

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR**Geological Survey****Request for Public Comments on Guidelines for Providing Appropriate Access to Geospatial Data in Response to Security Concerns**

AGENCY: Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The guidelines provide procedures to identify sensitive information content of geospatial data sets. Should such content be identified, the guidelines help organizations decide what access to provide to such data and still protect sensitive information content. The geospatial data community's use of a common, standardized approach to identify data sets that have sensitive content and to restrict such information will increase the effectiveness of individual organization's actions.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 2, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The proposed guidelines are available through <http://www.fgdc.gov/fgdc/homeland/index.html>. All comments concerning these proposed guidelines should be submitted by electronic mail to guidelines@fgdc.gov or by postal mail to FGDC HSWG Guidelines Review, 511 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Domaratz, Co-chair, Federal Geographic Data Committee Homeland Security Working Group, 703-648-4434

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Many public, private, and non-profit organizations originate and publicly distribute geospatial data sets. It is conceivable that the content of some of these data sets could prove useful to an adversary of the United States. The guidelines help organizations decide on reasonable access to sensitive data and avoid unnecessary restrictions. They do so by helping organizations identify content that might be sensitive. They then guide organizations to take appropriate actions by evaluating the sensitive content in the context of other available information, the benefits lost by restricting data access, and the options for restricting data.

Additional instructions for comment accompany the guidelines. The working group will use the comments to improve the guidelines and to plan ways to encourage their adoption. It will summarize major or recurring themes from the comments and the working group's responses, and post the information through the working

group's home page at <http://www.fgdc.gov/fgdc/homeland/index.html>.

The Federal Geographic Data Committee will issue the guidelines under the authority provided by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-16 to establish procedures necessary and sufficient to carry out interagency coordination and the implementation of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure. The U.S. Geological Survey, which houses the committee's secretariat, provides this notice on behalf of the committee.

Ivan DeLoatch,

Staff Director, Federal Geographic Data Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Indian Affairs****Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin and the Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians' Proposed 26 Acre Fee-to-Trust Transfer and Casino Project in the City of Beloit, Rock County, Wisconsin**

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) as lead agency, with the St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin and the Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians (the Tribes) as cooperating agencies, intends to gather the information necessary for preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a proposed 26 acre fee-to-trust land transfer and casino project in Rock County, Wisconsin. The purpose of the proposed action is to help meet the economic development needs of the Tribes.

DATES: Written comments on the scope and implementation of this proposal must arrive by June 3, 2004. We estimate that the EIS will be ready for a Record of Decision by February 2005. This estimate includes public comment periods of 30 days for this notice, 60 days for the Draft EIS and 30 days for the Final EIS, plus time for notice issuance, a public hearing, response to comments, document revision and legal review.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Terrance L. Virden, Director, Midwest Region, Bureau of

Indian Affairs, Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building, One Federal Drive, Room 550, Ft. Snelling, Minnesota 55111.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Herb Nelson, (612) 713-4400 extension 1143.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BIA proposes to take 26 acres of land into trust on behalf of the Tribes, on which the Tribes propose to build a resort and casino complex. The property is located along the west side of Interstate 90 (I-90) in the City of Beloit, Rock County, Wisconsin. The project design contemplates a 100,000 square foot casino and support area, a 35,000 square foot conference/convention center, several restaurants, a 7,000 square foot child care facility and a gift shop, to be located on the 26 acres to be taken into trust. A 500 unit hotel, a 2,000 seat theater, a 68,000 square foot water park, and parking facilities would be located on an adjacent, fee parcel. An Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared for this project under the direction of the BIA and the Tribes by Environmental Resource Group. The BIA independently evaluated, revised and approved the EA's scope and contents. The BIA released the EA to the public for comment on September 17, 2003. Upon consideration of the EA and the comments received on it during the comment period, the BIA concluded that the potential environmental impact of the proposed action was significant enough to warrant an EIS. The BIA proposes to use the EA and the comments received on it as a substantial part of the scoping process for the EIS.

Issues identified to date to be addressed in the EIS include the following:

- Traffic (how the traffic generated by the casino development may effect the existing transportation system);
- Air quality (possible additive impacts of project-induced traffic on air quality);
- Socio-economics (how the project may affect employment and income, housing, schools, and infrastructure);
- Cumulative effects (environmental impacts of the project together with those of other reasonably foreseeable development projects in the area); and
- Alternatives to the preferred alternative.

The range of issues and alternatives addressed in the EIS may be expanded based on comments received in response to this notice.

Public Comment Availability

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be

available for public review at the mailing address shown in the ADDRESSES section, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish us to withhold your name and/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. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Authority

This notice is published in accordance with section 1503.1 of the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500 through 1508) implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 1-6), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Dated: April 15, 2004.

Woodrow W. Hopper, Jr.,

Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs (Management).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-910-04-1040-PH-24-1A]

Notice of Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Utah Resource Advisory Council (RAC) meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Utah Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The Utah Resource Advisory Council will meet June 9-10, 2004, in Moab, Utah. A field tour of the Sand

Flats Recreation Area is scheduled for June 9 beginning at 8 a.m. and concluding at 5 p.m. On June 10, the RAC will meet at the LaQuinta Inn, 815 South Main, Moab, Utah, from 8 a.m. until noon.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Sherry Foot, Special Programs Coordinator, Utah State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 324 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84111; phone (801) 539-4195.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 9, the Council will be taking a field tour, looking at OHV issues and impacts related to unofficial events and dispersed camping. On June 10, the RAC will discuss the OHV Subgroup's report, the Moab Field Office's route designation process, and updates on issues within BLM Utah. A public comment period, where members of the public may address the Council, is scheduled from 10:45 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. Written comments may be sent to the Bureau of Land Management address listed above.

All meetings are open to the public; however, transportation, lodging, and meals are the responsibility of the participating public.

Dated: April 27, 2004.

Sally Wisely,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-930-1430-EU; N-58575]

Esmeralda County, Nevada; Notice of Realty Action: Direct Sale of Public Lands, Esmeralda County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Realty Action.

SUMMARY: The following described lands near Dyer, Esmeralda County, Nevada, have been examined and found suitable for sale utilizing direct sale procedures.

DATES: Comments must be submitted by June 17, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Bureau of Land Management, Tonopah Field Station, 1553 South Main Street, Post Office Box 911, Tonopah, Nevada 89049.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wendy Seley, Realty Specialist, at the above address or at (775) 482-7800.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following described lands have been appraised at a fair market value (FMV) of \$5,500.00.

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 1 S., R. 35 E., Sec. 16, lot 13;

Totaling 1.35 acres, more or less.

These lands are being offered for direct sale, pursuant to 43 CFR 2711.3-3 (a)(5), to The Botner 1992 Family Trust of Dyer, Nevada to resolve inadvertent unauthorized use and development. Authority for the sale is Section 203 and Section 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701, 1713, 1719). The patent, when issued, will contain the following reservations to the United States:

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

2. Oil, gas, sodium and potassium, and geothermal resources are reserved on the 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 any regulations that the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe, including all necessary access and exit rights.

And will be subject to the following:

1. A right-of-way authorized under the Act of March 4, 1911 (36 Stat. 1253; 43 U.S.C. 961) for powerline purposes granted to Valley Electric Association, its successor or assignees, by right-of-way No. NEV-051579.

2. All existing and valid land uses, including livestock grazing leases, unless waived.

3. Valid existing rights.

The purchaser/patentee, by accepting patent, agrees 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 arising from the past, present or future acts or omissions of the patentee, its employees, agents, contractors, or lessees, or any third-party arising out of or in connection with the patentee's use and/or occupancy of the patented real property resulting in: (1) Violations of Federal, State, and local laws and regulations that are now or in the future become, applicable to the real property; (2) Judgments, claims or demands of any kind assessed against the United States; (3) Costs, expenses, or damages of any kind incurred by the United States; (4) Releases or threatened releases of solid or hazardous waste(s) and/or hazardous substances(s), as defined by Federal or State environmental laws, off, on, into or under land, property, and other interests of the United States; (5) Other activities by which solids or hazardous substances or wastes, as defined by