land, 1,640 acres of private land, and 1,600 acres of private surface estate with Federal mineral estate patented under the Stock Raising Homestead Act. The mine area is located almost entirely in Three Rivers Resource Area of Burns District BLM with 35 acres in Vale District BLM.

An interdisciplinary approach will be used to develop the EIS in order to consider the variety of resource issues and concerns identified through the scoping process. Disciplines involved in the planning process will include (but not be limited to) those with expertise in air quality, American Indian traditional practices, biological soil crusts, cultural heritage, fire management, fisheries, grazing management, migratory birds, minerals, noxious weeds, recreation, soils, transportation/roads, vegetation, visual resources, water quality, riparian zones, wildlife, and wilderness characteristics.

Public Participation

Cooperating agencies having specific expertise or interests in the project are invited to participate. The public and interest groups will have every opportunity to participate during formal comment periods. In addition, public meetings will be held during the public comment period for the Draft EIS. Public meetings will be held in Burns, Oregon, and Vale, Oregon, plus other communities if the interest warrants. Early participation is encouraged and will help determine the future management of the Celatom Mine. Meetings and comment deadlines will be announced through the local news media and the Burns BLM Web site (http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/burns). Written comments will be accepted throughout the planning process at the address above. 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.

Background Information

The Celatom Mine currently consists of three open pit mines located within four miles of each other in Harney and Malheur Counties, Oregon. One mine is on land managed by BLM’s Burns District and another mine is on land managed by the State of Oregon, and the third mine is on private land. Minerals excavates diatomaceous earth during the summer, stockpiles ore and waste rock in the vicinity of each mine, and hauls the ore approximately 60 miles year-round to their mill located on private land west of Vale, Oregon. Some ore is stockpiled at a site on land administered by BLM in the vicinity of the mill. Mill waste is backhauled to the mine site and used in backfilling the open pits as part of reclamation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management
[CA–680–1430–ET; CACA 50194]

Notice of Proposed Legislative Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of withdrawal application and segregation.

SUMMARY: The Act of February 28, 1958 (43 U.S.C. 155–158), sometimes referred to as the Engle Act, places on the Secretary of the Interior the responsibility to process Department of Defense applications for national defense withdrawals, reservations or restrictions aggregating 5,000 acres or more for any one project or facility. These withdrawals, reservations or restrictions may only be made by an act of Congress, except in time of war or national emergency declared by the President or the Congress and except as otherwise expressly provided in the Act of February 28, 1958.

The U.S. Department of the Navy, in accordance with the Engle Act, has filed an application requesting the Secretary of the Interior to process a proposed legislative withdrawal and reservation of public lands for military training exercises involving the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center at Twenty Nine Palms, San Bernardino County, California. The proposal seeks the transfer of jurisdiction and the withdrawal of approximately 365,906 acres of public lands and approximately 507 acres of Federal subsurface mineral estate from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including surface entry, mining, mineral leasing, and the Materials Act of 1947.

This notice temporarily segregates for two years the public lands and mineral estate described from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the public land laws, including the mining laws, and the operation of the mineral leasing laws and the Materials Act of 1947. In addition, the surface estate of the 507 acres of mineral estate and the surface and mineral estate of an approximately 72,186 acres of other non-federally owned property in the proposed withdrawal area, if they should be acquired by or returned to the United States by any means, would also be included in the proposed withdrawal and subject to the temporary segregation authorized by this notice.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before December 15, 2008. In addition, at least one public meeting will be held during the comment period to help the public understand both the proposed action and the decision-making processes. The public meeting will be announced at least 30 days in advance through local news media, public notices, mailings, and agency Web sites.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Roxie Trost, Field Manager, Barstow Field Office, 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, California 92311.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Roxie Trost, Field Manager, Barstow Field Office, 760–252–6000; or Joseph Ross, USMC MCAGCC, 760–830–7683.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Acting on behalf of the U.S. Marine Corps (USMC), the Department of the Navy has filed an application with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) requesting the Secretary of the Interior to process a legislative withdrawal pursuant to the Engle Act (43 U.S.C. 155–158). The proposal would withdraw the following areas, as described below, and located adjacent to the exterior boundaries of the USMC’s Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC), located in Twenty nine Palms, California:

1. Federally owned surface and mineral estate: Subject to valid existing rights, the following described federally owned surface and mineral estate are withdrawn from settlement, sale, location or entry under the public land laws, including the mining laws, and to the operation of the mineral leasing laws and the Materials Act of 1947:

All Are San Bernardino Meridian

Western Expansion Area

T. 4 N., R. 2 E., Secs. 1, all; Secs. 2, lots 3 to 90, inclusive. T. 5 N., R. 2 E., Secs. 1 to 2, all, inclusive; Secs. 11 to 14, all, inclusive; Secs. 23 to 26, all, inclusive; Sec. 35, all. T. 6 N., R. 2 E.,
Secs. 10 to 11, all except the lands conveyed to U. S. Gypsum Company by patent number 1000677, inclusive;
Secs. 12 to 15, all, inclusive;
Sec. 17, all except the lands conveyed to U. S. Gypsum Company by patent number 1000678;
Sec. 18, all;
Secs. 19 to 20, all except the lands conveyed to U. S. Gypsum Company by patent number 1000678, inclusive;
Secs. 21 to 27, all, inclusive;
Secs. 28, N1⁄4 and SW1⁄4;
Secs. 29 to 30, all except the lands conveyed to U. S. Gypsum Company by patent number 1000678, inclusive;
Secs. 31 to 35, all, inclusive.

T. 3 N., R. 13 E., Secs. 4, that portion lying west of the Sheephole Valley Wilderness Area;
Secs. 5 to 7, all, inclusive;
Sec. 8, that portion lying west of the Sheephole Valley Wilderness Area;
Secs. 17 to 19, those portions lying west of the Sheephole Valley Wilderness Area, inclusive.

T. 4 N., R. 13 E., Secs. 1 to 4, all, inclusive;
Secs. 6 to 15, all, inclusive;
Secs. 17 to 22, all, inclusive;
Secs. 23 to 24, those portions lying northwesterly of the Sheephole Valley Wilderness Area, inclusive;
Sec. 27, that portion lying northwesterly of the Sheephole Valley Wilderness Area;
Secs. 28 to 32, all, inclusive;
Secs. 33 to 34, that portion lying northwesterly of the Sheephole Valley Wilderness Area, inclusive.

T. 5 N., R. 13 E., Secs. 2 to 4, all, inclusive;
Secs. 6 to 8, all, inclusive;
Secs. 10 to 12, all, inclusive;
Secs. 13 to 14, all, inclusive;
Secs. 18 to 20, all, inclusive;
Sec. 22, W1⁄2;
Secs. 23 to 28, all, inclusive;
Secs. 30 to 32, all, inclusive;
Secs. 34 to 35, all, inclusive.

T. 3 N., R. 14 E., Secs. 1 to 2, all, inclusive;
Secs. 3 to 4, those portions lying east of the Sheephole Valley Wilderness Area, inclusive;
Secs. 10 to 15, all, inclusive;
Secs. 16 to 20, all, inclusive;
Secs. 21 to 25, those portions lying east of the Sheephole Valley Wilderness Area, inclusive;
Secs. 26 to 28, those portions lying northwesterly of the Sheephole Valley Wilderness Area;
Sec. 29, that portion lying northwesterly of the Sheephole Valley Wilderness Area;
Secs. 10 to 11, all except for railroad rights-of-way;
Secs. 10 to 12, all, inclusive;
Sec. 15, all except for railroad rights-of-way;
Secs. 10 to 15, all, inclusive;
Secs. 18 to 20, all, inclusive.

T. 5 N., R. 15 E., Secs. 1 to 4, all, inclusive;
Secs. 6 to 7, all, inclusive;
Sec. 9, SE1⁄4;
Secs. 10 to 15, all, inclusive;
Secs. 19 to 35, all, inclusive.

T. 3 N., R. 16 E., Secs. 26, N1⁄4 NW1⁄4 SW1⁄4 SW1⁄4;
Secs. 27, W1⁄2 SE1⁄4 SE1⁄4 SE1⁄4;
Secs. 10 to 15, all, inclusive;
Secs. 19 to 35, all, inclusive.

T. 4 E., R. 15 E., Secs. 1 to 4, all, inclusive;
Sec. 5, all except for railroad rights-of-way;
Secs. 6 to 8, all, inclusive;
Sec. 9, all except for railroad rights-of-way;
Secs. 10 to 15, all, inclusive;
Secs. 18 to 20, all, inclusive;
Secs. 22 to 25, those portions lying northwesterly or northeasterly of the Cadiz Dunes Wilderness Area, inclusive;
Secs. 28 to 30, those portions lying northwesterly or northeasterly of the Cadiz Dunes Wilderness Area, inclusive;
Sec. 32, that portion lying northwesterly of the Cadiz Dunes Wilderness Area.

T. 5 N., R. 15 E., Secs. 1 to 4, all, inclusive;
Secs. 6 to 7, all, inclusive;
Sec. 9, SE1⁄4 SE1⁄4;
Secs. 10 to 15, all, inclusive;
Secs. 19 to 35, all, inclusive.

T. 3 N., R. 16 E., Secs. 26, N1⁄4 NW1⁄4 SW1⁄4 SW1⁄4;
Secs. 27, W1⁄2 SE1⁄4 SE1⁄4 SE1⁄4;
Secs. 10 to 15, all, inclusive;
Secs. 19 to 35, all, inclusive.

T. 5 N., R. 16 E., Secs. 6 to 7, those portions lying westerly of the Old Woman Mountains Wilderness Area, inclusive;
Secs. 18 to 20, those portions lying westerly of the Old Woman Mountains Wilderness Area, inclusive;
Sec. 29, that portion lying westerly of the Old Woman Mountains Wilderness Area;
Secs. 30 to 31, all, inclusive;
Sec. 32, that portion lying westerly of the Old Woman Mountains Wilderness Area.

Northern Expansion Area
T. 6 N., R. 7 E., Sec. 12, all.
T. 7 N., R. 7 E., Sec. 24, all.
The areas described aggregate 365,906 acres, more or less.

2. Federally owned mineral estate and non-federally owned surface estate.
Subject to valid existing rights, the following described federally owned mineral estate is hereby withdrawn from settlement, sale, location or entry under the public land laws, including the mining laws, and to the operations of the mineral leasing laws and the Materials Act of 1947:
All Are San Bernardino Meridian
Southern Expansion Area
T. 2 N., R. 9 E., Secs. 26, N1⁄4 NW1⁄4 SW1⁄4 SW1⁄4;
Sec. 27, W1⁄2 SE1⁄4 SE1⁄4 SE1⁄4;
Secs. 35, N1⁄2 NE1⁄4 NE1⁄4 NW1⁄4 and SW1⁄2 SW1⁄4 NW1⁄4 NW1⁄4.

Eastern Expansion Area
T. 5 N., R. 12 E., Secs. 1, lot 1 of NE1⁄4, W1⁄2 of lot 1 of NW1⁄4, lots 5 and 6 inclusive, SE1⁄4 NW1⁄4, and SW1⁄2.
The areas described aggregate 507 acres, more or less.
In the event, the non-federally owned surface estate, of the approximately 507 acres described above, returns to public ownership, those lands would be subject to the terms and conditions of this withdrawal as described above.
The following described non-federally owned lands are located within the proposed boundaries of the proposed withdrawal areas:
(a) Privately owned surface and mineral estate:
All Are San Bernardino Meridian

Western Expansion Area

T. 5 N., R. 2 E., Sec. 36, all.
T. 6 N., R. 2 E., Sec. 36, all.
T. 4 N., R. 3 E., Sec. 10, S1/2N1/2 and S1/2; Sec. 11, SE1/4; Sec. 12, SW1/4; Sec. 13, N1/4; T. 5 N., R. 3 E., Sec. 1, all; Sec. 36, N1/2 and SE1/4.

Southern Expansion Area

T. 2 N., R. 9 E., Sec. 26, N1/4NW1/4SW1/4SW1/4; Sec. 27, W1/2SE1/4SE1/4SE1/4; Sec. 34, NE1/4NE1/4NE1/4; E1/2SW1/2SW1/2SW1/2; E1/2SE1/2SW1/2SW1/2; N1/4SE1/4SE1/4; S1/4SW1/4SW1/4SW1/4; W1/2SE1/2SW1/2SW1/2; E1/2SE1/2SW1/2SW1/2; E1/2W1/2SW1/2SW1/2; E1/2NW1/2SE1/4SE1/4 and W1/2SW1/2SE1/4SE1/4.

Eastern Expansion Area

T. 4 N., R. 11 E., Sec. 13, all.
T. 5 N., R. 11 E., Sec. 36, all.
T. 6 N., R. 11 E., Sec. 35, that portion lying south of the Historic Route 66 Corridor.
T. 3 N., R. 12 E., Sec. 36, that portion lying west of the boundary of the Sheephold Valley Wilderness Area.
T. 4 N., R. 12 E., Sec. 36, all.

Northern Expansion Area

T. 4 N., R. 4 E., Sec. 1, SW1/2 of lot 4; Sec. 4, that land described by metes and bounds in patent number 04–68–0173 and containing 20.104 acres, more or less, inclusive; Sec. 25, all; Sec. 27, that land described by metes and bounds in patent number 994392 and containing 41.322 acres, more or less; Sec. 36, all.
T. 4 N., R. 5 E., Sec. 16, N1/2 and SE1/4; Sec. 18, S1/2; Sec. 36, all.

Eastern Expansion Area

T. 5 N., R. 5 E., Sec. 1, all; Sec. 13, all; Sec. 16, all; Sec. 36, that portion lying east of the Sheephole Valley Wilderness Area.

Southern Expansion Area

T. 5 N., R. 14 E., Sec. 5, all; Secs. 8 to 9, all, inclusive; Sec. 11, SW1/4NE1/4 and SE1/4NE1/4; Sec. 13, all; Secs. 16 to 29, all, inclusive; Secs. 32 to 36, all, inclusive.

T. 3 N., R. 15 E., Sec. 17, all; Sec. 21, all; Sec. 29, all; Sec. 33, all; Sec. 34, S1/2; T. 4 N., R. 15 E., Secs. 16 to 17, all, inclusive; Sec. 33, that portion lying northwesterly of the Sheephole Valley Wilderness Area.

Western Expansion Area

T. 4 N., R. 3 E., Sec. 1, NE1/4SW1/4 and S1/2SW1/4; Sec. 13, all; Secs. 3, 4, 10, and 11, all the lands conveyed to U. S. Gypsum Company by patent number 1000677, containing 480 acres, more or less; Sec. 32, all; Sec. 36, all.

Eastern Expansion Area

T. 6 N., R. 4 E., Sec. 16, all; Sec. 25, all; Secs. 27 to 28, that land described by metes and bounds in patent numbers 24783, 38438, and 38980, and containing 82.310 acres, more or less; Sec. 36, all.

Sheephole Valley Wilderness Area.

Western Expansion Area

T. 3 N., R. 16 E., Sec. 33, that portion contained in railroad right-of-way containing 17 acres; Sec. 33, that portion contained in railroad right-of-way containing 14.55 acres.

Eastern Expansion Area

T. 6 N., R. 7 E., Sec. 1, all; Sec. 13, all; The areas described aggregate 64,407 acres, more or less.

(b) State of California owned surface and mineral estate:

All Are San Bernardino Meridian

Western Expansion Area

T. 4 N., R. 3 E., Sec. 1, NE1/4SW1/4 and S1/2SW1/4; Sec. 3, SW1/4NE1/4, S1/2SW1/4, and N1/2S1/2; Sec. 4, N1/2SE1/4; Sec. 14, N1/2; Sec. 15, S1/2; T. 6 N., R. 3 E., Sec. 16, all.

Southern Expansion Area

T. 2 N., R. 10 E., Sec. 16, all.

Eastern Expansion Area

T. 5 N., R. 13 E., Sec. 36, all; T. 4 N., R. 14 E., Secs. 1 to 5, all, inclusive; Sec. 9, all; Sec. 13, all; Sec. 16, all; Sec. 36, that portion lying east of the Sheephole Valley Wilderness Area.

Northern Expansion Area

T. 5 N., R. 15 E., Secs. 17, all; Sec. 21, all; Sec. 29, all; Sec. 33, all; Sec. 34, S1/2; T. 4 N., R. 15 E., Secs. 16 to 17, all, inclusive; Sec. 33, that portion lying northwesterly of the Sheephole Valley Wilderness Area.

Sheephole Valley Wilderness Area.
Northern Expansion Area

The areas described aggregate 7,779 acres, more or less.

In the event that these non-federally owned lands return to public ownership in the future, they would be subject to the terms and conditions described above in “1. Federally owned surface and mineral estate.”

The purpose of the proposed legislative withdrawal is to withdraw and reserve the lands for use as a military training range, involving live-fire exercises, necessary for national security. The legislative withdrawal would provide sufficient area for realistic integrated training to a Marine Expeditionary Brigade (MEB) sized Marine Air Ground Task Force, the USMC’s premier force for responding to smaller scale contingencies. Effective training of MEBs is critical to ensuring the full spectrum of military operations. The withdrawal would be established by an Act of Congress, and approved by the President. The duration of the legislative withdrawal would be determined by Congress. The Department of the Navy has indicated that the use of a right-of-way or cooperative agreement would not provide adequate authorization for safety and control of access for the use of these lands due to the broad scope of military training exercises.

The USMC analyzed alternative sites in three regions of the United States (i.e., Middle Atlantic Coast—North Carolina and Virginia; Gulf of Mexico—Florida and Louisiana; and Southwest—California and Arizona). The USMC concluded that expanding the USMC’s MCAGCCCC, located in Twentynine Palms, California was the only reasonable and feasible option. The lands hereinabove described, have been selected by the USMC for the proposed legislative withdrawal, because they are located adjacent to the existing exterior boundaries of the USMC’s MCAGCCCC, located in Twentynine Palms, California. The application and the records relating to the application can be examined by interested persons at the BLM Barstow Field Office, 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, California 92231.

On or before December 15, 2008, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed legislative withdrawal may present their views in writing to the BLM, Field Manager, Barstow Field Office, 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, California 92231.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BLM Barstow Field Office at the address above during regular business hours.

Before including your address, telephone 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 from public review your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

This withdrawal proposal will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR part 2300.

Until September 15, 2010, the lands will be segregated as specified above unless the withdrawal application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. Land uses currently authorized or permitted may continue during the segregation period. If the proposed legislative withdrawal has been submitted to Congress but not enacted into law by the end of the 2-year segregation period, consideration will be given to entertaining an application for a temporary withdrawal in aid of pending legislation.

During the segregation period, BLM may, after consulting with the USMC, allow uses of a temporary nature that are compatible with the military purposes for which the land is being withdrawn.

Authority: 43 CFR 2310.3–1(b)(1)


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Bureau of Land Management

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease TXNM 118200

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.