

documents, is available on the BLM website at <https://go.usa.gov/xnFjm>. Copies of the ROD for Recreational Target Shooting in the SDNM have been sent to affected Federal, State, and local government agencies and to other stakeholders, and are available for public inspection at Lower Sonoran Field Office 21605 North 7th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85027.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Darrel Wayne Monger, Monument Manager, telephone: 623-580-5683; address: Lower Sonoran Field Office, 21605 North 7th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85027; email: [blm\\_az\\_sdnmtargetshooting@blm.gov](mailto:blm_az_sdnmtargetshooting@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. 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:** The planning area covers nearly 496,400 surface acres of south-central Arizona and lies within Maricopa and Pinal Counties. Population centers adjacent to the planning area include metropolitan Phoenix, and the communities of Ajo, Goodyear, Buckeye, Gila Bend, Mobile, and Maricopa. The planning area encompasses Federal- and State-administered lands as well as private lands. The BLM's authority is limited to BLM-managed public lands and federally-owned minerals within the planning area. The BLM manages 486,400 surface acres of public lands in the planning area, as well as 461,000 acres of (sub-surface) mineral estate. The State of Arizona manages 3,900 surface acres in the planning area, with the remaining 6,100 surface acres being privately owned land.

The BLM prepared the Proposed RMP Amendment/Final EIS to address management of recreational target shooting in the SDNM. The Proposed RMP Amendment/Final EIS was required to analyze recreational target shooting in the SDNM due to a ruling by the U.S. District Court-District of Arizona that vacated portions of the 2012 ROD, Approved RMP, and Final EIS related to recreational target shooting throughout the SDNM, and remanded the decision to the BLM for reconsideration. The Court also required the BLM to ensure the Final EIS analyzed mitigation measures and cumulative impacts consistent with the order, with a deadline of March 5, 2018, to issue the ROD. The BLM Arizona

State Director signed the ROD on March 5, 2018.

The Proposed RMP Amendment/Final EIS evaluated five alternatives in detail, including the No Action Alternative (Alternative A) and four action alternatives (Alternatives B, C, D, and E), based on public input and on analysis of the impacts of each of the alternatives. The five alternatives ranged from making the entire monument available for target shooting to making the entire monument unavailable for target shooting. All alternatives required compliance with a hierarchy of mitigation that includes: (1) Avoiding impacts to the maximum extent compatible with the goals of the alternative; (2) Minimizing any impacts that are not avoidable; and (3) Providing a range of responses commensurate with the level of unavoidable impacts. Alternative C was the BLM's proposed amendment. The Proposed RMP Amendment and Final EIS were published in the **Federal Register** on October 20, 2017 (84 FR 48847).

As a result of continued work with stakeholders and in response to comments from the public and cooperating agencies, the BLM determined that approximately 2,600 acres of additional land in the area is suitable for recreational target shooting. As such, the ROD approves a modified version of Alternative C, which identifies approximately 435,700 acres of land as available for recreational target shooting in the SDNM. The additional approximately 2,600 acres are located along the northern boundary of the SDNM within the Juan Bautista de Anza Recreation Management Zone, and were analyzed in Alternative A as available for recreational target shooting.

During the 30-day protest period, the BLM Director received five protest letters. All protests were resolved prior to issuance of the ROD.

No comments regarding potential inconsistencies with State and local plans, programs, and policies were received from the Governor's Office during the Governor's Consistency Review process.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1506.6, 40 CFR 1506.10, 43 CFR 1610.2, 43 CFR 1610.5)

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Application for a Recordable Disclaimer of Interest for Lands Underlying the Fortymile River System, Alaska

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The State of Alaska (State) has filed an application with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for a Recordable Disclaimer of Interest (RDI) from the United States in those lands underlying the Fortymile River System located in the upper Yukon subregion, Alaska. The State asserts that the Fortymile River System was navigable and unreserved at the time of Alaska Statehood in 1959.

**DATES:** The BLM should receive all comments to this action on or before November 19, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by mail or email on the State of Alaska's application for an RDI or on the BLM draft "Summary Report on Federal Interest in Lands underlying the Fortymile River System in Alaska." (Report) To file comments by mail, send to: RDI Program Manager (AK-942), Division of Lands and Cadastral, BLM Alaska State Office, 222 West 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, AK 99513. To submit comments by email, send to [anichols@blm.gov](mailto:anichols@blm.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Angie Nichols, RDI Program Manager, 222 West 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, AK 99513; 907-271-3359; [anichols@blm.gov](mailto:anichols@blm.gov); or visit the BLM RDI website at <https://www.blm.gov/basic/programs-lands-and-realty-alaska-rdi-fortymile-fortymile-river>.

People who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay System (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 a question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On May 11, 2017, the State filed an application (FF-97215) for an RDI pursuant to Section 315 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) and the regulations contained in 43 CFR Subpart 1864 for the lands underlying the Fortymile River System.

The State asserts that this river system was navigable at the time of Alaska Statehood. As such, the State contends that ownership of the lands underlying this river system automatically passed from the United States to the State in 1959 at the time of Statehood under the Equal Footing Doctrine; the Submerged Lands Act of 1953; the Alaska Statehood Act of 1959; and other title navigability law. Section 315 of FLPMA authorizes the BLM to issue an RDI when it determines that a record interest of the United States in lands has terminated by law or is otherwise invalid, and a disclaimer will help remove a cloud on title to such lands.

The State's application is for an RDI for all submerged lands underlying the portion of the Fortymile River System described below. Specifically, these are all submerged lands between the ordinary high water marks of the left and right banks of the Fortymile River, beginning sixty feet upstream of the international border with Canada, upstream to the confluence of the North and South Forks of the Fortymile River within section 10, township 8 south, range 30 east, Fairbanks Meridian, Alaska; all submerged lands between the ordinary high water marks of the left and right banks of the South Fork of the Fortymile River beginning at the confluence with the North Fork of the Fortymile River upstream to the confluence of the Mosquito and Dennison Forks of the Fortymile River within section 8, township 26 north, range 18 east, Fairbanks Meridian, Alaska; and all submerged lands between the ordinary high water marks of the left and right banks of the North Fork of the Fortymile River, beginning at its confluence with the South Fork of the Fortymile River, upstream to the dead-end slough which is a remnant of the Knik in section 20, township 6 south, range 29 east, Fairbanks Meridian, Alaska. The State listed the main stem of the Fortymile River's coverage on the USGS 1:63,360 series topographic map Eagle A-2 (1956), Eagle B-1 (1956) and Eagle B-2 (1956); for the North Fork of the Fortymile River, Eagle A-2 (1956), Eagle B-2 (1956) and Eagle B-3 (1956); and the South Fork of the Fortymile River is shown on the Eagle A-2 (1956) quadrangle.

Over time, the precise location of the submerged lands described above may vary between townships due to the ambulatory nature of these water bodies.

An RDI is a legal document through which the BLM disclaims the United States' interest in, or ownership of, specified lands, but the disclaimer does not grant, convey, transfer, or renounce

any title or interest in the lands, nor does it release any tax, judgment, or lien. This Notice of Application is to inform the public of the pending application and the State's supporting evidence, as well as to provide the opportunity to comment or provide additional information to the BLM.

The BLM will not make a final decision on the merits of the State's application before November 19, 2018. During this 90-day period, interested parties may comment on the State's application, FF-97215, and supporting evidence. Interested parties may also comment on the BLM's draft report, which is available on the BLM's RDI website (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** above).

Copies of the State's application, supporting evidence, the BLM draft report, and comments, including names and street addresses of commenters, will be available for public review at the BLM Alaska Public Information Center (Public Room), 222 West 8th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska, during regular business hours 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personally identifiable information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask the BLM in your comment to withhold your personally identifiable information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

If the BLM determines the State's evidence and any additional information the agency receives concerning the State's application is sufficient to reach a favorable determination, and neither the records nor a valid objection discloses a reason not to disclaim, the BLM may decide to approve the application for the RDI.

**Authority:** 43 CFR 1864.2.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### **Public Land Order No. 7872; Withdrawal of National Forest System Land for the Dump Creek Diversion Ditch, Idaho**

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

**ACTION:** Public Land Order.

**SUMMARY:** This Order withdraws 107.02 acres of National Forest System land from location and entry under the United States mining laws for a period of 20 years to protect the Dump Creek Diversion Ditch within the Salmon National Forest. The purpose of this withdrawal is to ensure the continued conservation of the aquatic and riparian habitats, and to protect the Federal watershed investments in the Salmon River Drainage.

**DATES:** This Public Land Order takes effect on August 20, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeff Cartwright, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Idaho State Office (208) 373-3885. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to reach the Bureau of Land Management contact 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:** This order withdraws the land on behalf of the United States Forest Service for the purpose of preserving the existing groundwater regime and to protect the integrity of the reclamation and watershed stabilization and investment of Federal funds within the Dump Creek project.

#### **Order**

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714, it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described National Forest System land is hereby withdrawn from location and entry under the United States mining laws for a period of 20 years to preserve the existing groundwater regime and to protect the integrity of the reclamation and watershed stabilization and investment