

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

[CO-920-1430-FQ; COC-28243]

**Public Land Order No. 7654;
Revocation of Secretarial Order Dated
December 15, 1942, and Public Land
Order No. 4670; Colorado****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management,
Interior.**ACTION:** Public land order.

SUMMARY: This order revokes a Secretarial Order and a Public Land Order in their entireties as they affect 2,333.19 acres of National Forest System land withdrawn for the Bureau of Reclamation's Battlement Mesa Project. This order opens the land to mining and to such forms of disposition as may by law be authorized on National Forest System land.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 20, 2006.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Doris E. Chelius, BLM Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215-7093, 303-239-3706.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The project was never constructed and the Bureau of Reclamation has determined that this land is no longer needed for reclamation purposes and has requested the revocation.

Order

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(a) (2000), it is ordered as follows:

1. The Secretarial Order dated December 15, 1942, and Public Land Order No. 4670 (34 FR 9860, June 26, 1969), which withdrew National Forest System land for the Bureau of Reclamation Battlement Mesa Project, are hereby revoked in their entireties:

Grand Mesa National Forest Sixth Principal Meridian

T. 9 S., R. 92 W.,

Sec. 24, lots 2, 3, and 4, and SW¹/₄SW¹/₄;Sec. 25, lot 2, SW¹/₄NE¹/₄ and W¹/₂;Sec. 26, S¹/₂;Sec. 27, lot 1, N¹/₂SW¹/₄, SE¹/₄SW¹/₄, and SE¹/₄;Sec. 34, lots 1 to 10, inclusive, NE¹/₄NE¹/₄, SE¹/₄SW¹/₄, and S¹/₂SE¹/₄;Sec. 35, lots 1 to 5, inclusive, N¹/₂NW¹/₄, and E¹/₂;Sec. 36, NW¹/₄.

T. 10 S., R. 92 W.,

Sec. 1, W¹/₂NW¹/₄SW¹/₄ andW¹/₂SW¹/₄NW¹/₄;Sec. 2, NE¹/₄NE¹/₄ and SE¹/₄NE¹/₄SE¹/₄.

The area described contains 2,333.19 acres in Mesa County.

2. At 9 a.m. on March 20, 2006, the land will be opened to such forms of disposition as may by law be authorized on National Forest System land, including 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. Any such attempted appropriation, including attempted adverse possession under 30 U.S.C. 38 (2000), shall vest no rights against the United States. Acts required to establish a location and to initiate a right of possession are governed by State law where not in conflict with Federal law. The Bureau of Land Management will not intervene in disputes between rival locators over possessory rights since Congress has provided for such determinations in local courts.

Dated: January 25, 2006.

Mark Limbaugh,*Assistant Secretary of the Interior.*

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[CO-500-1430-EU, COC-57129]

**Direct Sale of Public Land in Conejos
County, CO****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management,
Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of realty action.

SUMMARY: A 3.21 acre parcel of public land in Conejos County, Colorado is being considered for direct sale to Hal and Mindy Wilson to resolve an unauthorized use of public land.

DATES: Interested persons may submit written comments to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) at the address stated below. Comments must be received not later than April 3, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Send all written comments concerning this proposed sale to the Bureau of Land Management, Manager, San Luis Valley Public Lands Center, (SLV PLC) Attn: Bill Miller, 1803 West Highway 160, Monte Vista, Colorado 81144. Electronic format submittals will not be accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill Miller, Realty Specialist, at (719) 852-6219.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the applicable

provisions of 43 CFR Parts 2710 and 2711, the following described public land in Conejos County, Colorado, has been examined and found suitable for sale pursuant to authority provided in Sec. 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), as amended, (43 U.S.C. 1713). It is proposed to be sold direct to Hal and Mindy Wilson to resolve an unauthorized use of public land. No significant resource value will be affected. Sale of the parcel conforms to criteria in the San Luis Valley Resource Management Plan, dated December 1991. Proceeds from sale of this public land will be deposited in the Federal Land Disposal Account under Sec. 206 of the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act (43 U.S.C. 2305).

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 36 N., R. 6 E.

Sec. 24: lot 1.

Containing approximately 3.21 acres. The appraised fair market value is \$2,250.

Publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** shall segregate the lands described above from appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws. The segregative effect of this notice shall terminate upon issuance of a patent or upon expiration of 270 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**, whichever occurs first.

The following reservations, rights, and conditions will be included in the patent that may be issued for the above parcel of Federal land: A reservation to the United States for a right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States. Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945), and a reservation of all minerals to the United States.

The land will not be offered for sale until at least 60 days after April 18, 2006. The prospective purchaser will be allowed 30 days from receipt of a written offer from the SLV PLC to submit a deposit of at least 20 percent of the appraised fair market value, and 180 days thereafter to submit the balance.

Failure to timely submit full payment for the parcel within the 180 days will constitute a termination of the opportunity to purchase the parcel at direct sale.

No warranty of any kind, expressed or implied, is given by the United States as to the title, physical condition, or potential uses of the parcel proposed for sale.

Public Comments

Information concerning the proposed land sale, including reservations,

appraisal, planning and environmental documents, and mineral report, is available for review at the SLV PLC Office. Normal business hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. MDT, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

The general public and interested parties may submit written comments regarding the proposed sale to the SLV PLC Manager, Monte Vista Office, not later than 45 days after publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**. Comments received during this process, including respondent's name, address, and other contact information, will be available for public review. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to request that BLM consider withholding your name, address, and other contact information (phone number, e-mail address, or fax number, etc.) from public review or disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. The BLM will honor requests for confidentiality on a case-by-case basis to the extent allowed by law. The BLM will make available for public review, in their entirety, all comments submitted by businesses or organizations, including comments by individuals in their capacity as an official or representative of a business or organization.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the BLM State Director, Colorado, who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action in whole or in part. In the absence of any adverse comments, this realty action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

Dated: December 8, 2005.

Cindy Rivera,

Physical Resources Staff Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-030-1430-EU; NMNM-107572]

Competitive Sale of Public Land in Dona Ana County, New Mexico

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The following public land known as the Berino Tract in Dona Ana County, New Mexico, has been examined and found suitable for competitive sale under Sections 203 and 209 of the Federal Land Policy and

Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976 (90 Stat. 2750, 43 U.S.C. 1713 and 1719), and the Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act of July 25, 2000 (Pub. L. 106-248).

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 25 S., R. 3 E.,

Section 34, Lots 6 to 8, lots 13 to 15, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 26 S., R. 3 E.,

Section 3, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Containing 396.34 acres more or less.

DATES: Comments on Proposed Competitive Sale: Comments regarding the proposed competitive sale must be received by BLM not later than April 3, 2006.

Sale Date: The competitive sale will be held at the BLM, Las Cruces District Office, 1800 Marquess, Las Cruces, New Mexico, at 10 a.m., m.s.t. on April 18, 2006.

Sealed Bids: Sealed bids must be received by BLM not later than 4:30 p.m., m.s.t. April 18, 2006. Sale Bid Forms will be provided to all prospective bidders prior to the sale. The forms are available at the BLM, Las Cruces District Office, 1800 Marquess, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005 or by calling (505) 252-4300. The forms should be included in a sealed envelope, and the envelope must be marked on the lower left corner with the sale date and the BLM serial number "NM-107572".

All oral bidders are required to register. Registration will be held at BLM, Las Cruces District Office, 1800 Marquess, Las Cruces, New Mexico beginning at 8 a.m. m.s.t. on the day of the sale and will end at 10 a.m., m.s.t.

ADDRESSES: BLM, Las Cruces District Office, 1800 Marquess, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

Comments regarding the proposed sale, as well as sealed bids should be submitted to the above address. The Sale Bid and Certification of Qualification forms will be available prior to the sale date at the BLM, Las Cruces District Office or by calling (505) 525-4300. More detailed information regarding the proposed sale and the land involved may be reviewed during normal business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at 1800 Marquess.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Angel Mayes, Realty Specialist at the address above or by calling (505) 525-4376.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The land has been authorized and designated for disposal in the Mimbres Resource Management Plan, dated December 1993, and the public interest will be

served by offering this land for sale. The land is hereby classified for disposal in accordance with Executive Order No. 6910, and with Section 7 of the Taylor Grazing Act, 43 U.S.C. 315F. The proposed land will be put up for sale by competitive auction on April 18, 2006.

The auction will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Section 203 and 209 of FLPMA (43 U.S.C. 1713 and 1719), respectively, and its implementing regulations, 43 CFR part 2710 and 2711, at not less than the fair market value (FMV) for the parcel. The appraised market value of the subject property is \$879,000 (eight hundred and seventy-nine thousand dollars and no cents).

The purpose of this sale is to dispose of a tract of land that will serve important public objectives, including but not limited to, expansion of communities and economic development, which cannot be achieved prudently or feasibly on land other than public land. The sale of this land outweighs other public objectives and values, including, but not limited to, recreation and scenic values, which would be served by maintaining such tract in Federal ownership. The sale does not affect a grazing allotment. No significant resource values will be affected by this transfer.

The locatable, salable, and leasable mineral rights will be conveyed simultaneously with the surface estate. The disposal would not generate any adverse energy impacts or limit energy production and distribution (Executive Order 13212). It has been determined that the subject parcel contains no mineral value. Acceptance of a sale offer will constitute an application for conveyance of these mineral interests. In conjunction with the final payment, the applicant will be required to pay a \$50.00 non-refundable filing fee for processing the conveyance of the mineral interests when remitting final payment for the parcel.

On February 17, 2006, the above described 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. Upon publication of this notice and until completion of the sale, the BLM will no longer accept land use applications affecting the parcel identified for sale. The segregative effect of this notice shall terminate upon issuance of the patent, upon publication in the **Federal Register** of a termination of the segregation, or 270 days from the date of publication, whichever occurs first.