

1601 *et seq.*), and the National Mining and Minerals Policy Act of 1970 (30 U.S.C. 21(a)).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Realty Action: Competitive Sale of 20 Parcels of Public Land in Clark County, NV; Termination of Recreation and Public Purposes Classification

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to offer 20 parcels of public land totaling 87.5 acres in the Las Vegas Valley (Valley) by competitive sale, at not less than the appraised Fair Market Values (FMV) pursuant to the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998 (SNPLMA), as amended. The sale will be subject to the applicable provisions of Section 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) and BLM land sale regulations. The BLM is also terminating portions of the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Classification and Segregation of three parcels of land in Clark County.

DATES: Interested parties may submit written comments regarding the sale until August 23, 2018. The sale, by sealed bid and oral public auction, will occur on September 27, 2018, at City of North Las Vegas, Council Chambers, 2250 Las Vegas Boulevard North, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030 at 10:00 a.m., Pacific Time. The FMV for the parcels will be available 30 days prior to the sale. The BLM will start accepting sealed bids beginning September 17, 2018. Sealed bids must be received at the BLM, Las Vegas Field Office (LVFO) no later than 4:30 p.m. Pacific Time on September 24, 2018. The BLM will open sealed bids on the day of the sale just prior to the oral bidding.

ADDRESSES: Mail written comments and submit sealed bids to the BLM LVFO, Assistant Field Manager, 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joe Fields by email: jfields@blm.gov, or by telephone: 702-515-5194. For general information on previous BLM public land sales go to: <https://www.blm.gov/snplma>. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS 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: Nineteen parcels are within Clark County jurisdiction and one parcel is within City of Las Vegas jurisdiction. Some of the parcels are located in the northwest part of the Valley near U.S. Highway 95 and I-215 Beltway and some are located in the southwest part of the Valley.

The subject public lands are legally described as:

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

N-80692, 5.00 acres
T. 19 S, R. 60 E,
Section 30, lot 22;
N-80695, 5.00 acres
T. 19 S, R. 60 E,
Section 30, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
N-80701, 5.00 acres
T. 19 S, R. 60 E,
Section 30, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
N-80710, 5.00 acres
T. 19 S, R. 60 E,
Section 31, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.
N-95744, 5.00 acres
T. 19 S, R. 59 E,
Section 25, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
N-95745, 2.50 acres
T. 19 S, R. 59 E,
Section 25, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.
N-95746, 5.00 acres
T. 22 S, R. 60 E,
Section 9, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
N-95747, 5.00 acres
T. 22 S, R. 60 E,
Section 9, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
N-95748, 5.00 acres
T. 22 S, R. 60 E,
Section 9, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
N-95749, 2.50 acres
T. 22 S, R. 60 E,
Section 9, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
N-95750, 2.50 acres
T. 22 S, R. 60 E,
Section 9, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
N-94200, 5.00 acres
T. 22 S, R. 60 E,
Section 13, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$;
N-95751, 10.00 acres
T. 22 S, R. 60 E,
Section 17, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$;
N-95752, 1.25 acres
T. 22 S, R. 60 E,
Section 17, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
N-81950, 2.50 acres
T. 22 S, R. 60 E,
Section 17, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
N-95753, 10.00 acres

T. 22 S, R. 60 E,
Section 18, lot 36 and
W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
N-79927, 5.00 acres
T. 22 S, R. 60 E,
Section 28, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.
N-94549, 2.50 acres
T. 22 S, R. 61 E,
Section 29, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.
N-95754, 2.50 acres
T. 23 S, R. 61 E,
Section 17, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.
N-95755, 1.25 acres
T. 19 S, R. 59 E,
Section 24, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The areas described contain 87.50 acres.

The BLM will also publish this Notice once a week for three consecutive weeks in the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*. A sales matrix is available on the BLM website at: <https://www.blm.gov/snplma>. The sales matrix provides information specific to each sale parcel such as legal description, physical location, encumbrances, acreage, and FMV. The FMV for each parcel is available in the sales matrix and the appraisal reports no later than 30 days prior to the sale.

The sale is in conformance with the BLM Las Vegas Resource Management Plan decision LD-1, approved on October 5, 1998. The Las Vegas Valley Disposal Boundary Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision issued on December 23, 2004 analyzed the sale parcels. A parcel-specific Determination of National Environmental Policy Act Adequacy (DNA), document number DOI-BLM-NV-S010-2018-0023-DNA, was prepared in connection with this Notice of Realty Action.

Submit comments on this sale notice to the address in the **ADDRESSES** section. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information (PII) in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including any PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask the BLM in your comment to withhold your PII from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Sale procedures: Registration for oral bidding will begin at 9:00 a.m. Pacific Time and will end at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time at the City of North Las Vegas, Council Chambers, 2250 Las Vegas Boulevard North, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89030, on the day of the sale, September 27, 2018. There will be no prior registration before the sale date. To participate in the competitive sale, all registered bidders must submit a bid guarantee deposit in the amount of \$10,000 by certified check, postal money order, bank draft, or cashier's check made payable to the Department

of the Interior—Bureau of Land Management on the day of the sale or submit the bid guarantee deposit along with the sealed bids. The public sale auction will be through sealed and oral bids. Sealed bids will be opened and recorded on the day of the sale to determine the high bids among the qualified bids received. Sealed bids above the FMV will set the starting point for oral bidding on a parcel. Parcels that receive no qualified sealed bids will begin at the established FMV. Bidders who are participating and attending the oral auction on the day of the sale are not required to submit a sealed bid but may choose to do so.

Sealed-bid envelopes must be clearly marked on the lower front left corner with the parcel number and name of the sale, for example: “N-XXXXX, 20-parcel SNPLMA 2018 Fall Sale.” If multiple sealed bids are submitted, only the envelope that contains the bid guarantee needs to be noted with “bid guarantee.” Sealed bids must include an amount not less than 20 percent of the total bid amount and the \$10,000 bid guarantee noted above by certified check, postal money order, bank draft, or cashier’s check made payable to the “Department of the Interior—Bureau of Land Management.” The bid guarantee and bid deposit may be combined into one form of deposit; the bidder must specify the amounts of the bid deposit and the bid guarantee. If multiple sealed bids are submitted, the first sealed bid of the group must include the \$10,000 bid guarantee with the same bidder name. The BLM will not accept personal or company checks. The sealed-bid envelope *must* contain the 20 percent bid deposit, bid guarantee, and a completed and signed “Certificate of Eligibility” form stating the name, mailing address, and telephone number of the entity or person submitting the bid. Certificate of Eligibility and registration forms are available at the BLM LVFO at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section and on the BLM website at: <https://www.blm.gov/snplma>. Pursuant to 43 CFR 2711.3–1(c), if two or more sealed-bid envelopes containing valid bids of the same amount are received, oral bidding will start at the sealed-bid amount. If there are no oral bids on the parcel, the authorized officer will determine the winning bidder. Bids for less than the federally approved FMV will not be qualified. The highest qualifying bid for any parcel will be declared the high bid. The apparent high bidder must submit a deposit of not less than 20 percent of the successful bid amount by 3:30 p.m. Pacific Time on the day of the sale in

the form of a certified check, postal money order, bank draft, or cashier’s check made payable in U.S. dollars to the “Department of the Interior—Bureau of Land Management.” Funds must be delivered at the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89130 no later than 3:30 p.m. Pacific Time on the day of the sale to the BLM Collection Officers. The BLM will send the successful bidder(s) a high-bidder letter with detailed information for full payment.

All bid guarantee deposits submitted with unsuccessful bids will be returned to the bidders or their authorized representative upon presentation of acceptable photo identification at the sale location, the BLM–LVFO, or by certified mail. The apparent high bidder may choose to apply the bid guarantee towards the required deposit. Failure to submit the 20 percent deposit following the close of the sale under 43 CFR 2711.3–1(d) will result in forfeiture of the bid guarantee. If the successful bidder offers to purchase more than one parcel and fails to submit the 20 percent bid deposit resulting in default on any single parcel following the sale, the BLM will retain the \$10,000.00 bid guarantee, and may cancel the sale of all the parcels to that bidder. If a high bidder is unable to consummate the transaction for any reason, the second highest bid may be considered to purchase the parcel. If there are no acceptable bids, a parcel may remain available for sale at a future date in accordance with competitive sale procedures without further legal notice.

Federal law requires that bidders must be: (1) A citizen of the United States 18 years of age or older; (2) a corporation subject to the laws of any state or of the United States; (3) a state, instrumentality, or political subdivision authorized to hold property; or (4) an entity legally capable of conveying and holding lands or interests therein under the laws of the State of Nevada.

Evidence of United States citizenship is a birth certificate, passport, or naturalization papers. The high bidder must submit proof of citizenship within 25 days from receipt of the high-bidder letter. Citizenship documents and Articles of Incorporation (as applicable) must be provided to the BLM–LVFO for each sale. The successful bidder is allowed 180 days from the date of the sale to submit the remainder of the full purchase price.

According to SNPLMA as amended, Public Law 105–263 section 4(c), lands identified within the Las Vegas Valley Disposal Boundary are withdrawn from location and entry under the mining

laws and from operation under the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws until such time as the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) terminates the withdrawal or the lands are patented.

Terms and Conditions: All minerals for the sale parcels will be reserved to the United States. The patents, when issued, will contain a mineral reservation to the United States for all minerals.

In response to requests to clarify this mineral reservation as it relates to mineral materials, such as sand and gravel, we refer interested parties to the regulations at 43 CFR 3601.71(b), which provides that the owner of the surface estate of lands with reserved federal minerals may “use a minimal amount of mineral materials for . . . personal use” within the boundaries of the surface estate without a sales contract or permit. The regulation provides that all other use, absent statutory or other express authority, requires a sales contract or permit. We refer interested parties to the explanation of this regulatory language in the preamble to the final rule published in the **Federal Register** in 2001, which stated that minimal use “would not include large-scale use of mineral materials, even within the boundaries of the surface estate” (66 FR 58894). Further explanation is contained in BLM Instruction Memorandum No. 2014–085 (April 23, 2014), available on BLM’s website at <https://www.blm.gov/policy/im-2014-085>.

The parcels are subject to limitations prescribed by law and regulation, and certain encumbrances in favor of third parties. Prior to patent issuance, a holder of any Right-of-Way (ROW) within the sale parcels will have the opportunity to amend the ROW for conversion to a new term, including perpetuity, if applicable, or conversion to an easement. The BLM will notify valid existing ROW holders of record of their ability to convert their compliant ROWs to perpetual ROWs or easements. In accordance with federal regulations at 43 CFR 2807.15, once notified, each valid holder may apply for the conversion of their current authorization.

The following numbered terms and conditions will appear on the conveyance documents for the sale parcels:

1. All minerals deposits in the lands so patented, and to it, or persons authorized by it, the right to prospect for, mine, and remove such deposits from the same under applicable law and regulations to be established by the Secretary are reserved to the United

States, together with all necessary access and exit rights;

2. A ROW is reserved for ditches and canals constructed by authority of the United States under the Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945);

3. The parcels are subject to valid existing rights;

4. The parcels are subject to reservations for road, public utilities, and flood control purposes, both existing and proposed, in accordance with the local governing entities' transportation plans; and

5. An appropriate indemnification clause protecting the United States from claims arising out of the lessee's/patentee's use, occupancy, or occupations on the leased/patented lands.

Pursuant to the requirements established by Section 120(h) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. 9620(h) (CERCLA), as amended, notice is hereby given that the lands have been examined and no evidence was found to indicate that any hazardous substances have been stored for one year or more, nor had any hazardous substances been disposed of or released on the subject property.

No warranty of any kind, express or implied, is given by the United States as to the title, whether or to what extent the land may be developed, its physical condition, future uses, or any other circumstance or condition. The conveyance of a parcel will not be on a contingency basis. However, to the extent required by law, the parcel is subject to the requirements of Section 120(h) of the CERCLA.

BLM-LVFO must receive the request for escrow instructions prior to 30 days before the prospective patentee's scheduled closing date. There are no exceptions.

All name changes and supporting documentation must be received at the BLM-LVFO 30 days from the date on the high-bidder letter by 4:30 p.m. Pacific Time. There are no exceptions. To submit a name change, the apparent high bidder must submit the name change in writing on the Certificate of Eligibility form to the BLM-LVFO.

The remainder of the full bid price for the parcel must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. Pacific Time, within 180 days following the day of the sale. Payment must be submitted in the form of a certified check, postal money order, bank draft, cashier's check, or made available by electronic fund transfer made payable in U.S. dollars to the "Department of the Interior—Bureau of Land Management" to the BLM-LVFO.

The BLM will not accept personal or company checks.

Arrangements for electronic fund transfer to the BLM for payment of the balance due must be made a minimum of two weeks prior to the payment date. Failure to pay the full bid price within 180 days of the sale date will disqualify the high bidder and cause the entire 20 percent bid deposit to be forfeited to the BLM. Forfeiture of the 20 percent bid deposit is in accordance with 43 CFR 2711.3-1(d). There are no exceptions. The BLM can only accept the remainder of the full bid price up to 180 days after the sale date.

The BLM will not sign any documents related to 1031 Exchange transactions. The timing for completion of such an exchange is the bidder's responsibility. The BLM cannot be a party to any 1031 Exchange.

In accordance with 43 CFR 2711.3-1(f), the BLM may accept or reject any or all offers to purchase, or withdraw any parcel of land or interest therein from sale within 30 days, if the BLM authorized officer determines consummation of the sale would be inconsistent with any law, or for other reasons as may be provided by applicable law or regulations. No contractual or other rights against the United States may accrue until the BLM officially accepts the offer to purchase and the full bid price is paid.

Upon publication of this Notice and until completion of this sale, the BLM will no longer accept land use applications affecting the parcel identified for sale. However, land use applications may be considered after the sale if the parcel is not sold. The parcel may be subject to land use applications received prior to publication of this Notice if processing the application would have no adverse effect on the marketability of title, or the FMV of the parcel. Information concerning the sale, encumbrances of record, appraisals, reservations, procedures and conditions, CERCLA, and other environmental documents that may appear in the BLM public files for the proposed sale parcels are available for review during business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Pacific Time, Monday through Friday, at the BLM-LVFO, except during federal holidays.

In order to determine the FMV through appraisal, certain extraordinary assumptions and hypothetical conditions may have been made concerning the attributes and limitations of the lands and potential effects of local regulations and policies on potential future land uses. Through publication of this Notice, the BLM advises that these assumptions may not

be endorsed or approved by units of local government.

It is the buyer's responsibility to be aware of all applicable federal, state, and local government laws, regulations and policies that may affect the subject lands, including any required dedication of lands for public uses. It is also the buyer's responsibility to be aware of existing or prospective uses of nearby properties. When conveyed out of federal ownership, the lands will be subject to any applicable laws, regulations, and policies of the applicable local government for proposed future uses. It is the responsibility of the purchaser to be aware through due diligence of those laws, regulations, and policies, and to seek any required local approvals for future uses. Buyers should make themselves aware of any federal or state law or regulation that may impact the future use of the property. 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.

Termination of R&PP Classification and Segregation: Additionally, portions of the following leases granted under the R&PP Act, (43 U.S.C 869 *et seq.*) have been relinquished: N-76692 (71 FR 20724) and N-63292 (65 FR 14613). This Notice officially terminates the R&PP Classification and Segregation of the parcels located in Mount Diablo Meridian, T. 19 S, R. 59 E, section 24, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$; section 25, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, but does not serve as an opening order because the parcels are within the disposal boundary set by Congress in SNPLMA. Section 4(c) of SNPLMA withdrew these parcels, subject to valid existing rights, from entry and appropriation under the public land laws, location and entry under the mining laws and from operation under the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws, until such time as the Secretary terminates the withdrawal or the lands are patented.

Any comments regarding the proposed sale will be reviewed by the BLM Nevada State Director or other authorized official of the Department of the Interior, who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action in response to such comments. In the absence of any comments, this realty action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

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