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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Doris Metcalf, 775-289-1852.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Final EIS addresses alternatives to resolve the following major issues: ground water, air quality, visual resources, biological resources, and socioeconomic effects.

The Proposed Action includes the following actions: coal-fired power plant site right-of-way (ROW), transmission line alignment and substations ROW, well field and water line ROW, railroad spur ROW, and access roads ROW. The Proposed Action includes the following project actions and features: issue ROWs for White Pine Energy Station construction and operation and subsequently arrange for the sale of the power plant site to White Pine Energy Associates; construct, operate, and maintain an up to 1,600-megawatt (maximum) coal-fired electric power generating plant using hybrid cooling systems with an expected commercial life of 50 years or longer; develop a well field in the Steptoe Valley Hydrographic Basin to meet the water needs of the power plant; construct a new rail spur from the Nevada Northern Railway to the power plant site to supply coal; develop the linear infrastructure necessary to connect the power plant to the new water source, to existing electric transmission lines serving the region, and to provide site access; and implement a seeding project to enhance the grazing and wildlife value of 700 to 900 acres.

The BLM issued the *Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a Proposed Coal-Fired Electric Power Generating Plant in Eastern White Pine County and Notice of Public Meetings; Nevada*, in the **Federal Register** on April 20, 2007, with a 60-day public comment period. The BLM held two public meetings, one in Ely, Nevada and one in Reno, Nevada. At the request of environmental group representatives, BLM held an informational meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada. In preparing the Final EIS BLM responded to more than 514 comments received during the Draft EIS public review period. Comment responses and resultant changes in the impact analysis are documented in the Final EIS. The BLM will prepare a Record of Decision for the EIS 30 days following EPA's

publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

John F. Ruhs,
Field Manager.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management
[CA-660-1430-ET; CACA 49558]

Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Interior proposes to withdraw 550 acres of public land from surface entry and mining for reclamation purposes on behalf of the Bureau of Reclamation. This notice segregates the lands for up to 2 years from surface entry and mining while various studies and analyses are made to support a final decision on the withdrawal application. The lands will remain open to mineral and geothermal leasing and mineral material sales.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before January 13, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Comments and requests for a public meeting should be sent to Joe Liebhauser, Director, Resources Management Office, Lower Colorado Regional Office, Bureau of Reclamation, P.O. Box 61470, Boulder City, Nevada 89006-1470.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Kay Sundberg, Bureau of Reclamation, Lower Colorado Region, P.O. Box 61470, Boulder City, NV 89006-1470, 702-293-8176.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The applicant is the Bureau of Reclamation at the address stated above and its petition/application requests the Secretary of the Interior to withdraw, subject to valid existing rights, the following described public land from settlement, sale, location or entry under the general land laws, including the United States mining laws, but not the mineral leasing laws:

San Bernardino Meridian

T. 7 S., R. 8 E.,
Sec. 32, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$,
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 550 acres in Riverside County.

The Bureau of Reclamation's petition/application has been approved by the

Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, therefore, it constitutes a withdrawal proposal of the Secretary of the Interior (43 CFR 2310.1-3(e)).

The land would be withdrawn to protect both existing and planned Federal facilities, structures, and improvements that were or will be constructed and utilized on behalf of the All-American Canal Project, pursuant to the Boulder Canyon Project Act of December 21, 1928, as amended (43 U.S.C. 617).

The use of a right-of-way, interagency agreement, cooperative agreement, or surface management under 43 CFR Part 3809 regulations would not adequately constrain non-discretionary uses that could irrevocably affect the use of the land for reclamation purposes.

There are no suitable alternative sites since the land described herein contains the existing and planned facilities, structures, and improvements.

Until January 13, 2009, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to Joe Liebhauser, at the Bureau of Reclamation address above.

Comments, including names and street addresses for respondents, will be available for public review at Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) California State Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Suite W-1834, Sacramento, California 95825-1886, during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. 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.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request no later than January 13, 2009. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** and a local newspaper at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR part 2300.

For a period of 2 years from October 15, 2008, the Federal land and minerals will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date.

During the segregative period, BLM may, after consulting with the Bureau of Reclamation, allow uses of a temporary nature that are compatible with the reclamation purposes for which the land is being withdrawn.

Authority: 43 CFR 2310.3-1.

Dated: October 8, 2008.

Robert M. Doyel,

Chief, Branch of Lands Management (CA-930).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-060-1430-ES; N-82841; 8-08807; TAS: 14X1109]

Notice of Realty Action: Classification and Conveyance for Recreation and Public Purposes of Public Lands in Lander County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has examined and found suitable for classification and conveyance under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act, as amended, approximately 80 acres of public land in Lander County, Nevada. Lander County proposes to use the land for a waste water treatment facility.

DATES: Interested parties may submit written comments regarding the proposed conveyance or classification of the lands until December 1, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Mail written comments to the BLM Manager, Mount Lewis Field Office, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, NV 89820.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chuck Lane, (775) 635-4000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with Section 7 of the Taylor Grazing Act, (43 U.S.C. 315f), and Executive Order No. 6910, the following described public land in Lander County, Nevada, has been examined and found suitable for classification and conveyance under the provisions of the

R&PP Act, as amended, (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*):

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 19 N., R. 43 E.,
Sec. 15, E½NE¼

The area described contains 80 acres, more or less.

In accordance with the R&PP Act, Lander County filed an application for the above described 80 acres of public land to be developed as a waste water treatment facility. Additional detailed information pertaining to this application, plan of development, and site plans is in case file N-82841 located in the BLM Battle Mountain District Office.

The land is not needed for any Federal purpose. The conveyance is consistent with the Shoshone/Eureka Resource Management Plan, dated February 26, 1986, and would be in the public interest. The 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); and

2. All minerals, 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 conveyance will also be subject to: Valid existing rights.

On publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** the land described above will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for conveyance under the R&PP Act, leasing under the mineral leasing laws, and disposals under the mineral material disposal laws.

Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for a waste water treatment facility. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the land is physically suited for the proposal, whether the use will maximize the future use or uses of the land, whether the use is consistent with local planning and zoning, or if the use is consistent with State and Federal programs.

Interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific use proposed in the application and plan of development, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision to convey under the R&PP Act, or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land for R&PP use.

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.

Only written comments submitted by postal service or overnight mail to the Field Manager, Mount Lewis Field Office, will be considered properly filed. Electronic mail, facsimile, or telephone comments will not be considered properly filed. Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review. Before including your address, telephone 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 your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the BLM Nevada State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification of the land described in this notice will become effective on December 15, 2008. The lands will not be available for conveyance until after the classification becomes effective.

(Authority: 43 CFR 2741.5)

Dated: September 30, 2008.

Stephen C. Drummond,

Acting Field Manager, Mount Lewis Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-030-1430-ES; NMMN 119204]

Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act Classification; Doña Ana County, NM.

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

ACTION: Notice of Realty Action.

SUMMARY: The BLM has examined and found suitable approximately 10 acres of public land in Doña Ana County, New Mexico for classification for lease