on or about August 13, 2001. Appraisals for each parcel will be available for public review at the Las Vegas Field Office on or about September 15, 2001.

Each parcel will be offered by sealed bid, and at oral auction. All sealed bids must be received in the BLM Las Vegas Field Office (LVFO), 4765 Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89108, no later than 4:15 pm, PST, October 30, 2001. Sealed bid envelopes must be marked on the lower front left corner with the parcel number and sale date. Bids must be for not less than the appraised FMV and a separate bid must be submitted for each parcel.

Each sealed bid shall be accompanied by a certified check, money order, bank draft, or cashier's check made payable to the Bureau of Land Management, for not less than 10 percent of the amount bid.

The highest qualified sealed bid for each parcel will become the starting bid for oral bidding. If no sealed bids are received, oral bidding will begin at the appraised FMV.