

high male counts (HMCs) for at least 7 out of 9 years (specific targets are described in the draft recovery plan); and (2) reducing or ameliorating threats associated with habitat loss and degradation in all populations, via regulatory mechanisms or other conservation plans or programs. To help meet these criteria, the draft recovery plan identifies recovery actions from the following general categories: Translocating GUSG to augment populations; conserving and restoring habitat; managing motorized routes on Federal lands; and continued research and monitoring.

Request for Public Comments

The Service solicits public comments on the draft recovery plan. All comments we receive by the date specified (see **DATES**) will be considered prior to approval of the plan. Written comments and materials regarding the plan should be sent via the means in the **ADDRESSES** section.

We are specifically seeking comments and suggestions on the following questions:

- Understanding that the time and cost presented in the draft recovery plan will be fine-tuned when localized recovery implementation strategies are developed, are the estimated time and cost to recovery realistic? Is the estimate reflective of the time and cost of actions that may have already been implemented by Federal, State, county, or other agencies? Please provide suggestions or methods for determining a more accurate estimation.
- Do the draft recovery criteria provide clear direction to State partners on what is needed to recover the species? How could they be improved for clarity?
- Are the draft recovery criteria both objective and measurable given the information available for this species now and into the future? Please provide suggestions.
- Understanding that specific, detailed, and area-specific recovery actions will be developed in the RIS, do the draft recovery actions presented in the draft recovery plan generally cover the types of actions necessary to meet the recovery criteria? If not, what general actions are missing? And, are any of the draft recovery actions unnecessary for achieving recovery? Have we prioritized the actions appropriately?

Public Availability of Comments

We will summarize and respond to the issues raised by the public in an appendix to the approved final recovery plan. 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. You may request at the top of your comment that we withhold this information from public review; however, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority

The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

Dated: September 20, 2019.

Noreen Walsh,

Regional Director, Lakewood, Colorado.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Land Acquisitions; The Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs made a final agency determination to acquire 20.00 acres, more or less, of land near the City of Pawnee, Pawnee County, Oklahoma, (Site) in trust for the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma for gaming and other purposes on October 7, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Paula L. Hart, Director, Office of Indian Gaming, Bureau of Indian Affairs, MS–3657 MIB, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240, telephone (202) 219–4066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 Departmental Manual 8.1, and is published to comply with the requirements of 25 CFR 151.12(c)(2)(ii) that notice of the decision to acquire land in trust be promptly provided in the **Federal Register**.

On October 7, 2019, the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs made a final agency determination to transfer the Site, consisting of approximately 20.00 acres, more or less, into trust for the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma (Nation) pursuant to the Indian Reorganization

Act, 25 U.S.C. 5108. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs also determined that the Site meets the requirements of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, see 25 U.S.C. 2719(a)(2)(A)(i).

The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior, will immediately acquire title to the Site in the name of the United States of America in trust for the Nation upon fulfillment of Departmental requirements.

The 20.00 acres, more or less, are located in Section 8, Township 20 North, Range 05 East, Pawnee County, Oklahoma, and are described as follows:

A part of the NE/4 of the NE/4 of Section 8, Township 20 North, Range 5 East, I.M., Pawnee County, Oklahoma; being more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 8; Thence S89°24'00" W along the North line of the NE/4 of the NE/4 a distance of 60.00 feet to the Northwest corner of a tract recorded in Book 67 Misc. Page 248 for a point of beginning; Thence S00°08'16" E and parallel with the East line of the NE/4 of the NE/4 along the West line of the tract recorded in Book 67 Misc. Page 248 a distance of 983.03 feet to the Northeast corner of the highway easement recorded in Book 139 Page 270; Thence S89°37'23" W along the North line of the highway easement recorded in Book 139 Page 270 a distance of 40.00 feet to the Northwest corner of the said highway easement; Thence S00°08'16" E along the West line of the highway easement recorded in Book 139 Page 270 a distance of 350.00 feet to the Southwest corner of the said highway easement and on the South line of the NE/4 of the NE/4; Thence S89°37'23" W along the South line of the NE/4 of the NE/4 a distance of 624.70 feet; Thence N00°08'16" W and parallel with the East line of the NE/4 of the NE/4 a distance of 1330.44 feet to a point on the North line of the NE/4 of the NE/4; Thence N89°24'00" E along the north line of the NE/4 of the NE/4 a distance of 664.72 feet to the point of beginning.

More particularly described as:

A tract of land located in the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter (NE/4–NE/4) of Section Eight (8), Township Twenty (20) North, Range Five (5) East of the Indian Meridian, Pawnee County, Oklahoma, with a geodetic basis of bearing of N89°24'26" E along the North Section line and more particularly described as: Commencing at a 1/2" iron pin at the Northeast corner (NE/C) of said NE/4 NE/4; Thence S89°24'26" W along the North section line for a distance of 60.00 feet to the point of beginning; Thence S00°08'08" E and parallel with the East line of the NE/4 of the NE/4 for a distance of 983.03 feet to the Northeast corner of the highway easement; Thence S89°37'31" W for a distance of 40.00 feet to the Northwest corner of said highway easement; Thence S00°08'08" E along the West side of said highway easement for a distance of 350.00

feet to the Southwest corner of said highway easement and to a point on the South line of the NE/4 of the NE/4; Thence S89°37'31" W along the South line of the NE/4 of the NE/4 for a distance of 624.70 feet; Thence N00°08'08" W and parallel with the East line of the NE/4 of the NE/4 for a distance of 1330.51 feet to a point on the North line of the NE/4 of the NE/4; Thence N89°24'26" E along the North line of the NE/4 of the NE/4 for a distance of 664.72 feet to the point of beginning, containing 20.00 acres, more or less, as to surface rights only, Fee-to-Trust Case No. B-812-2016-0001.

Authority: This notice is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 Departmental Manual 8.1, and is published to comply with the requirements of 25 CFR 151.12 (c)(2)(ii) that notice of the decision to acquire land in trust be promptly provided in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: October 7, 2019.

Tara Sweeney,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Realty Action: Non-Competitive (Direct) Sale of Public Land in Big Horn County, WY (Rageth, 60.96 Acres)

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes a non-competitive (direct) sale of 60.96 acres of public lands in Big Horn County, Wyoming, to Brent and Sherri Rageth for the purpose of resolving an inadvertent unauthorized use. The sale will be subject to applicable provisions of the Federal Land Policy Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), and BLM regulations. The appraised Fair Market Value (FMV) for the sale parcels is \$21,500.

DATES: Submit written comments regarding the sale parcel and associated Environmental Assessment until December 16, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Mail written comments concerning this direct sale to Field Manager, BLM, Cody Field Office, 1002 Blackburn Street, Cody, Wyoming 82414.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cara Blank, Realty Specialist, BLM, Cody

Field Office, at the above address or by telephone 307-578-5912. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339. 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: The following public lands have been examined and found suitable for sale in accordance with the criteria in Section 203 of the FLPMA:

Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming

T. 56 N., R. 97 W.,
Sec. 20, parcel 1;
Sec. 21, parcels 1 and 2;
Sec. 22, parcel 1.

The areas described aggregate 60.96 acres.

The direct sale is in conformance with the BLM Cody Field Office Approved Resource Management Plan (September 18, 2015), which identifies these parcels of public lands as suitable for disposal on page 105 and management action 6011. FLPMA Section 203 allows for the disposal of public lands if they meet the following disposal criteria: (1), such tract, because of its location or other characteristics, is difficult and uneconomic to manage as part of the public lands and is not suitable for management by another Federal department or agency. The subject parcels meet this criteria because the existing structures and the change in the character of the lands associated with farming operations make the lands difficult to manage as public lands.

A parcel-specific Environmental Assessment (EA) document numbered DOI-BLM-WY-R020-2019-0007-EA was prepared in connection with this sale. A copy of the EA, Finding of No Significant Impact and Decision Record are available online at: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/projectSummary.do?methodName=renderDefaultProjectSummary&projectId=118368>.

Regulations at 43 CFR 2711.3-3(a) allow the direct sale of public lands (without competition), when a competitive sale is not appropriate and the public interest would best be served by a direct sale. In this case, a competitive sale is not appropriate because the subject lands contain improvements that directly support the adjoining farm property, owned by Brent and Sherri Rageth, rendering the land unusable by the public. The minimal acreage was considered to create a manageable boundary that included the lands surrounding a metal shop and all irrigation improvements.

The public's interest would be best served by resolving the inadvertent unauthorized use and receiving payment at FMV for the public lands. Further, in conformance with Secretarial Order 3373, the BLM has determined that sale of this land will not impact public access for outdoor recreation. Upon publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**, the public lands described will be segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, except for the sale provisions of the FLPMA.

The temporary segregation will terminate upon, (1) issuance of a conveyance document, (2) publication in the **Federal Register** terminating the segregation, or (3) on November 1, 2021, unless extended by the BLM Wyoming State Director, in accordance with 43 CFR 2711.1-2(d). Upon publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**, the BLM is no longer accepting land use applications affecting these public lands, except applications for the amendment of previously filed rights-of-way applications or existing authorizations to increase the term of the grants in accordance with 43 CFR 2807.15 and 43 CFR 2886.15.

The conveyance document, if issued, will contain the following reservations; excepting and reserving to the United States:

1. Rights-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);

2. All the mineral deposits in the lands so patented pursuant to the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1719), including, without limitation, substances subject to disposition under the general mining laws, the general mineral leasing laws, the Materials Act and the Geothermal Steam Act, and to it, its permittees, licensees, lessees, and mining claimants, the right to prospect for, mine and remove the minerals owned by the United States under applicable law and such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe. This reservation includes necessary access and exit rights and the right to conduct all necessary and incidental activities including, without limitation, all drilling, underground, open pit or surface mining operations, storage and transportation facilities deemed reasonably necessary.

Unless otherwise provided by separate agreement with the surface owner, mining claimants, permittees, licensees and lessees of the United States shall reclaim disturbed areas to the extent prescribed by regulations issued by the Secretary of the Interior.