

must be received at the BLM Las Vegas Field Office (LVFO), 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130, no later than 4:15 p.m., PDT, June 3, 2003. Sealed bid envelopes must be marked on the lower front left corner with the parcel number and sale date. Bids must be for not less than the appraised FMV and a separate bid must be submitted for each parcel.

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 for each parcel will become the starting bid for oral bidding. If no sealed bids are received, oral bidding will begin at the appraised FMV.

All parcels will be offered for competitive sale by oral auction beginning at 10 a.m. PDT, June 5, 2003, at the Clark County Commission Chambers, Clark County Government Center, 500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada. 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 for any parcel, whether sealed or oral, will be declared the high bid. The apparent high bidder, if an oral bidder, must submit the required bid deposit immediately following the close of the sale in the form of cash, personal check, bank draft, 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. If not paid by close of the auction, funds must be delivered no later than 4:15 p.m. the day of the sale to the BLM Las Vegas Field Office. Should the apparent high bidder for parcels N-76401 and N-76406 default, the next high bidder for those parcels will be declared the apparent high bidder.

The remainder of the full bid price, whether sealed or oral, must be paid within 180 calendar days of the sale date. 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.

Unsold parcels, with the exception of parcels N-76401 and N-76406, may be offered on the Internet. Internet auction procedures will be available at www.auctionrp.com. If unsold on the Internet, parcels may be offered at future auctions without additional legal notice. Upon publication of this notice and until the completion of the sale, the BLM is no longer accepting land use

applications affecting any parcel being offered for sale, including parcels being offered for sale that have been published in a previous Notice of Realty Action. However, land use applications may be considered after the completion of the sale within parcels that are not sold through sealed, oral, or on-line 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 laws of the State of Nevada. Certification of qualification, including citizenship or corporation or partnership, must accompany the bid deposit.

In order to determine the fair market value of the subject public lands through appraisal, certain assumptions have been made of the attributes and limitations of the lands 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 lands offered for sale, and conveyance of the subject lands will not be on a contingency basis. It is the buyer's responsibility to be aware of all applicable local government policies and regulations that would affect the subject lands. It is also the buyer's responsibility to be aware of existing or projected use of nearby properties. When conveyed out of federal ownership, the lands 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. Any land lacking access from a public road or highway will be conveyed as such, and future access acquisition will be the responsibility of the buyer.

Detailed information concerning the sale, including the reservations, sale procedures and conditions, planning and environmental documents is available for review at the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130, or by calling (702) 515-5114. This information will also be available on the Internet at <http://propertydisposal.gsa.gov>. Click on NV for Nevada. It will also be available on

the Internet at <http://www.nv.blm.gov>. Click on Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act.

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 Field Manager, Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89130. 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 the 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 to have your name and/or address 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.

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

Mark T. Morse,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Realty Action: Direct Sale of Public Land in Harney County, OR

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Burns District.

ACTION: Notice of Realty Action, Direct Sale of Public Land, OR-56570.

SUMMARY: The following described public land in Harney County, Oregon, has been examined and found suitable

for sale under Sections 203 and 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (90 Stat. 2750, 43 U.S.C. 1713 and 1719), at not less than the appraised market value:

Willamette Meridian

T. 20 S., R. 36 E.,
sec. 3, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$,
S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 25 acres, more or less in Harney County, Oregon. The appraised market value for this parcel has been determined to be \$5000.

This land is being considered for direct sale to the adjacent landowners, Tom and Kathleen Turner, to resolve a long-term, inadvertent, unauthorized occupancy of the public land. The encroachment involves outbuildings, fences, equipment storage, and other uses associated with the adjacent Turner Ranch headquarters that were inadvertently placed on public land many years ago prior to the Turner's ownership of the ranch. The parcel is the minimum size possible to ensure that all of the encroachments are included while utilizing an aliquot part description to avoid the need for an expensive land survey.

In accordance with 43 CFR 2710.0-6(c)(3)(iii) direct sale procedures are appropriate to resolve an inadvertent unauthorized occupancy of the land and to protect existing equities in the land.

The Turners will be allowed 30 days from receipt of a written offer to submit a deposit of at least 20 percent of the appraised market value of the parcel, plus administrative costs and 180 days thereafter to submit the balance. Federal regulations describe procedures to address unauthorized use which include provisions to reimburse BLM for administrative costs.

The following rights, reservations, and conditions will be included in the patent conveying the land:

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

2. A right-of-way for buried communication cable purposes granted to CenturyTel of Oregon, Inc., its successors or assigns, by right-of-way No. OR 54973, pursuant to the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761).

3. A right-of-way for public road and highway purposes granted to Harney County, its successors or assigns, by right-of-way No. OR 57062, pursuant to the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761), as amended.

The patent would also include a notice and indemnification statement

under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (42 U.S.C. Section 9620) holding the United States harmless from any release of hazardous materials that may have occurred as a result of the unauthorized use of the property by other parties.

A successful bid constitutes an application for conveyance of the mineral interests also being 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.

The land described is 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.

DATES: This office has prepared Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance and National Environmental Policy Act Adequacy to evaluate the proposal. On or before 45 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register** interested persons may submit written comments. In the absence of any objections, this proposal will become the determination of the Department of the Interior.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to the Joan Suther, Three Rivers Resource Area Field Manager, 28910 Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Detailed information concerning this land sale is available from Skip Renschler, Realty Specialist at the above address, phone (541) 573-4443.

Dated: February 12, 2003.

Joan M. Suther,

Three Rivers Resource Area Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-116-2822-JL-P124, OR-116-2822-JL-P158; HAG03-0076]

Temporary Road Closure and Supplementary Rules for Public Lands in Jackson County, Oregon

AGENCY: Medford District Office, Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Closure and Interim Final Supplementary Rules.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is publishing this closure notice and these interim final supplementary rules regulating motorized and mechanized vehicle use on specific public lands in Jackson County, Oregon. These public lands are within and in the immediate vicinity of the recent fire areas labeled the Squires Peak Fire and the East Antelope Fire. This action is necessary for public safety and to protect fire-damaged watersheds from further degradation.

DATES: The closures and interim final supplementary rules will be effective from March 26, 2003, until June 30, 2006, unless rescinded before that date. You may comment on the closures and interim final supplementary rules. You must submit your comments to BLM at the appropriate address below on or before May 27, 2003. BLM will not necessarily consider any comments received after the above date in making its decisions on the final supplementary rules.

ADDRESSES: Mail or personal delivery: Field Office Manager, Ashland Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, Oregon 97504. Email response: jhoppe@or.blm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Samuelson, Ashland Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, Oregon 97504 or telephone 541-618-2313. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may contact this individual by calling the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at (800) 877-8339, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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II. Background

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I. Public Comment Procedures

A. How do I comment on the interim final rule?

If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods.

(1) You may mail comments to: Field Office Manager, Ashland Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, Oregon 97504.

(2) You may deliver comments to: Field Office Manager, Ashland Field Office, Bureau of Land Management,