

ACRES OF BLM-MANAGED SURFACE ESTATE PROPOSED TO BE MANAGED AS ACECS UNDER THE ALTERNATIVES IN THE DRAFT LMP/EIS

Values and use limitations	Alternative A	Alternative B (Preferred)	Alternative C	Alternative D
<p><b>Big Gypsum Valley</b>  <i>Values:</i> Natural systems (sensitive plants)  <i>Limitations:</i> Apply a no surface occupancy (NSO) stipulation for oil and gas leasing and other surface disturbing activities, limit Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) to designated routes, manage as Visual Resource Management (VRM) II</p>	0	6,062	17,116	0
<p><b>Mud Springs/Remnant Ansazi ACEC</b>  <i>Values:</i> Cultural and natural systems  <i>Limitations:</i> Apply a no surface occupancy (NSO) stipulation for oil and gas leasing and other surface disturbing activities, limit Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) to designated routes, and allow no new routes</p>	1,160	0	1,160	0
<p><b>Silvies Pocket</b>  <i>Value:</i> Natural systems (sensitive plants)  <i>Limitations:</i> Manage as VRM II, apply NSO stipulation for oil and gas leasing and other surface disturbing activities, and limit Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) to designated routes</p>	0	0	707	0
<p><b>Grassy Hills</b>  <i>Value:</i> Natural systems (sensitive plants)  <i>Limitations:</i> Apply NSO stipulation for oil and gas leasing and other surface disturbing activities, limit OHV to designated routes, use grazing systems to protect prairie dog habitat</p>	0	0	420	0
Total Acres .....	1,160	6,062	19,403	0

Other key management concerns addressed in the Draft LMP/DEIS include:

- Balancing Management between the ideas of maintaining “Working Forest and Rangelands” and Retaining “Core Undeveloped Areas”,
- Recreation and Travel Management,
- Management of Special Areas and Unique Landscapes (including ACECs, Forest Service wilderness recommendations, and suitability of rivers for Congressional designation into the Wild and Scenic Rivers System),
- Oil and Gas Leasing and Development.

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the SJPLC, and will be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability, Three Rivers Stone Quarry Expansion Draft Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102 (2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Challis Field Office, has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to consider whether to approve an Amended Plan of Operations for L&W Stone Corporation to continue mining flagstone from its Three Rivers Stone Quarry.

DATES: Written comments will be accepted for 45 days following the date that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes its Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. The BLM intends to hold two public meetings during the 45-day comment period, in Boise and Challis, Idaho. BLM will announce the public meeting times and locations at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media news releases, and/or newsletter mailings.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the DEIS are available upon request from the BLM Idaho Falls District Office, 1405 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho, 83401, phone 208-524-7530. You may request either a hard copy or a computer disk (CD). A copy of the DEIS will be posted on the Internet at [http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/fo/challis/nepa/Three\\_Rivers.html](http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/fo/challis/nepa/Three_Rivers.html). To receive full consideration, comments must be postmarked no later than the last day of the written comment period. (The last day of the written comment period may be identified at the Internet address above, after publication of the EPA Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**.)

You may submit comments on the DEIS using any of the following methods:

Mail: Charles Horsburgh, Project Manager, BLM Idaho Falls District Office, 1405 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401.

Fax: 208-524-7505.

E-mail: [Three\\_Rivers\\_EIS@blm.gov](mailto:Three_Rivers_EIS@blm.gov).

All public comments, including the names and mailing addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Idaho Falls District Office in Idaho Falls, Idaho, during regular business hours from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the Final EIS. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your

comment, you should be aware 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 your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Charles Horsburgh, Project Manager, BLM Idaho Falls District, 1405 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401, phone 208-524-7530, or fax 208-524-7505.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** L&W Stone Corporation mines locatable flagstone on public lands administered by the BLM's Challis Field Office in Custer County, Idaho. L&W Stone submitted an Amended Plan of Operations for its quarry under the 43 CFR part 3809 Regulations in December 2002. In 2004, the BLM completed an Environmental Assessment (EA) regarding the Amended Plan of Operations, signed a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), and approved the project. As a result of a lawsuit that was filed objecting to that approval, the BLM was ordered by the Federal District Court to prepare an EIS for the Amended Plan of Operations.

The DEIS analyzes and discloses the effects of four alternatives, including the No Action and BLM's Preferred Alternative. Alternative A, the No Action Alternative, would result in the cessation of quarrying activities and the implementation of reclamation measures that would stabilize disturbed areas. Alternative B would be a continuation of the interim mining plan that was developed by L&W Stone and approved by the District Court, which has allowed L&W Stone to mine while the EIS is being prepared. Alternative C would be a continuation of mining under the Preferred Alternative from BLM's 2004 EA. Alternative D, the BLM's Preferred Alternative described in the DEIS, would be similar to Alternative C, but would allow for the expansion of quarrying operations into two new areas that contain flagstone resources.

All Alternatives are consistent with the Challis Resource Management Plan and would protect public health, protect surface and groundwater resources, meet post-mining land use

requirements, and minimize view-shed impacts.

L&W Stone will be required to submit an updated Plan of Operation that would incorporate the requirements of the Alternative that is selected by the BLM Authorized Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### **Notice of Realty Action: Lease/Conveyance for Recreation and Public Purposes of Public Lands in Clark County, NV**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Realty Action.

**SUMMARY:** Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act request for lease and subsequent conveyance of approximately 10 acres of public land in the City of Henderson, Clark County, Nevada. The City of Henderson proposes to use the land for a city fire station and public park.

**DATES:** Interested parties may submit written comments regarding the proposed lease/conveyance of the lands until January 28, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail written comments to the BLM Field Manager, Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV, 89130-2301.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Phil Rhinehart, (702) 515-5182.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following described public land in Clark County, Nevada has been examined and found suitable for lease and subsequent conveyance under the provisions of the R&PP Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*). The parcel of land is located in the southeast corner of St. Rose Parkway via the newly adopted alignment of Rancho Destino Street and Bowles Street, Henderson, Nevada, and is legally described as:

#### **Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada**

T. 23 S., R. 61 E.,

Sec. 9, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described contains 10 acres, more or less.

In accordance with the R&PP Act, the City of Henderson has filed an R&PP application to develop the above described land as a city fire station and

public park with related facilities to meet the emergency service and park space needs of this rapidly growing area. Related facilities include a fire warehouse, outdoor vehicle storage, training facilities, parking, public restrooms, shade structures, and pedestrian trails. Additional detailed information pertaining to this application, plan of development, and site plan is in case file N-81544, which is located in the BLM Las Vegas Field Office at the above address.

Cities are a common applicant under the public purposes provision of the R&PP Act. The City of Henderson is a political subdivision of the State of Nevada and is therefore a qualified applicant under the R&PP Act. The land is not required for any Federal purpose. The lease/conveyance is consistent with the BLM Las Vegas Resource Management Plan, dated October 5, 1998, and would be in the public interest. The lease/conveyance, when issued, will be subject to the provisions of the R&PP 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.

The lease/conveyance will be subject to:

1. Valid existing rights;

2. A right-of-way for an underground distribution line granted to Nevada Power Company, its successors and assigns, by right-of-way N-75952, pursuant to the Act of October 21, 1976, 090 Stat. 2776, 43 U.S.C. 1761;

3. A right-of-way for roads, drainage, and municipal utilities granted to the City of Henderson, its successors or assigns, by right-of-way N-77148, pursuant to the Act of October 21, 1976, 090 Stat. 2776, 43 U.S.C. 1761;

4. A right-of-way for fiber optic facilities granted to Nevada Power Company, its successor and assigns, by right-of-way N-78680, pursuant to the Act of October 21, 1976, 090 Stat. 2776, 43 U.S.C. 1761;

5. A right-of-way for power transmission lines granted to Nevada Power Company, its successors and assigns, by right-of-way N-78683, pursuant to the Act of October 21, 1976, 090 Stat. 2776, 43 U.S.C. 1761;