

land use authorizations, airspace, and access; air quality; minerals/geology and soils; farm lands (prime or unique); water quality and quantity; floodplains, wetlands, and riparian zones; vegetation (including invasive, nonnative species); wildlife; migratory birds; BLM-designated sensitive animal and plant species; cultural resources; Native American religious concerns; paleontological resources; visual resources; livestock grazing; recreation; special designations (including areas of critical environmental concern and wilderness); national scenic and historic trails; noise; public health and safety and fire management; hazardous or solid wastes; social and economic values; and environmental justice. Pursuant to Section 201[a] of FLPMA, the 1979 wilderness characteristic inventory was updated for all lands that could be impacted by the proposed action and alternatives. No changes have occurred that would warrant a change of the 1979 finding that wilderness characteristics were not present in the area. Therefore, wilderness characteristics are not analyzed in the EIS. A Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS for the Salt Wells Energy Projects, Churchill County, Nevada, was published in the **Federal Register** on September 11, 2009 (74 FR 46787). The BLM held one public scoping meeting in Fallon, Nevada, on October 21, 2009. The formal scoping period ended November 10, 2009. Several issues were raised during scoping including the proximity to Fallon NAS, the need to monitor potential impacts to ground and surface water, impacts to wildlife habitat and wildlife (migratory birds and golden eagles), and effects of lighting on Dark Sky attributes of the area.

Please note that public comments and information submitted, including names, street addresses, and e-mail addresses of persons who submit comments, will be available for public review and disclosure Bureau of Land Management Carson City District Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, Nevada during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 4 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.

**Teresa J. Knutson,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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MO#4500012623; TAS: 14X1109]**

### Notice of Intent To Prepare a Recreation Area Management Plan, a Comprehensive Transportation and Travel Management Plan for the Las Vegas Field Office, Nevada and Associated Environmental Impact Statement

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Las Vegas Field Office, Las Vegas, Nevada, intends to prepare a Recreation Area Management Plan (RAMP), Comprehensive Transportation and Travel Management (CTTM) Plan with an associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Las Vegas Field Office and by this notice is announcing the beginning of the scoping process to solicit public comments and identify issues.

**DATES:** This notice initiates the public scoping process for the RAMP/CTTM with associated EIS. Comments on issues may be submitted in writing until March 29, 2011. The date(s) and location(s) of any scoping meetings will be announced at least 15 days in advance through local media and the BLM Web site at: <http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/lvfo.html>. In order to be included in the Draft EIS, all comments must be received prior to the close of the 30-day scoping period or 30 days after the last public meeting, whichever is later. We will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Draft RAMP/CTTM/EIS.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria related to the Las Vegas RAMP/CTTM/EIS using any of the following methods:

- **Web site:** <http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/lvfo.html>;
- **Fax:** 702-515-5023;
- **Mail:** BLM Las Vegas Field Office, RAMP/CTTA/EIS, 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89130-2301; and

• **E-mail:** [LVFO\\_RAMPS@blm.gov](mailto:LVFO_RAMPS@blm.gov).  
Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Southern Nevada District, Las Vegas Field Office.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information and/or to have your name added to the mailing list, contact Marilyn Peterson, Project Manager, telephone 702-515-5054, or e-mail [LVFO\\_RAMPS@blm.gov](mailto:LVFO_RAMPS@blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Las Vegas Resource Management Plan recommended the completion of the RAMP to provide more specific management direction. The CTTM will address transportation and travel issues in the Las Vegas Field Office. The RAMP will direct implementation of recreation and CTTM decisions. The planning area is located in Clark County, Nevada, and encompasses approximately 3,374,519 acres of public land. The purpose of the public scoping process is to determine relevant issues that will influence the scope of the environmental analysis, including alternatives, and guide the planning process. Preliminary issues for the planning area have been identified by BLM personnel; Federal, State, and local agencies; and other stakeholders. These issues include:

- How will cultural and natural resources be preserved for current and future generations?
- How to manage recreation in a manner that is compatible with the plans and needs of Native American tribes and other local, State, and Federal agencies?
- How will the RAMP/CTTM be responsive to continually changing conditions, stemming primarily from an increasing urban interface?
- How will visitors' activities be managed in a manner that protects the cultural and natural resources while providing reasonable access?
- What facilities and infrastructure will be needed to provide visitor services, information/interpretation, and administration of recreation opportunities?
- How will the RAMPS/CTTM integrate with other Federal, regional and local plans?
- How will CTTM designations be incorporated into long-term goals for recreation and other resource needs?
- What effect will rights-of-way authorizations and land sales have on recreation opportunities?

- Where can urban trails connect to Federal lands; and
- How should the Las Vegas Perimeter Open Space and Trail concept, located primarily on BLM lands, be considered?

You may submit comments on issues and planning criteria in writing to the BLM at public scoping meetings or you may submit them to the BLM using one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. To be most helpful, you should submit comments within the 60-day public comment period. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that the entire comment—including 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. The minutes and list of attendees for each scoping meeting will be available to the public and open for 30 days after the meeting to any participant who wishes to clarify the views he or she expressed. The BLM will evaluate the identified issues, to be addressed in the plan, and will place them into one of three categories:

1. Issues to be resolved in the plan;
2. Issues to be resolved through policy or administrative action; or
3. Issues beyond the scope of this plan.

The BLM will provide an explanation in the Draft RAMP/CTTM/EIS as to why an issue is placed in category 2 or 3. The public is also encouraged to help identify any management questions and concerns that should be addressed in the plan. The BLM will work collaboratively with interested parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to local, regional, and national needs and concerns.

The BLM will use an interdisciplinary approach to develop the plan in order to consider the variety of resource issues and concerns identified. Specialists with expertise in the following disciplines will be involved in the planning process: Renewable energy, lands and realty, minerals management, outdoor recreation, air resources, visual resources, vegetation, cultural resources, paleontology, botany, special status species, wildlife and fisheries, hydrology, sociology and economics.

**Authority:** 40 CFR 1501.7; 43 CFR 1610.2 and 8342.1–2.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Realty Action; Recreation and Public Purposes Act Classification; California

**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 and 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, 50.15 acres of public land in County of Inyo, California. The County of Inyo has filed an R&PP application to purchase the 50.15-acre parcel of public land that contains a closed solid waste landfill facility.

**DATES:** Comments of interested persons must be received in the BLM Barstow Field Office at the address below on or before March 14, 2011. Only written comments will be accepted.

**ADDRESSES:** Bureau of Land Management, Barstow Field Office, 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, California 92311.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Birgit Hoover, Realty Specialist, BLM Barstow Field Office, (760) 252–6035. 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 Barstow Field Office at the address above.

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

#### San Bernardino Meridian

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sec. 29, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and  
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

sec. 32, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and E  
 $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described contains 50.15 acres in Inyo County.

The land is not needed for any Federal purpose. The County of Inyo has leased the described property from BLM since May of 1983. The described property will be conveyed to the County of Inyo without possibility of reverter to the United States pursuant to 43 CFR 2743.3–1(c). 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 patented real property. This indemnification and hold harmless agreement includes, but is not limited to, acts and omissions of the patentees and their employees, agents, contractors, or lessees, or any third party, arising out of or in connection with the use and/or occupancy of the patented real property which has already resulted or does hereafter result in: (a) Violations of Federal, State, and local laws and regulations that are now or may in the future become, applicable to the real property; (b) Judgments, claims, or demands of any kind assessed against the United States; (c) Costs, expenses, or damages of any kind incurred by the United States; (d) Releases or threatened releases of solid or hazardous waste(s) and/or hazardous