

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to: Richard J. Drehobl, Ashland Field Manager, Medford District Bureau of Land Management, 3040 Biddle Road, Medford Oregon, 97504.

Pursuant to 7 CFR Part 1, Subpart B, § 1.27, all written submissions in response to this notice, public scoping letters, and draft and final Environmental Impact Statements will be made available for public inspection including the submitter's name and address, unless the submitter specifically requests confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or 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 or businesses, submitted on official letterheads, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organization or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kristi Mastrofini at (541) 618-2384 or Don Ferguson at (541) 618-2292. Fax or E-mail can be sent to the attention of Kristi Mastrofini or Don Ferguson at (541) 618-2400, or 110mb@or.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OHV enthusiasts have recreated in the Timber Mountain/John's Peak area for 40 to 50 years. The 1995 Medford District Resource Management Plan (RMP) designated public lands in the Timber Mountain/John's Peak area as an OHV use area. The area is comprised of a checkerboard of BLM administered lands mixed with private lands (including lands owned by the City of Jacksonville, Motorcycle Riders Association, and Boise Corporation), increasing the complexity of managing trails and public access in the area. Off-highway vehicle use has increased tremendously in recent years, leading to the proliferation of new unauthorized trails on both public and private lands. Many existing trails are in good condition, while other trails are experiencing erosion that is leading to resource degradation. Due to the close proximity to the City of Jacksonville and adjacent wildland urban interface areas, and the checkerboard pattern of land ownership, there is also a high level of unauthorized access across private lands and vandalism (e.g. illegal dumping, sign shooting, etc). The Timber Mountain/John's Peak OHV Management Plan is needed to provide

for OHV use in accordance with the Medford District RMP.

Preliminary public scoping for the Timber Mountain/John's Peak Management Plan began in 1998; however, due to limited funding, work on this project was temporarily deferred. The following issues were identified to be associated with OHV use in the Timber Mountain/John's Peak OHV area: Effects to water quality and riparian conditions; effects on sensitive soils; effects to Threatened or Endangered plants, fish, and wildlife; and impacts to private land owners associated with the incidence of trespass on private lands. Through additional public scoping and specialist review, this list of issues will be refined. Issues determined to be significant to the planning process will be used to develop a range of alternatives for managing OHV use in the Timber Mountain/John's Peak OHV area.

The National Environmental Policy Act encourages the use of cooperative relationships with Federal, State, and local agencies to capture opportunities where the decision-making authorities or special expertise of other agencies can enhance the planning process. The Medford District BLM, as the Lead Agency for this EIS, has identified opportunities to work cooperatively with Jackson County, the City of Jacksonville, the State of Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, Boise Cascade, and the Motorcycle Riders Association. The Medford District BLM will seek cooperative relationships with these local agencies and affected landowners to enhance this planning effort.

As public scoping progresses, other opportunities for cooperative relationships may become apparent.

Dated: November 15, 2002.

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Field Manager, Ashland Resource Area.

Ron Wenker,

District Manager, Medford District BLM.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-930-1430-ES; N-76527]

Notice of Realty Action: Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act Classification; Conveyance of Public Lands Near Beatty, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Classification of public land for conveyance pursuant to the Recreation and Public Purposes Act.

SUMMARY: The following described public land in Nye County, Nevada has been examined and found suitable for conveyance under provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act of June 14, 1926, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*), for the purposes of operating a municipal solid waste transfer station. These lands are hereby classified as suitable for conveyance in accordance with section 7 of the Taylor Grazing Act, 43 U.S.C. 315f, and Executive Order No. 6910:

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 12 S., R. 46 E.,

sec 13, S¹/₂NW¹/₄NW¹/₄NW¹/₄.

Containing 5 acres more or less.

The solid waste transfer station will occupy a total of ten acres, five of which were previously classified under a notice for the existing Beatty Landfill (N-35639).

The lands are not needed for Federal purposes. Conveyance is consistent with BLM land use planning and would be in the public interest. Patent will be issued to Nye County and will be subject to the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, and will contain the following reservations to the United States:

1. A right-of-way thereon for ditches or canals constructed by the authority of the United States, pursuant to the Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945);

2. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove such deposits from the same under applicable law and regulations to be established by the Secretary of the Interior.

Patent will contain the following provisions:

1. Nye County a political subdivision of the State of Nevada, assumes all liability for and shall defend, indemnify, and save harmless the United States and its officers, agents, representatives, and employees (hereinafter referred to in this clause as the United States), from all claims, loss, damage, actions, causes of actions, expense, and liability (hereinafter referred to in this clause as claims), resulting from, brought for, or on account of, any personal injury, threat of personal injury, or property damage received or sustained by any person or persons (including the patentees employees) or property growing out of, occurring, or attributable directly or indirectly, to the disposal of solid waste

on, or the release of hazardous substances from Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada, T. 12 S., R. 46 E., sec. 13, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, regardless of whether such claims shall be attributable to: (1) The concurrent, contributory, or partial fault, failure or negligence of the United States;

2. A portion of the above described land was used as a solid waste disposal site, and will continue to be used as solid waste transfer station. Upon closure, the site may contain small quantities of commercial and household wastes as determined in the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6901), and defined in 40 CFR 261.4 and 261.5. Although there is no indication these materials pose any significant risk to human health or the environment, future land uses should be limited to those which do not penetrate the liner of final cover of the site unless excavation is conducted subject to applicable State and Federal requirements;

3. No portion of the land shall under any circumstances revert to the United States if any portion has been used for solid waste disposal or for any other purpose which may result in the disposal, placement, storage, or release of any hazardous substance; and will be subject to valid existing rights.

Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, Tonopah Field Station, 1553 South Main Street, Tonopah, Nevada. The subject lands were previously classified and segregated for the purposes of a lease authorizing a sanitary landfill pursuant to the Recreation and Public Purposes Act. Further segregation will not be required.

For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed conveyance or classification of the lands to the Assistant Field Station Manager, Tonopah Field Station, PO Box 911, Tonopah, NV 89049.

Classification Comments

Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for use as a municipal solid waste transfer station. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the land is physically suited for the proposal, 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 application and plan of development, 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 the uses described.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification of the land will become effective 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**. The lands will not be conveyed until after the classification becomes effective.

Dated: January 6, 2003.

William S. Fisher,

Assistant Field Manager, Tonopah.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-050-5853-EU]

Notice of Reality Action: Modified Competitive Sale of Public Lands in Clark County, Nevada, to the City of Las Vegas, N-74816 and N-74822

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Modified Competitive Sale.

SUMMARY: The following described lands have been designated for disposal under Pub. L. 105-263, the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2343); they will be sold modified 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) at not less than the appraised fair market value (FMV).

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 20S., R. 59E.,

Sec. 12, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$,

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

Sec. 21, S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$,

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

Sec. 7, lots 8 and 9

Consisting of 18.61 acres, more or less.

These parcels of land, situated in the Las Vegas Valley are being offered as a modified competitive sale to the City of Las Vegas.

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. The applicant will be required to pay a \$50.00 non-refundable filing fee for processing of the conveyances of the locatable mineral interests for N-74816 and N-74822.

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

All Parcels are Subject to the Following:

1. All leasable and salable 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 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 or canals constructed by the 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 existing rights. Parcels may also be subject to applications received prior to publication of this notice if processing the application would have no adverse effect on the FMV. Encumbrances of record are available for review during business hours, 7:30 AM to 4:15 PM, Monday through Friday, at the BLM, Las Vegas Field Office (LVFO), at 4701 N. Torrey Pines, 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 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