

Authority

The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: January 14, 2004.

Cynthia U. Barry,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Indian Affairs****Replacement School Construction Priority List as of FY 2004**

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As required by statute, the Bureau of Indian Affairs is publishing the “Replacement School Construction Priority List” in the **Federal Register**. The current priority list, last published in the **Federal Register** on July 9 and July 18, 2003, is revised by the addition of newly prioritized schools. The Bureau will use this list to determine the order in which Congressional appropriations are requested to fund education replacement construction of core academic and/or dormitory facilities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions regarding the Education Facilities Replacement Construction Priority List should be referred to Andrew Acoya, AIA, Office of Facilities Management and Construction, P.O. Box 1248, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103, (505) 346-6508, Fax (505) 346-6542.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Publication of the Replacement School Construction Priority List (Priority List) in the **Federal Register** is required by 25 U.S.C. 2005(d). In addition, the Conference Report (Report 108-330) which accompanied the Fiscal Year 2004 appropriations for the Department of the Interior directed the Secretary of the Interior to submit a new Priority List to Congress: “The managers direct that the Secretary submit a new priority list by February 15, 2004, containing a sufficient number of schools to continue the replacement school program through fiscal year 2007. The priority list should address the most critical needs based on the Bureau’s facility management information system.”

The process used to develop the Priority List involved identification by the BIA of schools with critical health and safety concerns. This identification

was conducted by the BIA’s Office of Facilities Management and Construction (using the facilities management information system), the BIA’s regional facilities program, and the Office of Indian Education Programs’ facilities program. The BIA then selected, through a competitive bid process, an independent contractor experienced in facilities construction to conduct a site review of each of the identified schools’ core academic and/or dormitory facility. The independent contractor then rated each school based on the following criteria, in order of priority: (1) Health and safety deficiencies, (2) environmental deficiencies, (3) accessibility for persons with disabilities, and (4) condition of existing utilities and site improvements. The Priority List includes 14 schools considered in most need of replacement of their core academic and/or dormitory facilities. Complete replacement of the entire school facility may not be necessary.

The BIA will begin the advance planning and design process for these schools to determine the scope and cost of each replacement project. This list will be more than sufficient to continue the replacement school construction program through FY 2007. Funding and scheduling for these projects is contingent on the budget process. In addition, any school placed on the Priority List is eligible for the Tribal School Construction Demonstration Program. Participation in this program would expedite the funding and scheduling for school replacement projects.

Under Section 1125(a)(5) of the No Child Left Behind Act (Pub. L. 107-110), the Secretary is required to conduct negotiated rulemaking regarding Indian school construction. This negotiated rulemaking may impact future replacement school construction priorities.

Schools placed on the previously published “Education Facilities Construction Priority List as of FY 2003,” published in the **Federal Register** on July 9, 2003 (68 FR 40996) and July 18, 2003 (68 FR 42815) that were not yet fully funded for construction are retained. In accordance with Congressional directives, the projects listed do not provide for the funding of new schools, grade level expansions, and charter schools.

This notice is published under authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs in the Departmental Manual at 209 DM 8.

Replacement School Construction Priority List

1. Dilcon Community School
2. Porcupine Day School
3. Crown Point/T'iists'oozi'bi'olta Community School
4. Muckleshoot Tribal School
5. Dennehotso Boarding School
6. Circle of Life Survival School
7. Keams Canyon Elementary School
8. Rough Rock Community School
9. Crow Creek Elementary/Middle/High School
10. Kaibeto Boarding School
11. Blackfeet Dormitory
12. Beatrice Rafferty School
13. Little Singer Community School
14. Cove Day School

Dated: March 9, 2004.

Dave Anderson,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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

[NV-050-5853-ES; N-61839]

Notice of Realty Action: Lease/Conveyance for Recreation and Public Purposes

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of recreation and public purpose lease/conveyance.

DATES: Interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed lease/conveyance for classification of the lands to the Field Manager, Las Vegas Field Office, Las Vegas, Nevada 89130 until May 10, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robin Yoakum at (702) 515-5087.

SUMMARY: The City of Las Vegas is qualified under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and has filed an application for these lands to be used as a public park. This land will serve citizens in the Northwest sector of the city, where much growth has occurred.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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 a public park.

Mount Diablo Meridian

T. 19S., R. 60E., Sec. 17

Government Lots, 18, 19, 20

Containing 62.08 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's. N-58721, N-73826, N-75274 and N-75820, Las Vegas Valley Water District by permit No. N-61329, Cox Communication by permit No. N-74001, Nevada Department of Transportation by permit No. NVCC-18138, Nevada Bell by permit No. NVCC-21488, FWHA by permit No. N-46063, Central Telephone by permit No. N-73808, and the City of Las Vegas by permit No's. N-73902 and N-76529-01 under the Federal Land Policy and Management 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. On March 24, 2004, 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.

Classification Comments: Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for a public park. 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 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 a public park.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any adverse comments, these realty actions will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior. The classification of the land described in this Notice will become effective 60 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**. The lands will not be offered for lease/conveyance until after the classification becomes effective.

Dated: November 28, 2004.

Sharon DiPinto,

Acting Assistant Field Manager, Division of Lands, Las Vegas, NV.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-921-1050-ET; WYW 144782]

Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Interior proposes to withdraw certain federally owned public lands and reserved mineral interests to protect prehistoric petroglyphs and cultural resources in the Whoopup Canyon Area of Critical Environmental Concern, Weston County, Wyoming. To the extent specified below, this notice segregates from surface entry and mining for up to 2 years, the aforementioned lands and mineral interests.

DATE: Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by June 22, 2004.

ADDRESS: Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming State Director, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003-1828.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Janet Booth, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Wyoming State Office, (307) 775-6124.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The applicant is the Bureau of Land Management at the address stated

above. The petition/application requests the Secretary of the Interior to withdraw for a period of 20 years and subject to valid existing rights, the following described federally owned public lands and reserved mineral interests from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws, but not from mineral leasing, mineral material sales, or conveyances under Section 206 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended:

Sixth Principal Meridian

T. 43 N., R. 60 W.,
Sec. 5, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 6, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 7, lot 4, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 8, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.
T. 44 N., R. 60 W.,
Sec. 19, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 20, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 29, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 30, lots 3 and 4, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$,
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 31, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, NE $\frac{1}{4}$,
E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 32, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 33, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains approximately 1439.39 acres of federally owned surface and minerals in Weston County, Wyoming.

T. 43 N., R. 60 W.,
Sec. 6, lots 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$,
E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 7, lots 1, 2, 3, W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$,
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 8, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 18, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.
T. 44 N., R. 60 W.,
Sec. 29, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$,
S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 30, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,
W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 31, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 32, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$,
N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 33, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains approximately 1919.51 acres of Federal reserved minerals underlying private surface in Weston County, Wyoming.

The BLM petition/application has been approved by the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management. Therefore, it constitutes a withdrawal proposal of the Secretary of the Interior. 43 CFR 2310.1-3(e).

The use of a right-of-way, interagency agreement, or cooperative agreement would not constrain non-discretionary uses that could irrevocably affect adversely the petroglyphs and cultural resources in the area.

There are no suitable alternative sites, since the lands described contain the resources that need protection.

No water rights will be needed to fulfill the purpose of the withdrawal.

Possible mineral deposits present in the above described land areas include