

occupancy, or operations on the patented land; and

4. Additional terms and conditions that the authorized officer deems appropriate to ensure proper land use and protection of the public interest.

No warranty of any kind, expressed or implied, is given by the United States as to the title, physical condition or potential uses of the lands proposed for sale, and conveyance will not be on a contingency basis. To the extent required by law, the parcels are subject to the requirements of Section 120(h) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C. 9620(h)) (CERCLA), as amended. It is the buyer's responsibility to be aware of all applicable local government policies and regulations that may affect the subject land or its future uses. It is also the buyer's responsibility to be aware of existing or prospective uses of nearby properties. Any land lacking access from a public road or highway will be conveyed as such, and future access acquisition will be the responsibility of the buyer. Detailed information concerning the proposed land sale, including the appraisals, planning and environmental documents, and mineral reports, are available for review at the BLM Northeastern States Field Office at the address listed above.

Public Comments: Interested parties and the general public may submit written comments concerning the parcels being considered for sale, including notification of any encumbrances or other claims relating to the identified lands, to the Field Manager, BLM, Northeastern States Field Office, at the above address on or before July 20, 2012. Comments transmitted via email or facsimile will not be considered. Before including your address, phone number, email 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. The BLM will make available for public review, in their entirety, all comments submitted by businesses or organizations, including comments by an individual in their capacity as an official or representative of a business or organization. Comments will be available for public review at the BLM, Northeastern States Field Office, during regular business hours, except holidays.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the BLM State Director, Eastern States, who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of timely filed objections, this realty action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

Authority: 43 CFR 2711.1–2.

Randall C. Anderson,
Acting Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Temporary Closures of Public Land in Washoe County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As authorized under the provisions of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*, and pursuant to 43 CFR 8364.1, certain public land near Stead, Nevada, will be temporarily closed to all public use to provide for public safety during the 2012 Reno Air Racing Association Pylon Racing Seminar and the Reno National Championship Air Races.

DATES: Temporary closure periods are June 13 through June 16, 2012, and September 12 through September 16, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alan Bittner, (775) 885–6000, email: abittner@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This closure applies to all public use, including pedestrian use and vehicles. The public lands affected by this closure are described as follows:

Mount Diablo Meridian

T. 21 N., R. 19 E.,
Sec. 8, E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$; NE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 16, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$,
W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 450 acres, more or less, in Washoe County, Nevada.

The closure notice and map of the closure area will be posted at the BLM Carson City District Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, Nevada and on the BLM Web site: http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/carsoncity_field.html. Roads leading into the public lands under the closure will be posted to notify the public of the closure. Under the authority of Section 303(a) of the Federal Lands Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1733(a)), 43 CFR 8360.9–7 and 43 CFR 8364.1, the Bureau of Land Management will enforce the following rules in the area described above: All public use, whether motorized, on foot, or otherwise, is prohibited.

Exceptions: Closure restrictions do not apply to event officials, medical and rescue personnel, law enforcement, and agency personnel monitoring the events.

Penalties: Any person who fails to comply with the closure orders is subject to arrest and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than \$1,000 and/or imprisonment for not more than 12 months under 43 CFR 8360.0–7. Violations may also be subject to the provisions of Title 18, U.S.C. sections 3571 and 3581.

Authority: 43 CFR 8360.0–7 and 8364.1.

Alan Bittner,

Acting Manager, Sierra Front Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

[NPS–PWR–PWRO–0411–10063; 2310–0085–422]

Saline Valley Warm Springs Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement, Death Valley National Park, Inyo County, CA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Saline Valley Warm Springs Management Plan, Death Valley National Park.

SUMMARY: In accordance with § 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service (NPS) is initiating the conservation planning and environmental impact analysis process for the Saline Valley Warm Springs Management Plan for Death Valley

National Park. This effort will result in a plan that provides a sound basis for guiding management actions within the Saline Valley Warm Springs area of Death Valley National Park, based upon evaluation of a range of reasonable alternatives regarding recreational use and tribal interests. The plan would fulfill this need and complete the park's broad-level management objectives for this area, as called for in the 2001 General Management Plan (GMP).

DATES: All comments must be postmarked or transmitted not later than August 6, 2012.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As part of the EIS process, the NPS will evaluate different approaches for managing the Saline Valley Warm Springs area to determine the potential impacts on visitor access, asset management, water resources, biological and cultural resources, human health and safety, aesthetics, visitor experience, wilderness character, and other stewardship considerations.

Alternatives to be considered include no-action and reasonable action alternatives, such as establishing designated camping areas, limiting further development of the springs, restoration or partial restoration of the springs, and either closure or authorization of the nearby airstrip.

Saline Valley is a large desert valley located in the northwest portion of Death Valley National Park. Despite the variety of resources within this remote area, many people associate Saline Valley only with Warm Springs. Since the 1940s, impromptu developments were incrementally added to the area, particularly at Lower Warm Spring. Over the years, the soaking pools became "clothing optional" sites. Warm Springs and the rest of Saline Valley were transferred to Death Valley National Park from the Bureau of Land Management with the passage of the California Desert Protection Act in 1994. Under NPS management, efforts have been made to enforce measures to reduce impacts on certain resources, manage or remove non-native species, and discontinue use of unimproved airstrips.

In the late 1990s, preliminary scoping meetings for the draft GMP attempted to establish a vision for more direct management and oversight of the Saline Valley Warm Springs area. This became controversial because many visitors wanted a less regulatory approach for accommodating bathers and campers at Warm Springs. However, the Warm Springs possess religious, historical, and spiritual significance for the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe. In addition, the

Timbisha Shoshone Homeland Act of 2000 mandates that the park and the tribe ensure that certain park resources and values are protected by partnerships between the NPS and the Tribe. As a consequence of conflicting perceptions and values, park staff decided to remove site-specific details from the GMP and instead develop a separate plan specifically focused on the Saline Valley Warm Springs area in order to adequately address the Timbisha's concerns.

For this EIS the Warm Springs area of Saline Valley is defined as an approximately 100 acre tract of non-wilderness surrounded by backcountry and designated Wilderness. The park is currently preparing a separate Backcountry and Wilderness Stewardship Plan (Wilderness Plan) and Environmental Assessment that will provide a framework for managing lands and resources surrounding Warm Springs. The Saline Valley Warm Springs Management Plan will be prepared separately in order to concentrate on the issues specific to the Warm Springs, but in coordination with the Wilderness Plan so as not to conflict with the values and desired conditions set forth in that plan.

Scoping Process: This notice formally initiates the public scoping comment phase necessary for informing preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Early public comment will be elicited regarding issues and concerns, the nature and extent of potential environmental impacts (and as appropriate, mitigation measures), and alternatives that should be addressed in preparing the Draft EIS. The NPS welcomes information and suggestions from the public regarding resource protection, visitor use, and land management. A scoping brochure has been prepared that details the issues identified to date; copies of the brochure as well as current information about the EIS effort may be obtained from Mike Cipra at Death Valley National Park, P.O. Box 579, Death Valley, CA 92328 (760) 786-3227.

During the scoping phase any person desiring to comment on any issues associated with the plan, or wishing to provide relevant environmental information, may use any one of several methods. If you wish to comment electronically, you may submit your comments via email to DEVA.Planning@nps.gov or online via the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) Web site by visiting <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/SalineValleyWarmSprings>. If it is more convenient, or if you lack access to a computer, you can hand-deliver or mail

your written comments to: Superintendent, Death Valley National Park, Attn: Saline Valley Warm Springs Management Plan, Death Valley National Park, P.O. Box 579, Death Valley, California 92328.

At this time, it is expected that several public meetings will be held in towns near the park during the week of June 10-16, 2012: Bishop, Ridgecrest, and Victorville, California. Confirmed details regarding these meetings will be posted on the project Web site (noted above) and will be announced in the local press; details may also be obtained by contacting the park directly. These meetings will provide current information, and provide an opportunity to ask questions, comment on issues, and suggest potential alternatives to be addressed in developing the Draft EIS; written comments will also be accepted. The project Web site will provide the most up-to-date information regarding the project, including project description, EIS process updates, meeting notices, reports and documents, and useful links associated with the project.

Comments will not be accepted by fax or in any other way than those specified above. Comments in any format (hard copy or electronic) submitted by an individual or organization on behalf of another individual or organization will not be accepted.

Before including your address, phone number, email 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.

Decision Process: Following the scoping phase and consideration of public concerns and comments from agencies, a Draft EIS will be prepared and released for public review. Availability will be announced through the publication of a Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**, as well as through local and regional news media, direct mailing to the project mailing list, and via the Project Web site. Following due consideration of all agency and public comments on the Draft EIS, a Final EIS will be prepared and its availability for public review will be similarly announced. Not sooner than 30 days after release of the Final EIS, a Record of Decision will be prepared. As a delegated EIS, the official responsible for final approval of the Saline Valley Warm Springs

Management Plan is the Regional Director, Pacific West Region. Subsequently the official responsible for implementation of the approved plan would be the Superintendent, Death Valley National Park.

Dated: March 22, 2012.

Christine S. Lehnertz,

Regional Director, Pacific West Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Prairie Stewardship Plan/ Environmental Impact Statement, San Juan Island National Historical Park

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Prairie Stewardship Plan, San Juan Island National Historical Park, Washington.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C), the National Park Service (NPS) is initiating the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for a Prairie Stewardship Plan, as called for in the 2008 General Management Plan. The Prairie Stewardship Plan (plan) will establish management goals for perpetuating this sensitive ecosystem, while also providing for the use and enjoyment of the park by current and future generations. The purpose of the scoping process is to elicit public comments regarding the full spectrum of public issues and concerns, suitable stewardship actions, and nature and extent of potential environmental consequences and appropriate mitigation strategies which should be addressed in the EIS process.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A range of alternatives for stewardship of prairie areas in San Juan Island National Historical Park (Park) will be developed through this conservation planning and environmental impact analysis process, which will include at least no-action and preferred alternatives. Topics which the EIS/plan is expected to address include: (1) Designing a flexible, adaptable, diverse, and sustainable plan that reflects shared objectives responsive to community concerns and NPS mandates; (2) determining the best means to perpetuate native and native endemic species by considering a full

range of potential management actions to improve prairie stewardship; (3) determining the best means to manage nonnative invasive plant and animal species; (4) identifying management actions for specific areas within the national historical park; (5) incorporating monitoring and evaluation tools to measure success; and (6) allowing for adaptive management based on the results of restoration actions. The EIS will evaluate and compare the potential environmental consequences of all the alternatives, and appropriate mitigation strategies will be included. The "environmentally preferred" alternative will also be identified.

In July, 2010 the NPS released an Environmental Assessment for the proposed plan. Issues and concerns emerged in regards to appropriateness of proposed stewardship actions, and conflicts between desired visitor experience and protection of cultural and natural resource protection could not be resolved. As a result, it was determined that an EIS would be prepared. Subsequently the Park has conducted two workshops to improve community relationships, including an Adaptive Management Workshop in July, 2011 and a Prairie Stewardship Educational Symposium in September, 2011. These workshops brought together interested community members, NPS staff, and scientists to identify issues and concerns, discuss common ground, and begin collection of relevant environmental information to facilitate planning for preparation of the plan/EIS.

All interested persons, organizations, and agencies are encouraged to submit comments and suggestions on issues and concerns that should be addressed in preparing the plan/EIS, and the range of appropriate alternatives that should be examined. All prior comments and information received in regards to the 2010 Environmental Assessment will be carried forward and fully considered in developing the Draft EIS.

DATES: The NPS is beginning public scoping via a letter to state and federal agencies, American Indian tribes, local and regional governments, organizations and businesses, researchers and institutions, and interested members of the public. Written comments concerning the scope of the plan/EIS and submittal of relevant environmental information must be postmarked or transmitted not later than September 4, 2012. Public meetings will be scheduled during the scoping period. Dates, times, and locations of the meetings will be

announced on the park Web page and via local and regional newspapers.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jerald Weaver, Chief of Resource Management, San Juan Island National Historical Park (contact via telephone (360) 378-2240 x2224 or Email: gerald_weaver@nps.gov). General information about San Juan Island National Historical Park is available at <http://www.nps.gov/sajh>.

ADDRESSES: Interested individuals, organizations, and other entities wishing to provide input to this phase of developing the plan/EIS should mail written comments to Superintendent, San Juan Island National Historical Park, P.O. Box 429, Friday Harbor, Washington, 98250. Comments may also be hand-delivered to the Superintendent's Office in Friday Harbor. Telephone: (360) 378-2240.

Before including your address, phone number, email 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.

As a delegated EIS, the official responsible for approving the Prairie Stewardship Plan/EIS is Christine Lehnertz, Regional Director, Pacific West Region, National Park Service. Subsequently the official responsible for implementation of the approved plan would be the Superintendent, San Juan Island National Historical Park.

Dated: March 1, 2012.

Christine S. Lehnertz,

Regional Director, Pacific West Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Notice To Terminate the Wilderness Study and Environmental Impact Statement on a Lake Clark National Park and Preserve General Management Plan Amendment

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) is terminating the wilderness study and environmental impact