

invited to participate as cooperating agencies. The public and interest groups have been provided opportunities to participate during formal comment periods and during Steens Mountain Advisory Council meetings.

The Final EIS evaluates six alternative management approaches including a No Action Alternative. A Preferred Alternative is proposed in the Final EIS. The three features of the Preferred Alternative are: (1) The Full Treatment Alternative would be implemented in all portions of the project area including WSAs, but excluding Steens Mountain Wilderness; (2) The Continuation of Current Management Alternative would be selected for the Steens Mountain Wilderness; (3) Future proposals in Steens Mountain Wilderness would be in conformance with the Steens Act and the Wilderness Act.

Copies of the Final EIS have been sent to affected Federal, State, Tribal and local government agencies and to interested parties. The Final EIS is available for public inspection at the BLM Burns District Office in Hines, Oregon, during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays). Comments received from the public and internal BLM review comments on the Draft EIS were incorporated into the Final EIS, where appropriate.

Public input during scoping as well as internal scoping identified at least 20 issues for analysis in the EIS. These issues are outlined in Chapter 1 of the Final EIS.

Opportunities for public involvement to date in the process have included two separate public scoping periods, a 45-day comment period on the Draft EIS which included two public meetings. In addition, the Steens Mountain Advisory Council has participated in the process and made a specific recommendation which supports the Preferred Alternative.

Public comments on the Draft EIS received during the 45-day comment period were reviewed by BLM specialists and cooperating agencies. Responses to public comments as well as summarized versions of the public comments are included in the Final EIS. Changes to the EIS made between Draft and Final were based on public comments and internal review. Meetings were held and coordination has been conducted with Harney County Commissioner, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Ecological Services, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Eastern Oregon Agricultural

Research Center, Burns Paiute Tribe, and Harney Soil and Water Conservation District.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-910-0777-XP-241A]

#### State of Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Arizona Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet on September 6, 2007, in Phoenix, Arizona, at the BLM National Training Center located at 9828 North 31st Avenue in Phoenix from 8 a.m. and conclude at 4:30 p.m. Morning agenda items include: Review of the June 8, 2007, meeting minutes for RAC and Recreation Resource Advisory Council (RRAC) business; BLM State Director's update on statewide issues; presentations on: the BLM wilderness program in Arizona, how recreation benefits communities, and Arizona water rights; RAC questions on BLM Field Managers Rangeland Resource Team proposals; and, reports by RAC working groups. A public comment period will be provided at 11:30 a.m. on September 6, 2007, for any interested publics who wish to address the Council on BLM programs and business.

Under the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, the RAC has been designated the RRAC, and has the authority to review all BLM and Forest Service (FS) recreation fee proposals in Arizona. The afternoon meeting agenda on September 6 will include discussion and review of the Recreation Enhancement Act (REA) Working Group Report, the Fiscal Year 2008 (Tentative) quarterly schedule for BLM and FS recreation fee proposals, and one FS fee proposal in Arizona:

(1) Upper Salt River Canyon Wilderness Private River Permit System—(Tonto National Forest). The Forest Service is considering a change for the Private Permit Fees for running

the Upper Salt River through the Salt River Canyon Wilderness from March 1 to May 15 each year. The application fee of \$10 will remain the same. The permit fee is proposed from the current \$75 to a fee of \$125. The purpose of the proposed fee increase is to help better cover the cost of managing the river program for the Upper Salt River Canyon Wilderness. The proposed fees are in line with those charged by other Forest Service and Federal Government agencies for similar river permits in the western United States.

Following the FS proposals, the RRAC will open the meeting to public comments on the fee proposal. After completing their RRAC business, the BLM RAC will reconvene to provide recommendations to the RAC Designated Federal Official on the fee proposal and discuss future RAC meetings and locations.

**DATES:** Effective Date: September 6, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deborah Stevens, Bureau of Land Management, Arizona State Office, One North Central Avenue, Suite 800, Phoenix, Arizona 85004-4427, 602-417-9504.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-110-07-1430-EU; AZA-33756]

#### Notice of Realty Action; Proposed Competitive Sale of Public Land; Mohave County, AZ

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Realty Action.

**SUMMARY:** Two parcels of public land totaling 118.82 acres in Mohave County, Arizona are being considered for competitive sale under the provisions of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), at no less than the appraised fair market value.

**DATES:** In order to ensure consideration in the environmental analysis of the proposed sale, comments must be received by October 1, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all comments concerning this Notice to Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Arizona Strip Field Office, 345 East Riverside Drive, St. George, Utah 84790.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Laurie Ford, Team Lead, at the above address or phone (435) 688-3271.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following-described public lands in Mohave County, Arizona, are being considered for competitive sale under the authority of Section 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (90 Stat. 2750, 43 U.S.C. 1713):

**Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona**

T. 39 N., R. 16 W.,  
Sec. 4, lot 2;  
Sec. 5, lots 2 and 3.

The area described contains 118.82 acres, more or less, in Mohave County.

The 1992 BLM Arizona Strip District Resource Management Plan identifies these parcels of public land as suitable for disposal. Conveyance of the identified public lands will be subject to valid existing rights and encumbrances of record, including but not limited to, rights-of-way for roads and public utilities. Conveyance of any mineral interests pursuant to Section 209 of FLPMA will be analyzed during processing of the proposed sale.

On August 17, 2007, the above-described lands will be segregated from appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, except the sale provisions of FLPMA. Until completion of the sale, the BLM is no longer accepting land use applications affecting the identified public lands, except applications for the amendment of previously-filed right-of-way applications or existing authorizations to increase the term of the grants in accordance with 43 CFR 2807.15 and 2886.15. The segregative effect will terminate upon issuance of a patent, publication in the **Federal Register** of a termination of the segregation, or August 17, 2009, unless extended by the BLM State Director in accordance with 43 CFR 2711.1-2(d) prior to the termination date.

**Public Comments**

For a period until October 1, 2007, interested parties and the general public may submit in writing any comments concerning the lands being considered for sale, including notification of any encumbrances or other claims relating to the identified land, to Field Manager, BLM, Arizona Strip Field Office, at the above address. In order to ensure consideration in the environmental analysis of the proposed sale, comments must be in writing and postmarked or delivered within 45 days of the initial date of publication of this Notice. Comments transmitted via e-mail will not be accepted. Comments, including

names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BLM Arizona Strip Field Office during regular business hours, except holidays. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment—including your personal—identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

(Authority: 43 CFR 2711.1-2)

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

[CA-160-1430-ES; CALA 0170973]

**Notice of Realty Action; Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act Classification; CA**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Realty Action.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has examined and found suitable for classification for conveyance under section 7 of the Taylor Grazing Act, 43 U.S.C. 315f, and the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act, as amended, 10 acres of public land in Tulare County, California. Tulare County has filed an application to purchase the 10-acre parcel of BLM land that contains a closed, solid waste landfill facility.

**DATES:** Comments of interested persons must be received in the BLM Bakersfield Field Office on or before October 1, 2007. Only written comments will be accepted.

**ADDRESSES:** Bureau of Land Management, Bakersfield Field Office, 3801 Pegasus Drive, Bakersfield, California 93308.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rosalinda Estrada, Realty Specialist, BLM Bakersfield Field Office, (661) 391-6126. Detailed information concerning this action, including but not limited to documentation related to compliance with applicable environmental and cultural resource laws, is available for review at the BLM

Bakersfield Field Office at the address above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following described public land in Tulare County, California has been examined and found suitable for classification for conveyance under section 7 of the Taylor Grazing Act, 43 U.S.C. 315f, and the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*), and is hereby classified accordingly.

**Mount Diablo Meridian**

T. 22 S., R. 36 E.,  
Sec. 20, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described contains 10 acres, in Tulare County.

The land is not needed for any Federal purpose. The County of Tulare has leased the described property from BLM since January, 1963. The described property will be conveyed to the County of Tulare without possibility of reverter to the United States, pursuant to 43 CFR Subpart 2743. The conveyance is consistent with current Bureau land-use planning and would be in the public interest. The patent, if issued, will be subject to the provisions of the R&PP Act and applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, in particular, but not limited to 43 CFR 2743.3-1, and will contain the following additional reservations, terms, and conditions:

1. A right-of-way thereon for ditches or canals constructed by the authority of the United States pursuant to the 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 the minerals under applicable laws and such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe, including all necessary access and exit rights.

3. The patent, if issued, will be subject to all valid existing rights.

4. The patentee, by accepting a patent, covenants and agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold the United States and its officers, agents, representatives, and employees (hereinafter referred to in this clause as the "United States"), harmless from any costs, damages, claims, causes of action, penalties, fines, liabilities, and judgments of any kind or nature arising from the past, present, and future acts or omissions of the patentees or their employees, agents, contractors, or lessees, or any third-party, arising out of or in connection with the patentees' use, occupancy, or operations on the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  section 20, T. 22 S., R. 36 E., M.D.M., Tulare County, California, the patented real property. This indemnification and hold harmless agreement includes, but