

migration corridors, cultural and historic properties, and livestock trailing. Within this ACEC, fence construction and surface disturbing activities would be prohibited with the exception of activities designed to increase big game migration viability. The Area would be unavailable for oil and gas leasing. Off-road vehicle (ORV) use would be restricted to designated roads and trails and subject to a seasonal closure from November 15th through April 30th.

- **New Fork Potholes—(1,800 acres):** Values of critical concern are waterfowl, trumpeter swan, and riparian habitats. With the exception of those that would benefit wildlife habitat, surface disturbing activities would be prohibited. The Area would be unavailable for oil and gas leasing. ORV use would be restricted to designated roads and trails.

Three areas were proposed for consideration as ACECs: Ross Butte, White-tailed Prairie Dog and the Wind River Front. While the BLM found that these areas meet relevance and importance criteria and effects of including these proposals analyzed, none of them were recommended for inclusion in BLM's Preferred Alternative. Alternative 4 (Preferred Alternative) would establish two Special Recreation Management Areas (SMRAs): CCC Ponds and Boulder Lake. Alternative 4 also describes special management goals and objectives for Miller Mountain, Ross Butte, and the Wind River Front.

Much of the Pinedale planning area is considered to have a high potential for energy development. For those areas with high potential, the Draft RMP/EIS considers oil and gas, and wind energy development in support of the National Energy Plan and the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

Performance-based land use objectives would be emphasized in Alternative 4 (Preferred Alternative), and applied where appropriate in all alternatives except Alternative 1 (No Action). The Draft RMP/EIS considers and is in conformance with the BLM's National Fire Plan and Healthy Forest Initiative.

The BLM published its Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare the revised RMP/EIS in the **Federal Register** on February 25, 2002. The BLM conducted open houses and mailed solicitations for public comments and input. Meetings were held to provide the public with an opportunity to gain information about the RMP revision process and to submit comments. Public meetings were held in the following Wyoming communities: Rock Springs, March 3, 2003; Pinedale,

March 10, 2003; and Marbleton, March 11, 2003. During the scoping period the BLM received over 55,000 public comments.

Cooperating agencies assisting BLM in the development and preparation of the Draft RMP/EIS included county governments, conservation districts, other Federal agencies and the State of Wyoming. The BLM contacted tribal governments with possible interests, and offered opportunities for participation in the plan revision process. In preparation of the Draft RMP/EIS, the BLM considered all comments presented throughout the process. Background information and maps used in developing the Draft RMP/EIS are available for public review at the Pinedale Field Office.

The BLM welcomes your comments. To facilitate analysis of comments and information, the public is encouraged to submit comments in an electronic format either through the Web site identified in this notice or through electronic mail.

All comment submittals must include the commenter's name and street address. Comments including the names and street addresses of respondents will be available for public review at the Pinedale Field Office during its business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday except for Federal holidays. Your comments may be published as part of the EIS process. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. Anonymous comments will not be considered. All submissions from organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Donald A. Simpson,
Associate State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Truckhaven Geothermal Leasing Area, California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Truckhaven Geothermal Leasing Area and by this notice is announcing the opening of the comment period. The main issues addressed in the Draft EIS are geothermal resource leasing, recreation, and special status species. The area is within the California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) and the preferred alternative is in conformance with the land use plan for the area. There are no species listed for protection under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) that occur in the area; however, the listed desert pupfish occurs within two miles of the area and potential impacts to that species are addressed in the Draft EIS. BLM will consult with the Fish and Wildlife Service on the desert pupfish. The most common public use of the area currently is motorized recreation. Impacts to recreation are addressed in the Draft EIS. Mitigation measures to reduce or eliminate conflicts with these uses have been developed in coordination with the California Department of Parks and Recreation, a cooperating agency on the project. These measures will apply to both action alternatives.

DATES: BLM must receive written comments on the Draft EIS within 60 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes their Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. The BLM will announce future meetings and any other public involvement activities at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media news releases, and/or mailings.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by e-mail to jdalton@ca.blm.gov; fax to 951-697-5299; or mail to 22835 Calle San Juan de los Lagos, Moreno Valley, CA 92553.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Dalton, 951-697-5311.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Truckhaven Geothermal Leasing Area encompasses approximately 14,700 acres of Federal minerals in western Imperial County, California, north of State Route 78 and generally west and south of County Highway S-22. The area is part of the California Desert Conservation Area. The main issues addressed in the Draft EIS are geothermal resource leasing, recreation, and special status species. Three alternatives are analyzed in the Draft EIS: (1) No action, which would not lease any geothermal resources; (2) leasing only lands with existing noncompetitive lease applications; and

(3) the proposed action, which would offer all BLM managed lands within this area for lease, subject to certain stipulations and mitigation measures to be applied at the development stage. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised 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 from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety. Copies of the Draft EIS are available in the California Desert District Office at the above address; the El Centro Field Office, 1661 S. 4th St., El Centro, CA; and the California State Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA.

Dated: January 10, 2007.

Thomas Zale,
Acting Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Realty Recreation and Public Purposes Act Classification of Public Lands in Clark County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) examined and found suitable for classification for lease and subsequent conveyance under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act, as amended, approximately 15 acres of public land in Clark County, Nevada. The Legacy Vineyard Church proposes to use the land for a church and related facilities.

DATES: Interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed lease/conveyance or classification of the lands until April 2, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to the Field Manager, BLM Las Vegas Field

Office, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89130.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sharon DiPinto, Assistant Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, at (702) 515-5062.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following described public land in Clark County, Nevada, has been examined and found suitable for classification for lease and subsequent conveyance under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*), and is hereby classified accordingly: Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada T. 19 S., R. 60 E., sec. 31: W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$. Containing 15 acres, more or less.

In accordance with the R&PP Act, the Legacy Vineyard Church filed an application for the above-described 15 acres of public land to be developed as a church and related facilities. These related facilities include a sanctuary building (offices, classrooms, kitchen, restrooms, utility/storage rooms, and a lobby), sidewalks, landscaped areas, paved parking areas, youth athletic fields, and off site improvements. Additional detailed information pertaining to this application, plan of development, and site plans is in case file N-75855 located in the BLM Las Vegas Field Office at the above address.

Churches are a common applicant under the “public purposes” provision of the R&PP Act. The Legacy Vineyard Church is an Internal Revenue Service registered non-profit organization and is, therefore, a qualified applicant under the R&PP Act.

The land is not needed for any Federal purpose. The lease/conveyance is consistent with the Las Vegas Resource Management Plan dated October 5, 1998, and would be in the public interest. The lease/patent, when issued, will be subject to the provisions of the R&PP Act and applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, and will contain the following reservations to the United States:

1. A right-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 minerals together with the right to prospect for, mine and remove such deposits from the same under applicable law and such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe.

The lease/patent will be subject to:

1. An easement in favor of Clark County for roads, public utilities and flood control purposes.

2. All valid existing rights documented on the official public land records at the time of lease/patent issuance.

On February 16, 2007, the land described above will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease/conveyance under the R&PP Act, leasing under the mineral leasing laws, and disposals under the mineral material disposal laws.

Comments

Classification Comments: Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for a church and related facilities. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the land is physically suited for the proposal, whether the use will maximize the future use or uses of the land, whether the use is consistent with local planning and zoning, or if the use is consistent with State and Federal programs.

Application Comments: Interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific use proposed in the application and plan of development, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land for R&PP use.

Confidentiality of Comments: Before including your address, phone number, e-mail 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 in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification of the land described in this notice will become effective April 17, 2007. The lands will not be offered for lease/conveyance until after the classification becomes effective.

Authority: 43 CFR part 2741.

Sharon DiPinto,

Assistant Field Manager, Division of Lands, Las Vegas, NV.

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