

fully offset impacts to the LEPC associated with habitat loss and fragmentation resulting from implementation of the covered activities, and would provide a long-term conservation benefit to LEPC.

Alternatives

We are considering two alternatives to the proposed action as part of this process: Issuance of an Enhancement of Survival Permit for a Candidate Conservation Agreement With Assurances, and a No Action Alternative.

1. Issuance of an Enhancement of Survival Permit for a Candidate Conservation Agreement With Assurances

Under this alternative, instead of approving the HCP and issuing an ITP, the Service would issue an enhancement of survival permit (ESP) pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA, supported by a candidate conservation agreement with assurances (CCAA), to the applicant for incidental take associated with the covered activities in the CCAA. The proposed covered activities in the CCAA would be the same as those proposed in the HCP. The permit term for the ESP would be 30 years. Under this alternative, it is assumed the applicant (in the role of CCAA administrator) would require enrolled projects to implement all the avoidance, minimization, mitigation, monitoring, adaptive management, and reporting processes described in the HCP as part of the CCAA. It is anticipated that a similar level of wind, solar, power line, and communication tower development within the permit area would occur under an HCP or a CCAA for each project. However, the enrollment of projects under the CCAA would end upon the future date of a possible listing of the covered species; whereas, the HCP enrollment would continue for the duration of the permit. We anticipate that this alternative would result in the same level of potential impacts to LEPC and the same level of LEPC conservation as what is proposed in the HCP for those enrolled prior to listing, but projects after a potential listing would need to develop their own HCPs or find an alternative coverage for incidental take. This action would be consistent with existing Service guidance for conservation actions of unlisted species.

2. No Action Alternative

Under this alternative, the Service would not issue an ITP or an ESP, and therefore this programmatic permitting structure would not be available for

willing participants. While the LEPC remains unlisted, potentially participating entities (*i.e.*, wind, solar, power line, and communication tower companies) would have little economic or legal incentive to voluntarily initiate the conservation or management activities that are proposed in the HCP to benefit the LEPC. Therefore, unless potentially participating entities voluntarily participate in another programmatic permitting option, should one be available, or voluntarily develop their own stand along permitting option, conservation measures above and beyond those directed by existing Federal, State, and local laws, policies, or regulations likely would not be implemented, and the LEPC would not gain additional protections and conservation benefits over what currently exists. On private lands, where the State or Federal government has no authority to protect or direct the management of LEPC habitat, LEPC conservation programs would be implemented entirely at the discretion of the landowners and private developers.

Next Steps

We will evaluate the permit application, HCP, associated documents, and comments we receive to determine whether the ITP application meets the requirements of ESA, NEPA, and implementing regulations, or whether the issuance of an ESP should be considered. If we determine that all requirements are met, we will approve the HCP and issue the ITP under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) to the applicant in accordance with the terms of the HCP and specific terms and conditions of the authorizing ITP. Alternatively, we could approve this plan as a CCAA and issue an ESP under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and applicable regulations. We will consider comments on both the alternative and the denial of issuing a permit in our final decision. We will not make our final decision until after the 30-day comment period ends, and we have fully considered all comments received during the public comment period.

Public Availability of Comments

All comments we receive become part of the public record associated with this action. Requests for copies of comments will be handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, NEPA, and Service and Department of the Interior policies and procedures. 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 to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Authority

We provide this notice under the authority of section 10(c) of the ESA and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22 and 17.32) and NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Amy L. Lueders,

Regional Director, Southwest Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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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; Washington County, Utah

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Realty Action.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) examined certain public lands in Washington County, Utah, and found them suitable for classification for lease or conveyance to the Washington County Water Conservancy District (WCWCD) under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act, as amended, the Taylor Grazing Act, and Executive Order 6910. WCWCD proposes to use the 10.87-acre parcel described below as a camping and recreation area adjacent to a proposed reservoir near the junction of Interstate 15 and State Route 17.

DATES: Submit written comments regarding this proposed classification on or before June 1, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be emailed to blm_ut_sgfo_comments@blm.gov or mailed to the BLM St. George Field

Office, Field Manager, 345 E Riverside Drive, St. George, Utah 84790. The BLM will not consider comments received via telephone calls. Detailed information including, but not limited to, a proposed development and management plan and documentation relating to compliance with applicable environmental and cultural resource laws, the documents are available on the BLM's E-Planning website at <https://go.usa.gov/xsCrb>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stephanie Trujillo, Realty Specialist, email: strujill@blm.gov, phone: (435) 688-3343. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to leave a message or question for the above individual. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Replies are provided during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The WCWCD has not applied for more than the 6,400-acre limitation for recreation uses in a year (or 640 acres if a nonprofit corporation or association), or more than 640 acres for each of the programs involving public resources other than recreation.

The WCWCD submitted an application in compliance with the regulations at 43 CFR 2741.4(b). The lands examined and identified as suitable for lease or conveyance under the R&PP Act are legally described as:

Salt Lake Meridian, Utah

T. 40 S., R. 13 W.,
Sec. 33, lots 16, 18, and 19.

The area described contains 10.87 acres, according to the official plat of the survey of the said land, on file with the BLM.

The lands are not needed for any Federal purposes. The lease or conveyance of the lands for recreation or public purposes use conforms with the BLM St. George Field Office Resource Management Plan, approved in March 1999, and would be in the public's interest. The BLM analyzed the parcel in a site-specific Environmental Assessment, DOI-BLM-UT-C030-2012-0001-EA.

All interested parties will receive a copy of this notice once it is published in the **Federal Register**. A copy of this notice with information about this proposed realty action will be published in the newspaper of local circulation once a week for three consecutive weeks. The regulations at 43 CFR subpart 2741 addressing requirements and procedures for conveyances under the R&PP Act do not require a public meeting.

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be

segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including locations under the mining laws, except for lease or conveyance under the R&PP Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws.

The lease or conveyance of the land, when issued, will be subject to the following terms, conditions, and reservations:

1. A right-of-way thereon for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States Act of August 30, 1890 (26 Stat. 391; 43 U.S.C. 945).

2. Provisions of the R&PP Act and to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

3. All mineral deposits in the land so patented, and the right to prospect for, mine, and remove such deposits from the same under applicable law and regulations as established by the Secretary of the Interior are reserved to the United States, together with all necessary access and exit rights.

4. Lease or conveyance of the parcel is subject to valid existing rights.

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.

6. A limited reversionary provision stating the title shall revert to the United States upon a finding, after notice and opportunity for a hearing, that, without the approval of the Secretary of the Interior or his/her delegate, the patentee or its successor attempts to transfer title to or control over the lands to another, the lands have been devoted to a use other than that for which the lands were conveyed, the lands have not been used for the purpose for which the lands were conveyed for a five-year period, or the patentee has failed to follow the approved development plan or management plan. No portion of the land shall under any circumstance revert to the United States if any such portion has been used for solid waste disposal, or for any other purpose, which may result in the disposal, placement, or release of any hazardous substance.

7. Any other reservations the authorized officer determines appropriate to ensure public access and proper management of Federal lands and interests therein.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the BLM Utah State Director or other authorized official of the Department of the Interior who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective on June 14, 2021. The

lands will not be offered for lease or conveyance until after the classification becomes effective.

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.

(Authority: 43 CFR 2741.5)

Abbie Jossie,

Acting State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Alaska Native Claims Selection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of modified decision approving lands for conveyance.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management hereby provides constructive notice that it will issue an appealable decision modifying its September 9, 2015 decision ("original decision") which approved lands for conveyance to Eklutna, Inc., pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971. The original decision will be modified to make changes to public access easements to be reserved to the United States, to navigability information, and to make a technical correction. Notice of the original decision was published in the **Federal Register** on September 9, 2015.

DATES: Any party claiming a property interest in the lands affected by the modifications may appeal the decision in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4 within the time limits set out in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

ADDRESSES: You may obtain a copy of either or both decisions from the Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christy Favorite, BLM Alaska State Office, at 907-271-5595, or