

year period. This order withdrew public lands from settlement, sale, location, and entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws, to protect the White Mountain Petroglyphs Site in Sweetwater County. The lands have been and will remain open to mineral leasing. This notice also gives an opportunity to comment on the proposed action and to request a public meeting.

DATES: Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by April 27, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the BLM Wyoming State Director, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003-1828.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Booth at 307-775-6124.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Bureau of Land Management has filed an application to extend Public Land Order No. 6597. This withdrawal was made to protect important educational, scientific, and artistic values as well as the capital investments of the White Mountain Petroglyphs Site. Public Land Order No. 6597 will expire on March 25, 2005.

The withdrawal comprises approximately 20.00 acres of public land as described below:

Sixth Principal Meridian

T. 22 N., R. 105 W.,
Sec. 11, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$,
N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 12, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed extension may present their views in writing to the BLM Wyoming State Director.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Rock Springs Field Office, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, Wyoming, during regular business hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. 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 inspection in their entirety.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed extension. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed extension should submit a written request to the Wyoming State Director within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. If the authorized officer determines that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

This extension will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2310.4.

Dated: January 14, 2004.

Melvin Schlager,

Realty Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-060-1430-EQ; N-77592, N-25773]

Realty Action: Lease of Public Land for Public Airport Purposes and Termination of Segregation

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action.

SUMMARY: Public land in Lander County, Nevada has been found suitable for a proposed lease to the Town of Kingston, the land to be used for public airport purposes under the authority of the Federal Public Airport Act of 1928, as amended. Public land previously segregated in connection with an expired public airport lease is hereby opened to the operation of the public land laws and the mining laws.

DATES: On or before March 15, 2004, interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed, new, public airport lease.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to: Bureau of Land Management, Gail G. Givens, Assistant Field Manager, Battle Mountain Field Office, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chuck Lahr, Realty Specialist, at the above address or telephone (775) 635-4000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. The following described public land in Lander County, Nevada, has been examined and found suitable for a

proposed lease to the Town of Kingston, the land to be used for only public airport purposes:

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada,

T. 16 N., R. 44 E.,

Sec. 31, Lot 4, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,

E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$,

S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$,

SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

containing 144.88 acres, more or less, in Lander County.

2. The above described land was previously leased for public airport purposes under BLM serial number N-25773. That lease expired by its own terms and conditions. The proposed new lease will be issued pursuant to the Act of May 24, 1928, as amended, 43 U.S.C. 1441-1443, and will be made subject to the provisions of that act, applicable regulations and all valid existing rights. The proposed lease is consistent with the BLM land use plan for the area and will serve the public interest. The public land described above was segregated by virtue of the now expired, earlier airport lease. This notice continues the segregation of the above described land from appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws.

3. On June 9, 1979, public land in addition to that described above was segregated for the now expired airport lease authorized under N-25773. Under the proposed new lease, the additional land will not be needed and can be opened to the operation of the public land laws and the mining laws. The additional public land is described as follows:

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada,

T. 16 N., R. 44 E.,

Sec. 31, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$,

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$,

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$,

N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 32, W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$;

T. 15 N., R. 44 E.,

Sec. 5, Lot 4;

Sec. 6, Lot 1;

containing 350.57 acres, more or less, in Lander County.

4. At 9 a.m. on February 27, 2004, the land described immediately above will be opened to the operation of the public land laws, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. All valid applications received at or prior to February 27, 2004, shall be considered as simultaneously filed at that time. Those received thereafter shall be considered in the order of filing.

5. At 9 a.m. on February 27, 2004, the land described immediately above will

be opened to location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. Appropriation of lands under the general mining laws prior to the date and time of restoration is unauthorized. Any such attempted appropriation, including adverse possession under 30 U.S.C. 38, shall vest no rights against the United States. Acts required to establish a location and to initiate a right of possession are governed by State law where not in conflict with Federal law. The Bureau of Land Management will not intervene in disputes between rival locators over possessory rights because Congress has provided for such determinations in local courts.

(Authority: 43 CFR 2911.2–3(a); 43 CFR 2901.4–2(b))

Dated: November 21, 2003.

Gail G. Givens,

Assistant Field Manager, Nonrenewable Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Stewardship End Result Contracting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of Guidance Issuance.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is issuing guidance to its field offices on stewardship end result contracting (commonly referred to as “stewardship contracting”) projects. This guidance provides internal administrative direction to guide BLM employees in collaborative planning, implementing, and monitoring of stewardship contracting projects.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This guidance is effective on January 28, 2004.

ADDRESSES: This guidance is available electronically at http://www.blm.gov/nhp/spotlight/forest_initiative/stewardship_contracting/.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Laura Ceperley, Renewable Resources and Planning, Bureau of Land Management at (202) 452–5029; or Scott Lieurance, Renewable Resources and Planning, Bureau of Land Management at (202) 452–0316. Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 27, 2003, the BLM and the Forest Service adopted jointly developed interim guidelines for implementation of the stewardship contracting provisions as authorized by section 323 of Public Law 108–7, the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (16 U.S.C. 2104 note). The Forest Service and BLM published a joint **Federal Register** notice with request for comment on the interim guidelines on June 27, 2003 (68 FR 38285). The agencies received sixty-two (62) responses in the form of letters, faxes, and e-mail messages regarding the **Federal Register** notice of the interim guidelines on stewardship contracting. The comments came from private citizens, elected officials, and groups and individuals representing businesses, private organizations, and Federal agencies. Comments ranged from full support of the interim guidelines to the recommendation that the BLM should not use much of the authority set out in 16 U.S.C. 2104 note. The Bureau considered all comments in drafting the BLM guidance for stewardship contracting, and made changes in response to the comments. The BLM is issuing the guidance in Instruction Memorandum 2004–081. This represents the culmination of the BLM’s internal and public reviews of stewardship contracting policy.

Dated: January 16, 2004.

James M. Hughes,

Deputy Director for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[89% to CO–956–1420–BJ–0000–241A; 11% to CO–956–7130–BJ–7385–241A]

Colorado: Filing of Plats of Survey

January 14, 2004.

SUMMARY: The plats of survey of the following described land will be officially filed in the Colorado State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Lakewood, Colorado, effective 10 a.m., January 14, 2004. All inquiries should be sent to the Colorado State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215–7093.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey in section 24, Township 9 South, Range 81 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Group 1254, Colorado, was accepted October 9, 2003.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey and survey, in Township 6 South, Range 94 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Group 1357, Colorado, was accepted October 20, 2003.

The plat (in 4 sheets), representing the dependent resurveys and surveys in Township 33 North, Range 11 East, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Group 1371, Colorado, was accepted October 31, 2003.

The plat (in 4 sheets), representing the dependent resurveys and surveys in Township 34 North, Range 11 East, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Group 1371, Colorado, was accepted October 31, 2003.

The plat representing the dependent resurveys and surveys in Township 35 North, Range 11 East, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Group 1371, Colorado, was accepted October 31, 2003.

The plat, of the entire record, representing the dependent resurvey in Township 44 North, Range 5 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Group 1393, Colorado, was accepted November 6, 2003.

The plat representing the dependent resurveys and surveys in Township 7 South, Range 91 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Group 1323, Colorado, was accepted December 1, 2003.

The supplemental plat canceling lots 1 through 4, and to correct annotated distances on the E. and W. centerline in section 7, Township 4 South, Range 100 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, was accepted October 9, 2003.

These surveys and plats were requested by the Bureau of Land Management for administrative and management purposes.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of certain mineral surveys and the metes-and-bounds survey of a portion of Ouray County Road No. 361, in Township 43 North, Range 8 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian, Group 1404, Colorado, was accepted December 17, 2003.

This survey and plat was requested by the legal staff of Ouray County, Colorado, for the purpose of segregating Public Domain lands from adjacent boundary lines of certain mineral surveys.

Paul Lukacovic,

Acting Chief Cadastral Surveyor for Colorado.

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