

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

[AK-932-1410-ET; F-14895]

**Public Land Order No. 7596;
Withdrawal of Public Lands for
Mekoryuk Village Selection; Alaska****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Public land order.

SUMMARY: This order withdraws approximately 12,155 acres of public land located within the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining and mineral leasing laws, pursuant to Section 22(j)(2) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. This action also reserves the land for selection by the NIMA Corporation, the village corporation for Mekoryuk. This withdrawal is for a period of 120 days; however, any land selected shall remain withdrawn by this order until it is conveyed. Any land described herein that is not selected by the corporation will remain withdrawn as part of the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge, pursuant to the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, or will be subject to the terms and conditions of any other withdrawal or segregation of record.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 12, 2004.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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Order

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 22(j)(2) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, 43 U.S.C. 1621(j)(2) (2000), it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described public land, located within the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge, is hereby withdrawn from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining and mineral leasing laws, and is hereby reserved for selection under Section 12 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, 43 U.S.C. 1611 (2000), by the NIMA Corporation, the village corporation for Mekoryuk:

Seward Meridian

T. 1 N., R. 81 W., (unsurveyed)
Secs. 5 to 8, inclusive;
Sects. 17 to 36, inclusive, excepting
therefrom Native Allotment Certificate
50-95-0444.

The area described contains approximately 12,155 acres.

2. Prior to conveyance of any of the land withdrawn by this order, the land shall be subject to administration by the Secretary of the Interior under applicable laws and regulations, and her authority to make contracts and to grant leases, permits, rights-of-way, or easements shall not be impaired by this withdrawal.

3. This order constitutes final withdrawal action by the Secretary of the Interior under Section 22(j)(2) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, 43 U.S.C. 1621(j)(2) (2000), to make lands available for selection by the NIMA Corporation, to fulfill the entitlement for the village of Mekoryuk, under Section 12 and Section 14(a) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, 43 U.S.C. 1611 and 1613 (2000).

4. This withdrawal will terminate 120 days from the effective date of this order; provided, any land selected shall remain withdrawn pursuant to this order until conveyed. Any land described in this order not selected by the corporation shall remain withdrawn as part of the Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge, pursuant to Section 303(7) of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, 16 U.S.C. 668(dd) (2000); or will be subject to the terms and conditions of any other withdrawal or segregation of record.

5. It has been determined that this action is not expected to have any significant effect on subsistence uses and needs pursuant to Section 810(c) of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, 16 U.S.C. 3120(c)(2000) and this action is exempted from the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4321 note (2000), by Section 910 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, 43 U.S.C. 1638 (2000).

Dated: January 15, 2004.

Rebecca W. Watson,

Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management.

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

[NV-930-4210-05; N-65607]

**Notice of Realty Action: Lease/
Conveyance for Recreation and Public
Purposes****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Recreation and public purpose lease/conveyance.

SUMMARY: The following described public land in Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada has been examined and found suitable for lease/conveyance for recreational or public purposes under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*). The City of Las Vegas proposes to use the land for an equestrian park.

Mount Diablo Meridian

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

Sec. 12

Government Lot 1 (E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of
Government Lot 1)

Containing 25 acres, more or less.

The land is not required for any federal purpose. The lease/conveyance is consistent with current Bureau planning for this area and would be in the public interest. The lease/patent, when issued, 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, 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 such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe, and will be subject to:

1. All valid and existing rights.

2. Those rights for public utility purposes which have been granted to Nevada Power Company by permit No. N-77002, City of Las Vegas by permit No. N-75903, and Southern Nevada Water Authority by permit No. N-74577, all issued under the Act of October 21, 1976 (FLPMA).

Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada. Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the above described land will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease/conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, leasing under the mineral leasing laws and disposals under the mineral material disposal laws. 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 lease/conveyance for classification of the lands to the Field