

after July 1, 2002, at the Burns District Office, Bureau of Land Management, 28910 Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738. To qualify for the oral auction bidders must submit a sealed bid meeting the requirements as stated below. The highest valid sealed bid will become the starting bid for the oral auction. Bidding in the oral auction will be in minimum increments of \$100. The highest bidder from the oral auction will be declared the prospective purchaser.

If no valid bids are received, the parcel will be declared unsold and offered by unsold competitive procedures on a continuing basis until sold or withdrawn from sale.

Modified Competitive Procedures

Modified competitive procedures are allowed by the regulations (43 CFR 2710.0-6(c)(3)(ii)) to provide exceptions to competitive bidding to assure compatibility with existing and potential land uses.

Under modified competitive procedures the designated bidders identified in the table above will be given the opportunity to match or exceed the apparent high bid. The apparent high bid will be established by the highest valid sealed bid received in an initial round of public bidding. If two or more valid sealed bids of the same amount are received for the same parcel, that amount shall be determined to be the apparent high bid. The designated bidders are required to submit a valid bid in the initial round of public bidding to maintain their preference consideration. The bid deposit for the apparent high bid(s) and the designated bidders will be retained and all others will be returned.

The designated bidders will be notified by certified mail of the apparent high bid.

Where there are two or more designated bidders for a single parcel, they will be allowed 30 days to provide the authorized officer with an agreement as to the division of the property or, if agreement cannot be reached, sealed bids for not less than the apparent high bid. Failure to submit an agreement on a bid shall be considered a waiver of the option to divide the property equitably and forfeiture of the preference consideration. Failure to act by all of the designated bidders will result in the parcel being offered to the apparent high bidder or declared unsold, if no bids were received in the initial round of bidding.

Unsold Competitive Procedures

Unsold competitive procedures will be used after a parcel has been unsuccessfully offered for sale by

competitive or modified competitive procedures.

Unsold parcels will be offered competitively on a continuous basis until sold. Under competitive procedures for unsold parcels the highest valid bid received during the preceding month will be declared the purchaser. Sealed bids will be accepted and held until the second Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. PST/PDT when they will be opened. Openings will take place every month until the parcels are sold or withdrawn from sale.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the Burns District Office, no later 2:00 p.m. PST July 1, 2002, the time of the bid opening and oral auction. The outside of bid envelopes must be clearly marked with "BLM Land Sale," the parcel number, and the bid opening date. Bids must be for not less than the appraised market value (minimum bid). Separate bids must be submitted for each parcel. Each sealed bid shall be accompanied by a certified check, postal money order, bank draft, or cashier's check made payable to the Department of the Interior-BLM for not less than 20 percent of the amount bid. The bid envelope must also contain a statement showing the total amount bid and the name, mailing address, and phone number of the entity making the bid. A successful bidder for competitive parcels shall make an additional deposit at the close of the auction to bring the total bid deposit up to the required 20 percent of the high bid. Personal checks or cash will be acceptable for this additional deposit only.

Federal law requires that public land may be sold only to either (1) Citizens of the United States 18 years of age or older; (2) corporations subject to the laws of any state or the United States; (3) other entities such as associations and partnerships capable of holding land or interests therein under the laws of the state within which the land is located; or (4) states, state instrumentalities or political subdivisions authorized to hold property. Certifications and evidence to this effect will be required of the purchaser prior to issuance of conveyance documents.

Prospective purchasers will be allowed 180 days to submit the balance of the purchase price. Failure to meet this timeframe shall cause the deposit to be forfeited to the BLM. The parcel will then be offered to the next lowest qualified bidder, or if no other bids were received, the parcel will be declared unsold.

A successful bid on a parcel constitutes an application for conveyance of those mineral interests

offered under the authority of Section 209(b) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. In addition to the full purchase price, a nonrefundable fee of \$50 will be required from the prospective purchaser for purchase of the mineral interests to be conveyed simultaneously with the sale of the land.

EFFECTIVE DATE: On or before June 17, 2002, interested persons may submit comments regarding the proposed sale to the Acting Three Rivers Resource Area Field Manager at the address described below. Comments or protests must reference a specific parcel and be identified with the appropriate serial number. In the absence of any objections, this proposal will become the determination of the Department of the Interior.

ADDRESSES: Comments, bids, and inquiries should be submitted to the Acting Three Rivers Resource Area Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 28910 Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Detailed information concerning this public land sale is available on the internet at <<http://www.or.blm.gov/Burns>> or may be obtained from Rudy Hefter, Acting Three Rivers Resource Area Field Manager; or Holly LaChapelle, Land Law Examiner, at the above address, phone (541) 573-4400.

Dated: March 6, 2002.

Rudolph J. Hefter,
Acting Three Rivers Resource Area Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-100-1430-01; UTU-79243]

Notice of Realty Action

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

ACTION: Notice of Realty Action; Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act Classification; Utah.

SUMMARY: The following public land, located in Washington County, Utah near the community of Virgin, has been examined and found suitable for classification for lease or conveyance to the Town of Virgin under the provision of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act. As amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*):

Salt Lake Meridian, Utah

T. 41 S., R. 12 W.,

Sec. 23, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$,
Containing 10 acres, more or less.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Town of Virgin proposes to use the land to construct, operate and maintain a BMX Bicycle Track. The land is not needed for Federal purposes. Leasing or conveying title to the affected public land is consistent with current BLM land use planning and would be in the public interest.

The lease or patent, when issued, would be subject to the following terms, conditions, and reservations:

1. Provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

2. A right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States.

3. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals.

Detailed information concerning this action is available at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, St. George Field Office, 345 E. Riverside Drive, St. George, Utah 84790. Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the land will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for leasing or conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws. For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested persons may submit comments regarding the proposed classification, leasing or conveyance of the land to the Field Office Manager, St. George Field Office.

Classification Comments

Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the lands for a BMX bicycle track. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the land is physically suited for the proposal, whether the use will maximize the future use or uses of the land, whether the use is consistent with local planning and zoning, or if the use is consistent with State and Federal programs.

Application Comments

Interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific use proposed in the Town's application, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land for BMX bicycle purposes.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective 60 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: March 20, 2002.

Kim Leany,

Acting Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collections; Comment Request

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of extension and revision of information collection forms.

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), we are inviting comments on forms MMS-123, MMS-123S, MMS-124, MMS-125, and MMS-133. The current Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of these forms expires in September 2002. MMS has retitled and revised the forms, which we will submit to OMB for approval. The modifications are an integral part of the new "E-Forms Permit Process" we are developing to provide an electronic option for drilling and well permitting and information submission.

DATE: Submit written comments by July 1, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand-carry comments to the Department of the Interior; Minerals Management Service; Attention: Rules Processing Team; Mail Stop 4024; 381 Elden Street; Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alexis London, Rules Processing Team, Engineering and Operations Division, telephone (703) 787-1600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Titles—OMB Control Numbers: The new titles of the revised forms are listed with the current titles shown in parenthesis.

Form MMS-123, Permit to Drill a Well (Application for Permit to Drill (APD))—1010-0044.

Form MMS-123S, Permit to Drill Supplemental Information Sheet (Supplemental APD Information Sheet)—1010-0131.

Form MMS-124, Permit to Modify a Well (Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells)—1010-0045.

Form MMS-125, End of Operations Report (Well Summary Report)—1010-0046.

Form MMS-133, Well Activity Report (Weekly Activity Report)—1010-0132.

Abstract: The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.* and 43 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to prescribe rules and regulations to administer leasing of the OCS. Such rules and regulations will apply to all operations conducted under a lease. Operations on the OCS must preserve, protect, and develop oil and natural gas resources in a manner which is consistent with the need to make such resources available to meet the Nation's energy needs as rapidly as possible; to balance orderly energy resource development with protection of human, marine, and coastal environments; to ensure the public a fair and equitable return on the resources of the OCS; and to preserve and maintain free enterprise competition.

This notice pertains to the MMS forms listed previously that are used to submit information required under 30 CFR 250, subpart D, Drilling Operations; subpart E, Well-Completion Operations; subpart F, Well-Workover Operations; subpart G, Abandonment of Wells; and subpart P, Sulphur Operations. Responses are mandatory. No questions of a "sensitive" nature are asked. MMS will protect proprietary information according to 30 CFR 250.196 (Data and information to be made available to the public), 30 CFR part 252 (OCS Oil and Gas Information Program), and the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR 2).

To implement the Government Paperwork Elimination Act and to streamline data collection, MMS is developing systems to provide electronic options for lessees and operators to use in submitting information and requesting approvals. This year, we expect to begin pilot testing the electronic submission of drilling and well information in a new "E-Forms Permit Process." In developing this system, we have determined that some revisions are needed to the drilling and well information forms discussed in this notice. The new titles and changes to the paper forms are intended to acquaint the users with, and duplicate as closely as possible, the E-Forms Permit Process, which we anticipate will be fully implemented in FY 2003. Although initially the E-Forms Permit Process will be an alternative to submitting the paper forms, we expect that eventually it will eliminate the paper forms. As indicated,