

desire to sell the land or interest therein to the United States; and (2) establishing a priority system for the acquisition of such properties.

**DATES:** Nominations under the FLTFA in Nevada are being considered in conjunction with nominations under Section 5 of the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998 (43 U.S.C. 6901) (SNPLMA). Nominations that were submitted on or before January 9, 2004, under SNPLMA Round 5 will also be considered as nominations under the FLTFA, to the extent consistent with FLTFA requirements. Future nominations will be accepted on an annual basis, with the next call for nominations under SNPLMA/FLTFA Round 6 being tentatively scheduled for September 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations should be mailed to BLM Las Vegas Field Office, Attn: Division of Land Sales & Acquisitions, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89130 (telephone: 702-515-5114).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rex Wells, Program Manager-FLTFA, BLM Nevada State Office (telephone: 775-861-6474; e-mail: [Rex\\_Wells@nv.blm.gov](mailto:Rex_Wells@nv.blm.gov), or Internet: <http://www.nv.blm.gov/fltfa>).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the FLTFA, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Forest Service (FS), the National Park Service (NPS) and the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) (collectively, the "Agencies") are offering to the public at large this opportunity to nominate lands in the State of Nevada, meeting FLTFA eligibility requirements, for possible Federal acquisition. Any individual, group or government body may make a nomination of such lands. The BLM has assumed the lead agency role for the public notice process regarding the nomination of eligible properties. The following lands are eligible for nomination: (1) Inholdings within a Federally Designated Area; or (2) Other non-federal lands having a common boundary with a Federally Designated Area that contain Exceptional Resource Values.

An Inholding is any right, title, or interest held by a non-Federal entity, in or to a tract of land that lies within the boundary of a Federally Designated Area.

A Federally Designated Area is an area, in existence on July 25, 2000, set aside for special management, as for example, a national park, a national wildlife refuge, a BLM research natural area, a wilderness area established under the Wilderness Act, or a unit of

the Wild and Scenic Rivers System. If you are not sure of whether a particular area meets the statutory definition in FLTFA, of a Federally Designated Area, you should consult the statute or contact the BLM as provided above.

An Exceptional Resource is a resource of scientific, natural, historic, cultural or recreational value that has been documented by a Federal, State or local government authority, and for which there is a compelling need for conservation and protection under the jurisdiction of a Federal agency in order to maintain the resource for the benefit of the public.

The Agencies will only consider an eligible nomination if:

- (1) There is a willing seller (written confirmation from a landowner of his/her desire to sell);
- (2) A Federal land use plan calls for its acquisition;
- (3) The land does not contain a hazardous substance or is not otherwise contaminated, and would not be difficult or uneconomic to manage as Federal land; and,
- (4) Acceptable title can be conveyed in accordance with Federal title standards.

The Agencies will assess the nominations for public benefits and rank the nominations in accordance with a jointly prepared State level interagency Implementation Agreement for the SNPLMA and FLTFA, dated June 2004 (Implementation Agreement). The identification of an inholding creates neither an obligation on the part of the landowner to convey the inholding nor any obligation on the part of the United States to acquire the inholding. Land acquisitions by the United States must be at fair market value consistent with applicable provisions of the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions.

In addition to the state-wide Implementation Agreement for the State of Nevada, the Agencies have signed a national Interagency Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to carry out their responsibilities under FLTFA. You may obtain detailed information on the MOU, Implementation Agreement, nomination package requirements, and acquisition process by contacting Rex Wells, as provided above.

**Robert V. Abbey,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NV-050-5853-ES; N-37124]

#### Notice of Realty Action: Lease/Conveyance for Recreation and Public Purposes, Las Vegas, NV

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of realty action.

**SUMMARY:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has determined that land located in Clark County, Nevada is suitable for classification for lease/conveyance to the City of Las Vegas.

**DATES:** Interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed lease/conveyance for classification until September 24, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Please mail your comments to the Las Vegas Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89130-2301.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Anna Wharton, Supervisory Realty Specialist, (702) 515-5095.

**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.*).

N-37124—The City of Las Vegas proposes to use the land for a public park. Mount Diablo Meridian, T. 19S., R. 60E., Sec. 18, Government Lots, 15 and 16. Consist of 9.87 acres.

The land is not required for any federal purpose. Lease/conveyance is consistent with current Bureau planning for this area and would be in the public interest. The lease/conveyance, 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

the Las Vegas Valley Water District by permit No. N-75502 under Title V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976 (FLPMA).

3. Those rights for public utility purposes which have been granted to the Las Vegas Valley Water District by permit No. N-77494 under Title V of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976 (FLPMA).

4. Those right for roadway, sewer and drainage purposes which have been granted to the City of Las Vegas by permit No. N-76812, under Title V of 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 at the address listed above. On August 10, 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 facility. 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 on October 12, 2004. The lands will not be offered for lease/conveyance until after the classification becomes effective.

Dated: June 18, 2004.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of an information collection (1010-0149).

**SUMMARY:** To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), MMS is inviting comments on a collection of information that we will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The information collection request (ICR) concerns the paperwork requirements in the rulemaking for 30 CFR 250, Subparts J, H, and I "Fixed and Floating Platforms and Structures."

**DATES:** Submit written comments by October 12, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** The ability to submit comments is now available through MMS's Public Connect on-line commenting system and is the preferred method for commenting. Interested parties may submit comments on-line at <https://ocsconnect.mms.gov>. From the Public Connect "Welcome" screen, you will be able to either search for Information Collection 1010-0149 or select it from the "Projects Open For Comment" menu.

Alternatively, interested parties may mail or hand-carry comments to the Department of the Interior; Minerals Management Service; Mail Stop 4024; 381 Elden Street; Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817; Attention: Rules Processing Team (RPT). Please reference "Information Collection 1010-0149" in your comments and include your name and return address. **Note:** We are no longer accepting comments sent via e-mail.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cheryl Blundon, Rules Processing Team at (703) 787-1600. You may also contact Cheryl Blundon to obtain a copy, at no cost, of the regulations that require the subject collection of information.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* 30 CFR 250, Subparts J, H, and I "Fixed and Floating Platforms and Structures."

*OMB Control Number:* 1010-0149.

*Abstract:* The Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Lands Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.* and 43 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), authorizes the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) to prescribe rules and regulations to administer leasing of the OCS. Such rules and regulations will apply to all operations conducted under a lease. Operations on the OCS must preserve, protect, and develop oil and natural gas resources in a manner that is consistent with the need to make such resources available to meet the Nation's energy needs as rapidly as possible; to balance orderly energy resource development with protection of human, marine, and coastal environments; to ensure the public a fair and equitable return on the resources of the OCS; and to preserve and maintain free enterprise competition.

Section 43 U.S.C. 1356 requires the issuance of " \* \* \* regulations which require that any vessel, rig, platform, or other vehicle or structure \* \* \* (2) which is used for activities pursuant to this subchapter, comply \* \* \* with such minimum standards of design, construction, alteration, and repair as the Secretary \* \* \* establishes. \* \* \* " Section 43 U.S.C. 1332(6) also states, "operations in the [O]uter Continental Shelf should be conducted in a safe manner \* \* \* to prevent or minimize the likelihood of \* \* \* physical obstruction to other users of the water or subsoil and seabed, or other occurrences which may cause damage to the environment or to property, or endanger life or health." These authorities and responsibilities are among those delegated to the Minerals Management Service (MMS) to ensure that operations in the OCS will meet statutory requirements; provide for safety and protection of the environment; and result in diligent exploration, development, and production of OCS leases.

On December 27, 2001, a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPR) (66 FR 66851), provided the initial 60-day review and comment process. This notice is a renewal of the information requirements for the rulemaking and for what we expect to be in our final rulemaking.

The industry standards incorporated into our regulations through this rulemaking:

- Result in a complete rewrite and re-titling of our current regulations at 30 CFR 250, Subpart I, Platforms and Structures. The currently approved information collection for this Subpart (1010-0058) will be superseded by this collection when final regulations take effect.