

Idaho 83709, 208–373–3867, or Steve Robison, Caribou-Targhee National Forest, 1405 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401, 208–236–7573.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Notice of Proposed Withdrawal was published in the **Federal Register** on May 23, 2003, (68 FR 28251–28252). Notice is hereby given that three public meetings as provided for by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714, (2000) will be held at the dates and times specified above.

All persons who wish to submit comments in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing at the public meeting or to the Idaho State Director of the Bureau of Land Management at the address above within 30 days after the public meetings. A complete legal description is available from the Idaho State Office at the address shown above or at the Caribou-Targhee National Forest office, 1405 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401. Public scoping, as part of the environmental analysis process required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, will be conducted concurrently at the meetings.

The withdrawal will continue to be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2310.4.

Jimmie Buxton,

Branch Chief for Lands and Minerals.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA–680–04–1430–ES; CACA–13189]

Termination of a Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Classification and an Order Providing for Opening of Land; California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

ACTION: Order.

SUMMARY: This order terminates a BLM R&PP classification affecting 240 acres of public land near Lucerne Valley, California. Termination of the classification will open the land to the public land laws generally, including the mining laws. The land has been and remains open to mineral leasing.

DATES: The termination/opening order is effective April 7, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Bureau of Land Management, Barstow Field Office, 2601

Barstow Road, Barstow, California 92311.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Rotte, Realty Specialist, at the address above or by telephone at (760) 252–6026.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The land is described as follows:

San Bernardino Meridian, California

T. 4 N., R. 2 E.,
Sec. 18: E½SE¼;
Sec. 22: NE¼;

The area described contains 240 acres in San Bernardino County, California.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by the R&PP Act of June 14, 1926, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*), it is ordered as follows:

1. Pursuant to the regulations in 43 CFR 2091.7–1(b)(1) and the authority delegated by BLM Manual Section 1203 (43 FR 85), the classification decision of July 15, 1983, which classified 280 acres of public land as suitable for recreation and public purposes under the Act of June 14, 1926, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*), under Serial Number CACA13189, that 240 acre portion which was not patented is hereby revoked.

2. At 8 a.m. on April 7, 2004, the land will be opened to the operation of the public land laws generally, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. All valid application received at or prior to 8 am on April 7, 2004, shall be considered as simultaneous filed at that time. Those received thereafter shall be considered in the order of filing.

3. At 8 a.m. on April 7, 2004, the land will be opened to location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights; the provisions of existing withdrawals; other segregations of record; and the requirements of applicable law. Appropriation of any of the land described in this order under the general mining laws prior to the date and time of restoration is unauthorized. State law governs acts required to establish a location and to initiate a right of possession where not in conflict with Federal law. BLM will not intervene in disputes between rival locators over possessory rights since Congress has provided for such determinations in local courts.

Dated: January 12, 2004.

Harold E. Johnson,

Acting Field Manager, Barstow Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID–076–1220–BA]

Notice of Closure to Off-Highway Vehicle Use in the Bennett Hills

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice to the public of closure on public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management, Shoshone Field Office, Idaho.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the issuance of an emergency motorized closure in the Bennett Hills. Certain lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Shoshone Field Office are closed to off-highway vehicle (OHV) use and over-the-snow vehicles, with the exception of designated routes. A description of the closed area is provided below. The closure will remain in effect until such time as the authorized officer of the Shoshone Field Office determines the closure may be lifted, after the snowmelts in the spring and designated roads are dry. The closure is in accordance with 43 CFR 8364.1.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The BLM Shoshone Field Office, 400 West F. Street, Shoshone, ID 83352, telephone: (208) 732–7200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An emergency motorized closure has gone into effect in the Bennett Hills. The motorized closure area consists of all BLM administered land within King Hill creek on the west, below 5,000 feet elevation on the north, Highway 93 on the east, and Highway 26 on the south. Designated routes that remain are identified on a detailed map available at the Shoshone Field Office. The BLM Shoshone Field Office coordinated with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game to identify crucial big game winter range that is now closed to motorized travel. Due to the harsh winter and deep snow pack, big game are congregating on historic winter range areas and experiencing additional stress. Throughout the Bennett Hills, motorized travel, including snowmobiles, is restricted to designated routes and county roads which enable motorized access to higher elevation areas, above 5,000 feet. These upper elevation areas are typically not used by big game animals in the winter and therefore can still be accessed and remain open to over-the-snow vehicles. The BLM advises public land users to avoid wildlife if encountered in these open areas.

The area of the closure includes BLM lands, specifically described wholly or partially:

Boise Meridian

T. 3 S., to T. 5 S and R. 11 E., to R. 18 E.
The motorized closure area consists of all BLM administered land within these boundaries: King Hill creek on the west, below 5,000 feet elevation on the north, Highway 93 on the east, and Highway 26 on the south.

Detailed maps of the area closed to OHV and recreational use are available at the Shoshone Field Office at the address above.

Dated: January 13, 2004.

Bill Baker,

Shoshone Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-010-03-1430-ES; AZA-31954]

Notice of Realty Action; Recreation and Public Purposes Classification; Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action.

SUMMARY: The public land listed below, located in Coconino County, Arizona, near the community of Fredonia has been examined and found suitable for classification for lease or conveyance to the town of Fredonia under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: You may contact Linda Barwick, on (435) 688-3287.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following public land, located in Coconino County, Arizona, near the community of Fredonia has been examined and found suitable for classification for lease or conveyance to the town of Fredonia under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*):

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona

T. 41 N., R. 2 W.,

Sec. 22, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$; NW $\frac{1}{4}$ S
W $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$; N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$;
N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$; N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Containing 65.625 acres, more or less.

The town of Fredonia proposes to use the land to construct, operate and maintain a shooting range. Leasing or conveying title to the affected public land is consistent with current BLM

land use planning and would be in the public interest.

The lease or patent, when issued, would be subject to the following terms, conditions, and reservations:

1. Provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

2. A right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States.

3. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States.

4. Any other valid and existing rights of record not yet identified.

The land will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws and leasing under the mineral leasing laws, except for leasing or conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act on March 8, 2004. For a period until April 22, 2004, interested persons may submit comments regarding the proposed classification, leasing or conveyance of the land to the Field Manager, Arizona Strip Field Office Bureau of Land Management, Arizona Strip Field Office, 345 E. Riverside Drive, St. George, UT 84790.

Classification Comments: Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for a shooting range facility. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the land is physically suited for the proposal, whether the use will maximize the future use or uses of the land, 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, 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 a shooting range.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective May 7, 2004.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A plan of development for the shooting range is on file in the Arizona Strip Field Office.

Roger G. Taylor,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ES-032-4-1430-ES]

Realty Action; Recreation and Public Purpose Act Classification; Benzie County, MI

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action; Recreation and Public Purposes Act (R&PP) Classification; Michigan.

SUMMARY: The following public lands near the community of Frankfort in Benzie County, Michigan have been examined and found suitable for classification for lease or conveyance to Benzie County, under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act of 1926, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*). Therefore, in accordance with Section 7 of the Act of June 28, 1934, as amended (43 U.S.C. 315f) and EO 6964, the following described lands are hereby classified as suitable for disposal under the provisions of the R&PP Act of 1926, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*) and, accordingly, opened for only that purpose.

Michigan Meridian

T. 26 N., R. 16 W.

Lot 10 and Lot 12, Section 4.

The area described contains 4.05 acres in Benzie County

Benzie County proposes to manage the lands as a historic site. This action classifies the lands identified above for disposal through the R&PP Act of 1926 (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*) to protect the historic lighthouse, lighthouse related structures and the surrounding lands. The subject land was identified in the Michigan Resource Management Plan Amendment, approved June 30, 1997, as not needed for Federal purposes and having potential for disposal to protect the historic structures and surrounding lands. Lease or conveyance of the land for recreational and public purpose use would be in the public interest. Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, Milwaukee Field Office, Wisconsin.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Salvatore, Realty Specialist, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Milwaukee Field Office, 626 East Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 200, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, (414) 297-4413.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Executive Order dated July 24, 1875, a parcel of public land totaling 9.52