

the lower cost per acre-foot. Additional water rights would be acquired from the Reno-Sparks metropolitan area and from lands located within the Truckee River corridor from Vista downstream to Wadsworth, Nevada. Water associated with acquired rights would be stored, whenever possible, in Truckee River reservoirs owned and operated by the Bureau of Reclamation. Stored WQSA water would be released from storage to enhance Truckee River flow during periods of low flow (primarily June–September) according to a schedule prepared by the parties acquiring water rights under WQSA and the Pyramid Lake Tribe (Joint Program Parties).

Other alternatives considered in the FEIS evaluate strategies that would focus acquisition efforts in the Reno-Sparks metropolitan area or in the Truckee Division. Acquiring water rights exclusively from the Reno-Sparks metropolitan area would likely result in acquisition of the least amount of water rights due to the high cost per acre-foot. A strategy focused on water rights in the Truckee Division would result in the acquisition of the greatest amount of water rights.

The Draft EIS (DEIS) was released for public review on October 5, 2001. Public hearings were held on November 27, 28, 29, and 30, 2001, in Fernley, Nixon, Fallon, and Sparks, Nevada, respectively. At those public hearings, formal comments were received from seven individuals. The DEIS was available for public review from October 5 through December 5, 2001. Responses to comments received on the DEIS are addressed in the FEIS.

Public Comment Availability

Comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the location shown in the **ADDRESSES** section during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish the BIA to withhold your name and/or address from public review or disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. The BIA will not, however, consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations or businesses and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

Authority

This notice is published in accordance with section 1503.1 of the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508) implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*), and the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 1–6), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.1.

Dated: September 26, 2002.

Neal A. McCaleb,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Realty Action: Competitive Sale of Public Land and Partial Termination of Recreation and Public Purposes Classifications in Douglas County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: In accordance with section 7 of the Taylor Grazing Act, 43 U.S.C. 315f, and Executive Order No. 6910, the described lands are classified for disposal by sale. The following public land has been examined and found suitable for disposal by method of competitive sale pursuant to section 203 and section 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) (90 Stat. 2750, 43 U.S.C. 1713 and 1719) at not less than the appraised fair market value (FMV).

Mount Diablo Meridian

T. 14 N., R. 20 E.,

Sec. 5, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ of lot 1 of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ of lot 1 of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ of lot 1 of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ of lot 1 of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, lots 5–8, 13 and 16, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 6, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ of lot 1 of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ of lot 1 of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ of lot 1 of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ of lot 1 of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ of lot 1 of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, lots 3 and 4, 9–13, 16–18, and 20, and E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Comprising 146 acres, more or less.

Upon publication of this notice the land described is hereby segregated from appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, but not from disposal by sale under the above cited statutes for 270 days from publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, or until title transfer is completed, whichever occurs first. On April 16, 2002, this land was segregated from appropriation under the public land laws for exchange. The exchange segregation is herein terminated, affecting the described land, and is replaced by the sale segregation in this notice as published. The public land will remain closed to appropriation under the public land laws. The subject land meets sale criteria under Section 203 of FLPMA and is identified for disposal from federal ownership in the Carson City Consolidated Resource Management Plan and the North Douglas Specific Area Plan Amendment. Previous classifications for Recreation and Public Purposes under case numbers N–3742, N–3743 and N–12656, as they affect the described land, are no longer appropriate and are hereby terminated. In addition, the subject land is relieved of the segregative effect of those classifications. Proceeds from the sale will be deposited and expended in accordance with the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act, Pub. L. 106–248.

Conveyance of the available mineral interests will occur simultaneously with the sale of the land. The mineral interests being offered for sale 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 mineral interests.

Patent (title document), will be issued with a reservation for 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), and will be subject to valid existing rights, including rights to Douglas County for Topsy Lane and the following encumbrances of record:

(1) Those rights for highway purposes which have been granted to Nevada Department of Transportation by Right-of-Way CC–018400, and its assigns, under the Act of November 9, 1921 (42 Stat. 216).

(2) Those rights for gas pipeline purposes which have been granted to Paiute Pipeline Company, and its assigns, by Right-of-Way Nev-064632 and N–17001 under the Act of February

25, 1920 (41 Stat. 0437; 30 U.S.C. 185, sec. 28).

(3) Those rights for communication line purposes which have been granted to Verizon California, Inc., and its assigns, by Right-of-Way N-353 under the Act of March 4, 1911 (36 Stat. 1253; 43 U.S.C. 961) and Rights-of-Way N-16649, N-32152 and N-40377 under the Act of October 21, 1976 (90 Stat. 2776; 43 U.S.C. 1761).

(4) Those rights for electric line purposes which have been granted to Sierra Pacific Power Company, and its assigns, by Rights-of-Way N-7836 and N-11602 under the Act of March 4, 1911 (36 Stat. 1253; 43 U.S.C. 961).

(5) Those rights for access road purposes which have been granted to Hilltop Community Church, and its assigns, by Right-of-Way N-39139 under the Act of October 21, 1976 (90 Stat. 2776; 43 U.S.C. 1761).

(6) Those rights for access road, utility line and gas line purposes which have been granted to Richard and Hazel Wheaton, and their assigns, by Right-of-Way N-56235 under the Act of October 21, 1976 (90 Stat. 2776; 43 U.S.C. 1761) and Right-of-Way N-75420 under the Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 0437; 30 U.S.C. 185, sec. 28).

(7) Those rights for access road and utility line purposes which have been granted to Douglas County, and its assigns, by Right-of-Way N-56768 under the Act of October 21, 1976 (90 Stat. 2776; 43 U.S.C. 1761).

(8) Those rights for access road purposes which have been granted to Norman and Betty Metcalf and Anne Sullivan, and their assigns, by Right-of-Way N-56867 under the Act of October 21, 1976 (90 Stat. 2776; 43 U.S.C. 1761).

(9) Those rights for gas line purposes which have been granted to Southwest Gas Corporation, and its assigns, by Right-of-Way N-59816 under the Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 0437; 30 U.S.C. 185, sec. 28).

The purchaser/patentee, by accepting a patent, agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold the United States harmless from any costs, damages, claims, causes of action, penalties, fines, liabilities, and judgments 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) Judgments, 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.

The land will be offered by method of competitive sale through sealed bid and at oral auction. All sealed bids must be received at the BLM Carson City Field Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701, no later than 4:15 p.m., PST, December 6, 2002. Sealed bid envelopes must be marked on the lower front left corner, "Bid for Land Sale N-75369, December 10, 2002". Bids must be for not less than the appraised FMV of \$6,500,000.00. 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 will become the starting bid for oral bidding. If no sealed bids are received, oral bidding will begin at the appraised FMV. The land will be offered for competitive sale by oral auction beginning at 10:00 a.m., PST, December 10, 2002, at the Douglas County Administration Building, 1616 8th Street, Minden, Nevada 89423. Registration for oral bidding will begin at 8:30 a.m. the day of sale and will continue throughout the auction. All oral bidders are required to register. The highest qualifying bid, whether sealed or oral, will be declared the high bid. The apparent high bidder, must submit the required bid deposit immediately following the close of the sale in the form of cash, personal check, bank draft,

certified check, cashier's check, money order or any combination thereof, made payable to the Bureau of Land Management, for not less than 20 percent of the amount bid. The remainder of the full bid price, whether sealed or oral, must be paid within 180 calendar days of the sale date. Failure to submit sufficient funds for the bid deposit or failure to pay the full price within the 180 days will disqualify the apparent high bidder and cause the entire bid deposit to be forfeited to the BLM. The land will then be offered to the next highest bidder that meets sale qualifications. If that offer is declined, the land may be offered for sale on the Internet at a later date. Contact the Carson City BLM Field Office for Internet auction procedures.

Federal law requires bidders to be U.S. citizens 18 years of age or older; a corporation subject to the laws of any State or of the United States; a State, State instrumentality, or political subdivision authorized to hold property; or an entity including, but not limited to, associations or partnerships capable of holding property or interests therein under the law of the State of Nevada. Certification of qualification, including citizenship or corporation or partnership, must accompany the bid deposit. The BLM may not issue a patent or deed to a person other than the declared successful bidder and qualified conveyee or patentee in a disposal action.

In order to determine the fair market value of the subject public land through appraisal, certain assumptions have been made of the attributes and limitations of the land and potential effects of local regulations and policies on potential future land uses. Through publication of this notice, the Bureau of Land Management gives notice that these assumptions may not be endorsed or approved by units of local government. Furthermore, no warranty of any kind shall be given or implied by the United States as to the potential uses of the land offered for sale, and conveyance of the subject land will not be on a contingency basis. It is the buyers' responsibility to be aware of all applicable local government policies and regulations that would affect the subject land. It is also the buyers' responsibility to be aware of existing or projected use of nearby properties. When conveyed out of federal ownership, the land will be subject to any applicable reviews and approvals by the respective unit of local government for proposed future uses, and any such reviews and approvals would be the responsibility of the buyer. Portions of the land are adjacent to U.S.

Highway 395 and the land is accessible from Topsy Lane and North Sunridge Drive.

Detailed information concerning the sale, including reservations, sale procedures and conditions, and planning and environmental documents, is available for review at the Bureau of Land Management, Carson City Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701, or by calling (775) 885-6115. For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the general public and interested parties may submit comments to the Manager, Carson City Field Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, Nevada 89701. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director, who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action in whole or in part. In the absence of any adverse comments, this realty action will become the final determination of the Department of Interior. The Bureau of Land Management may accept or reject any or all offers, or withdraw any land or interest in the land from sale, if, in the opinion of the authorized officer, consummation of the sale would not be fully consistent with FLPMA or other applicable laws or is determined to not be in the public interest. Any comments received during this process, as well as the commentator's name and address, will be available to the public in the administrative record and/or pursuant to a Freedom of Information Act request. You may indicate for the record that you do not wish your name and/or address be made available to the public. Any determination by the Bureau of Land Management to release or withhold the names and/or addresses of those who comment will be made on a case-by-case basis. A commentator's request to have their name and/or address withheld from public release will be honored to the extent permissible by law.

The land will not be offered for sale until at least 60 days after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: September 18, 2002.

John O. Singlaub,

Manager, Carson City Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the King Range National Conservation Area

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management; Arcata Field Office.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare a Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the King Range National Conservation Area and associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: This document provides notice that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) intends to prepare an RMP with an associated EIS for the King Range National Conservation Area (KRNCA), managed by the Arcata Field Office. The planning area is located in Humboldt and Mendocino Counties, California. This planning activity encompasses approximately 63,000 acres of land within the National Conservation Area (NCA) boundary. The plan will fulfill the obligations set forth by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), the King Range Act, and BLM management policies. The plan will serve to update the 1974 King Range Management Program (KRMP) and associated amendments. Decisions in the original plan and amendments that are still current will be carried forward in the new plan. The BLM will work collaboratively with interested parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to local, regional, and national needs and concerns. The public scoping process will identify planning issues, develop planning criteria, and outline a vision for area management that reflects the needs and interests of the public and protection of the areas resource values as called for by the King Range Act.

DATES: This notice initiates the public scoping process. Comments on issues and planning criteria can be submitted in writing to the address listed below. All public meetings will be announced through the local news media, newsletters, and the BLM web site (www.ca.blm.gov/arcata/) at least 15 days prior to the event. The minutes and list of attendees for each meeting will be available to the public and open for 30 days to any participant who wishes to clarify the views they expressed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Public meetings will be held throughout the plan scoping and preparation period. Participation is encouraged and will help determine the future management

of the KRNCA public lands. In addition to the ongoing public participation process, formal opportunities for public input will be provided through comment on the alternatives and upon publication of the BLM draft RMP/EIS.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to, Bureau of Land Management, Arcata Field Office, 1695 Heindon Road, Arcata, CA 95521. Fax (707) 825-2301. Email comments to

CAweb330@ca.blm.gov. Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Arcata Field Office located in Arcata, California. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Arcata Field Office located in Arcata, CA during regular business hours 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the EIS. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, call (707) 825-2300.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The creation of the KRNCA along with the changing needs and interests of the public necessitates a revision to the KRMP, which was completed in 1974. Various supplementary plans, amendments, and implementation of new laws have served to update the 27 year old plan. Decisions in these existing plans that are still current will be carried forward in the new plan. However, changing uses, public interests, and resource conditions indicate that it is timely to update the plan in a comprehensive manner.

Preliminary issues and management concerns have been identified by BLM personnel, other agencies, and in discussions with individuals and user groups. They represent the BLM's knowledge to date on the existing issues and concerns with current management. The major issue themes that will be addressed in the plan effort include: Management and protection of natural/cultural resources and primitive values; recreation/visitor use and safety; and