

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[CA-610-01-1610-DQ]

Notice of Availability of the Northern and Eastern Colorado Desert Proposed Plan, an Amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan, and the Final Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, California Desert District.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of the Northern and Eastern Colorado Desert Proposed Plan (NECO), an amendment to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan, and associated Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).

SUMMARY: NECO amends the CDCA Plan for a 5.5 million acre area in the southeastern part of the CDCA and provides for conservation of desert ecosystems for federal lands in the planning area on a landscape basis—for BLM lands, Joshua Tree National Park, and the Chocolate Mountains Aerial Gunnery Range, managed by the U.S. Marine Corps Yuma Air Station. NECO includes goals, objectives, management prescriptions, and monitoring in accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976 for comprehensive management of desert ecosystems, including the recovery of two species listed under the federal Endangered Species Act: the desert tortoise and Coachella Valley milkvetch. The FEIS evaluates the Proposed Plan Amendments and three alternatives. The FEIS also includes public comments on the DEIS and BLM's responses to those comments.

DATES: Written protests on the FEIS will be accepted if received by September 3, 2002, by the Environmental Protection Agency. Instructions for filing protests are contained in the NECO document Cover Sheet just inside the front cover, and are included below under

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the document are being mailed to those who received the DEIS or provided comments on the DEIS. The document is available for review on line at <http://www.ca.blm.gov/cdd/landuseplanning.html> and is also available in hard copy or CDrom at the following addresses and telephone numbers:

BLM, 6221 Box Springs Blvd, Riverside, CA 92507; (909) 697-5200
BLM, 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, CA 92311; (760) 252-6000

BLM, 300 So. Richmond Rd, Ridgecrest, CA 93555; (760) 384-5400
BLM, 690 W. Garnet, North Palm Springs, CA 92258; (760) 251-4800
BLM, 1661 So. 4th St., El Centro, CA 92243; (760) 337-4400
BLM, 101 W. Spikes Rd, Needles, CA 92363; (760) 326-7000

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard E. Crowe, BLM, 6221 Box Springs Blvd, Riverside, CA 92507; (909) 697-5216.

Background Information: The Environmental Protection Agency published the Notice of Availability of the NECO DEIS in the **Federal Register** on February 23, 2001. The public review period on the DEIS began February 26, 2001 and ended November 1, 2001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Following are the instructions from the *43 Code of Federal Regulations 1610.5-2* for filing protests:

(a) Any person who participates in the planning process and has an interest which is or may be adversely affected by the approval or amendment of a resource management plan may protest such approval or amendment. A protest may raise only those issues which were submitted for the record during the planning process.

(1) The protest shall be in writing and shall be filed with the Director. The protest shall be filed within 30 days of the date the Environmental Protection Agency published the notice of receipt of the final environmental impact statement containing the plan or amendment in the **Federal Register**. For an amendment not requiring the preparation of an environmental impact statement, the protest shall be filed within 30 days of the publication of the notice of its effective date.

(2) The protest shall contain:

(i) The name, mailing address, telephone number and interest of the person filing the protest;

(ii) A statement of the issue or issues being protested;

(iii) A statement of the part or parts of the plan or amendment being protested;

(iv) A copy of all documents addressing the issue or issues that were submitted during the planning process by the protesting party or an indication of the date the issue or issues were discussed for the record; and

(v) A concise statement explaining why the State Director's decision is believed to be wrong.

(3) The Director shall promptly render a decision on the protest. The decision shall be in writing and shall set forth the reasons for the decision. The decision shall be sent to the protesting party by certified mail, return receipt requested.

(b) The decision of the Director shall be the final decision for the Department of the Interior.

Mailing address for filing a protest:

Regular mail—U.S. Department of the Interior, Director, Bureau of Land Management (210), Attn: Brenda

Williams, P.O. Box 66538, Washington, DC 20240.
Overnight mail—U.S. Department of the Interior, Director, Bureau of Land Management (210), Attn: Brenda Williams, Telephone (202) 452-5045, 1620 "L" Street, NW., Rm 1075, Washington, DC 20036.

Alan Stein,

Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[CO-930-1430-ET; COC-046748]

Public Land Order No. 7527; Revocation of Public Land Order No. 2632; Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public land order.

SUMMARY: This order revokes a public land order in its entirety as to the remaining 10,119.14 acres of public lands withdrawn for the Savory-Pot Hook Reclamation Project. The lands are no longer needed for reclamation purposes. This action will open the lands to surface entry and mining. The lands have been and will remain open to mineral leasing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 3, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doris E. Chelius, BLM Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215-7093, 303-239-3706.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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. 2632, which withdrew public lands for the Bureau of Reclamation Savory-Pot Hook Project, is hereby revoked in its entirety insofar as it affects the remaining lands within the following Townships:

Sixth Principal Meridian
Tps. 11 and 12 N., R. 89 W.,
T. 12 N., R. 90 W.,
Tps. 11 and 12 N., R. 91 W.,
T. 11 N., R. 92 W.,
T. 12 N., R. 93 W.,
T. 12 N., R. 94 W.,
T. 6 N., R. 99 W.

The areas described aggregate 10,119.14 acres in Moffat County.

More specific legal descriptions showing sections and subdivisions may be obtained by contacting the address or

phone number listed above. The documents may also be examined by the public during regular working hours at the Bureau of Land Management Colorado State Office.

2. At 9 a.m. on September 3, 2002, the lands described in paragraph 1 will be opened to the operation of the public land laws generally, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. All valid applications received at or prior to 9 a.m. on September 3, 2002, shall be considered as simultaneously filed at that time. Those received thereafter shall be considered in the order of filing.

3. At 9 a.m. on September 3, 2002, the lands described in paragraph 1 will be opened to location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. Appropriation of any of the lands described in this order under the general mining laws prior to the date and time of restoration is unauthorized. Any such attempted appropriation, including attempted adverse possession under 30 U.S.C. 38 (1994), shall vest no rights against the United States. Acts required to establish a location and to initiate a right of possession are governed by State law where not in conflict with Federal law. The Bureau of Land Management will not intervene in disputes between rival locators over possessory rights since Congress has provided for such determinations in local courts.

Dated: July 2, 2002.

Rebecca W. Watson,

Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO–2002–1430–EU]

COC 65896; Notice of Realty Action

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Realty Action, Direct sale of public land in San Juan County, Colorado.

SUMMARY: The following lands have been found suitable for sale under section 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (90 Stat. 2750, 43 U.S.C. 1713) at not less than the appraised fair market value. The

single parcel is described as: Public land within the NE¼ of Section 31, T.42 N., R.7 W., New Mexico Principal Meridian, identified as Tract 73, and containing 3.88 acres, more or less.

These lands are classified for disposal pursuant to section 7 of the Taylor Grazing Act and were identified for disposal in a land use plan which was in effect on September 5, 1985. The lands are hereby segregated from appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, pending disposition of this action or 270 days from the date of publication of this notice, whichever occurs first.

Publication of this notice will initiate public review, consultation, and collaboration for this proposed sale. Copies of the notice will be provided to the Congressional delegation, the Governor, local government officials, and other interested parties for review and comment. Preliminary consultation with local governmental officials and other adjacent landowners indicates that there will be no opposition to the proposed sale.

The parcel is difficult and uneconomic to manage as part of the public lands and is not suitable for management by another Federal department or agency. The sale is consistent with the San Juan/San Miguel Resource Management Plan, and no significant resource values will be affected by this transfer. Disposal of this small parcel to resolve an inadvertent occupancy trespass outweighs retaining the land in federal ownership. The public interest, therefore, will be well served by offering this parcel for direct sale.

The parcel is being offered only to Daren Hillery, fee owner of the adjoining property (Munzer Claim, MS 18619). The subject parcel contains a cabin that is owned by Mr. Hillery. Use of the direct sale procedures authored under 43 CFR 2711.3–3, will resolve an inadvertent occupancy trespass situation. The mineral estate will be reserved to the United States. Payment of purchase price will be deposited in the Federal Land Disposal Account authorized under Section 206 of the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–248).

Terms, conditions, and reservations applicable to the sale are as follows:

1. The public land will be conveyed for not less than fair market value.
2. All mineral deposits in the land, and the right to prospect for, mine and remove such deposits from the same under applicable law and regulations shall be reserved to the United States.
3. A right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of

the United States under the Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945) shall be reserved to the United States.

4. The conveyance shall be subject to an existing 25-foot wide right-of-way grant for a power distribution line.

The lands will not be offered for sale until at least 60 days after this notice is published in the **Federal Register**. This notice is also being published in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of the public lands being proposed for sale.

DATES: Interested parties may submit comments to the Columbine Field Office Manager within 45 days of publication of this notice. Please reference the applicable serial number in all correspondence. Objections will be reviewed and this realty action may be sustained, vacated, or modified.

Unless vacated or modified, this realty action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

Address for Comments: Bureau of Land Management, Columbine Field Office Manager, 15 Burnett Court, Durango, Colorado 81301.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charlie Higby, BLM Realty Specialist, (970) 385–1374; San Juan Public Land Center, 15 Burnett Court, Durango, Colorado 81301.

Mark Stiles,

Center Manager, San Juan Public Lands Center.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK–921–1410–BK–P]

Alaska; Notice for Publication; Filing of Plat of Survey; Alaska

The plat of survey of the following described land was officially filed in the Alaska State Office, Anchorage, Alaska, on the date indicated.

A plat representing the dependent resurvey of U.S. Survey No. 465, Alaska, Tract B, and the survey of partition lines for accreted land in front of U.S. Survey No. 465, Tract B, situated approximately 75 miles northwesterly from Kodiak, Alaska, was accepted November 30, 2001, and was officially filed March 20, 2002.

This plat was prepared at the request of the National Park Service to delineate the surrounding public lands.

This plat will immediately become the basic record for describing the land for all authorized purposes. This survey