

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

[MT-050-1430-01; MTM 91719]

**Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Montana****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management, proposes to withdraw approximately 400.917 acres of public land to protect resources acquired in the Axolotl Lakes area. This notice closes the land for up to 2 years from surface entry and mining. The land has been and will remain open to mineral leasing.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by December 17, 2002.**ADDRESSES:** Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Angela Perry, Dillon Field Office, 100 Selway Drive, Dillon, Montana 59725, (406) 683-2337, or Sandra Ward, Montana State Office, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107, (406) 896-5052.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 9, 2002, a petition was approved allowing the Bureau of Land Management to file an application to withdraw the following described land from settlement, sale, location and entry under the general land laws, including location and entry under the mining laws, but not from leasing under the mineral leasing laws.

**Principal Meridian, Montana**

T. 7 S., R. 2 W.,

Sec. 8, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;Sec. 17, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

*Tract C*, as shown on Perrault No. 1 Minor Subdivision Plat filed in Book 4 of Plats, Page 267, in the records of Madison County, Montana and being a tract of land located in the S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of sec. 8 of T. 7 S., R. 2 W., and

*Tract D*, as shown on Certificate of Survey No. 1277, filed in Book 7 of Surveys, Page 1277, in the records of Madison County, Montana and being a tract of land located in S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of sec. 8 and the S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$  and SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of sec. 9 of T. 7 S., R. 2 W.

The land described above contains 400.917 acres in Madison County

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the

proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the Montana State Director within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR part 2300.

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated as specified above, subject to valid existing rights, unless the proposal is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is finalized prior to the end of the segregation.

Dated: August 15, 2002.

**Howard A. Lemm,***Acting Deputy State Director, Division of Resources.*

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[NV-930-1430-ET; N-75235]

**Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Nevada****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management proposes to withdraw a 94.21 acres of public land from surface entry and mining for a period of 20 years to protect public health and safety from land contaminated by previous milling operations. This notice closes the land from surface entry and mining for up to 2 years while various studies and analyses are made to make a final decision on the withdrawal application.

**DATES:** Comments and requests for a meeting should be received on or before December 17, 2002.**ADDRESSES:** Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the Nevada State Director, BLM, 1340 Financial Blvd., P.O. Box 12000, Reno, Nevada 89520-0006.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Dennis J. Samuelson, BLM Nevada State Office, 775-861-6532.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On July 2, 2002, a petition was approved allowing the Bureau of Land Management to file an application to withdraw the

following described public land from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights:

**Mount Diablo Meridian**

T 19 N., R. 43 E.,

Sec. 13, lots 2, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described contains 94.21 acres in Lander County.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to protect the public health and safety as well as to prevent the filing of mining and mill site claims which would interfere with the reclamation of the Bullion Monarch Mill site. The Bullion Monarch Mill was the site of milling operations for many decades. The area contains a flotation mill and associated facilities that can be hazardous to public users. The Bureau of Land Management intends to reclaim the site. A withdrawal would preclude the filing of mining and mill site claims while the site is being reclaimed.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to the Nevada State Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the Nevada State Director within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting. The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR part 2300.

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. Other uses which will be permitted during this segregative period are rights-of-way, leases, and permits.

Dated: August 7, 2002.

**Jim Stobaugh,***Lands Team Lead.*

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