

Sealed bids for Parcel 2 will be opened to determine the high bidder at 10 a.m. MDT, July 2, 2008, at the San Luis Valley Public Lands Center. The outside of each bid envelope must be clearly marked on the front lower left-hand corner with "SEALED BID," Parcel Number, and bid opening date. Bids must be for not less than the appraised market value for the parcel. Each sealed bid shall be accompanied by a certified check, postal money order, bank draft, or cashier's check made payable in U.S. currency to "DOI-Bureau of Land Management" for an amount not less than 30 percent of the total amount of the bid. Personal checks will not be accepted.

The bid envelope also must contain a signed statement giving the total amount bid for the Parcel and the bidder's name, mailing address, and phone number.

Certification of bidder's qualifications must accompany the bid deposit. Evidence of authorization to bid for a corporation or other entity must be included.

#### Additional Terms and Conditions of Sale

Successful bidders will be allowed 90 days from the date of sale to submit the remainder of the full bid price. Failure to timely submit full payment for a parcel shall result in forfeiture of the bid deposit to the BLM, and the parcel will be offered to the second highest qualifying bidder at their original bid. If there are no other acceptable bids, the parcel may continue to be offered by sealed bid on the first Friday of each month at not less than the minimum bid until the offer is canceled.

By law, public lands may be conveyed only to (1) Citizens of the United States who are 18 years old or older, (2) a corporation subject to the laws of any State or of the United States, (3) an entity including, but not limited to, associations or partnerships capable of acquiring and owning real property, or interests therein, under the laws of the State of Colorado, or (4) a State, State instrumentality, or political subdivision authorized to hold real property.

The following reservations, rights, and conditions will be included in the patent that may be issued for the above parcels of federal land:

1. 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).

2. Parcel 2 will be subject to a right-of-way for the valid existing right listed above.

No warranty of any kind, express or implied, is given by the United States as

to the title, physical condition, or potential uses of the parcels proposed for sale.

#### Public Comments

Detailed information concerning the proposed land sales, including reservations, sale procedures, appraisals, planning and environmental documents, and mineral reports, is available for review at the San Luis Valley Public Lands Center, 1803 West Highway 160, Monte Vista, Colorado. Normal business hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. MDT, Monday through Friday, except holidays.

The general public and interested parties may submit written comments regarding the proposed sales to the Center Manager, San Luis Valley Public Lands Center, 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: April 25, 2008.

**Dan S. Dallas,**

*Center Manager, San Luis Valley Public Lands Center.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NM-510-1610-DT]

#### Notice of Availability of Record of Decision for the Special Status Species Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) management policies, the BLM announces the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD)/Special Status Species Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment (RMPA) for portions of the Carlsbad and Roswell Field Offices. The New Mexico State Director will sign the ROD, which constitutes the final decision of the BLM and makes the Approved RMP effective immediately.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the ROD/ Approved RMPA are available upon request from the Pecos District Manager, Pecos District Office, BLM, 2909 W. Second St., Roswell, New Mexico 99201; or via the Internet at <http://www.blm.gov>. Copies are also available at the Carlsbad Field Office, BLM, 620 E. Greene St., Carlsbad, New Mexico 88220.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Howard Parman, Planning Team Leader, Roswell Field Office, 2909 W. Second St., Roswell, New Mexico 88201, (575) 627-0212, or via e-mail at [howard\\_parman@blm.gov](mailto:howard_parman@blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Approved Special Status Species RMPA contains management prescriptions to ensure the continued habitat protection of two special status species, the lesser prairie-chicken (*Tympanuchus pallidicinctus*) and the sand dune lizard (*Sceloporus arenicolus*), while allowing other resource uses and activities to continue in the Planning Area. The Planning Area for the Special Status Species RMPA, which includes approximately 850,000 acres of BLM-administered public lands and 1.15 million acres of Federal minerals, is located in Chaves, Eddy, Lea, and Roosevelt Counties, New Mexico. A map of the Planning Area is available on the BLM New Mexico Web site at <http://www.nm.blm.gov>. The BLM provided numerous avenues and opportunities for meaningful public participation

throughout the planning process. Chaves, Eddy, and Lea Counties, the New Mexico Department of Agriculture, State Land Office, and Department of Game and Fish participated as cooperating agencies. The BLM tribal government consultation included the Ysleta Del Sur Pueblo, Mescalero Apache Tribe, Apache Tribe of Oklahoma, Kiowa Tribe, and the Comanche Tribe of Oklahoma. In 2005, public scoping meetings were conducted to help identify planning issues. Identified issues encompassed, but were not limited to, the development of energy resources, special management designations, special status species management, livestock grazing, and off-highway vehicle designations. The Draft RMPA/ Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was released to the public for a 90-day comment period in October 2006. The BLM hosted public meetings in Roswell, Carlsbad, Artesia, and Hobbs, New Mexico, and Midland, Texas, to answer questions about the document, as well as to solicit comments from the public.

The ROD/Approved RMPA selects the Preferred Alternative, Alternative B, which was identified in the Proposed RMPA/Final EIS. Alternative B adopts concepts of a Conservation Strategy that was developed by a stakeholder group during the planning process, and adds measures to provide greater protection of lesser prairie-chicken and sand dune lizard habitat. In addition to the Preferred Alternative, the BLM will also establish the Lesser Prairie-Chicken Habitat Preservation Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). This ACEC is a modification of the proposed ACEC as described in Alternative E of the Draft RMPA/EIS and Proposed RMPA/Final EIS. The purpose of the ACEC is to maintain and enhance habitat for the lesser prairie-chicken and sand dune lizard. The decision to designate this ACEC is because the lesser prairie-chicken has a high potential for listing as a threatened or endangered species by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). The FWS will review the status of the lesser prairie-chicken in 2009; therefore, the establishment of this ACEC is to help mitigate the potential for listing this species through the provision of specific management prescriptions. The Lesser Prairie-Chicken ACEC comprises 37,082 public land surface acres and 46,902 acres of Federal mineral estate.

The Proposed RMPA/Final EIS was published on November 2, 2007. The Governor's 60-day consistency review resulted in no comments from the Governor's office. The BLM received one protest to the Proposed RMPA/Final

EIS. No changes were made to the RMPA based on the protest, which was dismissed by the Director of the BLM. As a result, only minor editorial modifications were made in preparing the Approved RMPA, with the exception of adding the Lesser Prairie-Chicken ACEC to the final decision. These modifications provided further clarification of some of the decisions.

**Linda S.C. Rundell,**

*New Mexico State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

**[NV-030-08-1232-EA-NV15; 8-08807; TAS: 14X5413]**

#### **Temporary Closure of Public Lands During Competitive Special Recreation Permitted Events on Public Lands Managed by the Carson City Field Office, Nevada**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will effect temporary closure of certain public lands in Lyon, Storey, Churchill, Carson, Douglas, Mineral, Washoe, and Nye counties at various dates and locations to provide for public and participant safety and to protect adjacent natural and cultural resources during the conduct of permitted special recreation events.

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** April through November 2008. Events may be canceled or rescheduled with short notice due to weather, sudden change in resource conditions, emergency actions, or at the discretion of the authorizing officer.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Arthur Callan, (775) 885-6000.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** These closures (Closure Number: NV-030-08-001) are authorized under the provisions of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.* This notice applies to public lands directly affected by and adjacent to competitive special events for which a BLM Special Recreation Permit (SRP) has been authorized. Examples of events include: motorized off-highway vehicle (OHV) races, mountain bike races; horse endurance rides and field dog trials. Race and ride events are conducted along dirt roads, trails, and washes approved for such

use; field dog trials occur over specified acreages. One or more special events occur monthly from April through November. Unless otherwise posted, race closure periods are from 5 a.m. race day until race finish or until the event has cleared between affected check point locations. Closures may occupy 2 to 24 hour periods. The general public will be advised of event and closure specifics via on-the-ground signage, public letters, e-mail, or local newspaper notices. The public may call to confirm or discuss closures at anytime prior to an announced event date. Locations commonly used for permitted events include, but are not limited to:

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

1. *Lemmon Valley MX Area—Washoe County*  
T. 21 N., R. 19 E., Sec. 8.

2. *Hungry Valley Recreation Area—Washoe County*

T. 20–24 N., R. 18–21 E.

3. *Pine Nut Mountains—Carson, Douglas and Lyon Counties*

T. 11–16 N., R. 20–24 E.

4. *Virginia City/Jumbo Areas—Storey and Washoe Counties*

T. 16–17 N., R. 20–21 E.

5. *Yerington/Weeks Areas—Lyon County*

T. 12–16 N., R. 23–27 E.

6. *Fallon Area (Including Sand Mountain)—Churchill County*

T. 14–18 N., R. 27–32 E.

7. *Hawthorne Area—Mineral County*

T. 5–14 N., R. 31½–36 E.

8. *Vegas to Reno OHV Race Route: Nye, Mineral, Churchill, and Lyon Counties in the Vicinity of Highway 95 From South to North*

**Marking and effect of closure:** BLM lands to be temporarily closed to public use include the length, width and certain lands adjacent to those roads, trails or areas identified as the race route or event area by colorful flagging, chalk arrows in the dirt and directional arrows attached to wooden stakes. The authorized applicants or their representatives are authorized and required to post warning signs, control access to, and clearly mark the event routes and areas, common access roads and road crossings during closure periods. Spectator and support vehicles may be driven on open roads only. Spectators may observe motorized race events from specified locations (such as designated spectator, pit and check point areas) or as directed by event and agency officials.

Other permitted and recreational uses generally affected by a temporary