

of record, and the requirements of applicable law.

Group II

Surface and Subsurface Estate

T. 12 N., R. 28 E.

Sec. 10, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Containing 40.00 acres, more or less.

The lands described below were segregated from appropriation under the public land laws and mineral laws for an exchange with the State of Arizona, pursuant to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (Pub. L. 106–65, 113 Stat. 877, 878) and, Section 206 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716), as amended. The lands have subsequently been dropped from the exchange. At 9 a.m., Mountain Standard Time, on April 29, 2004, the segregation affecting these lands is hereby terminated. The lands are now open to public land laws, including the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law.

Group III

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona

Subsurface Estate

T. 12 N., R. 28 E.

Sec. 14, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 12 N., R. 30 E.

Sec. 12, NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 12 N., R. 31 E.

Sec. 22, Lots 1–4, inclusive, W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$.

Containing 1063.10 acres, more or less.

Surface Estate

T. 11 N., R. 28 E.

Sec. 27, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 12 N., R. 29 E.

Sec. 4, Lots 4, 5, 12, & 13, SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Containing 352.94 acres, more or less.

Appropriation of lands described in Groups II & III under the general mining laws prior to the date and time of restoration is unauthorized. Any such attempted appropriation, including attempted adverse possession under 30 U.S.C. Sec. 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.

All valid applications under the public land laws received at or prior to 9 a.m., Mountain Standard Time, on April 29, 2004, shall be considered as simultaneously filed at that time. Those

received thereafter shall be considered in the order of filing.

Dated: February 3, 2004.

Michael A. Taylor,

Deputy State Director for Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA–610–1430–ER]

Notice of Realty Action—Riverside County, CA, Competitive Bidding for a Preference Right to Apply for a Right-of-way To Construct Wind-Energy Testing and/or Generating Facilities on Public Lands

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action.

Authority: 43 CFR 2803.1–3(c).

SUMMARY: Beginning June 1, 2004, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will accept written bids to award a preference right to apply for a right-of-way to construct, operate and maintain wind-energy testing and/or generating facilities on approximately 285 acres of public lands described as a portion of section 28, T.3S., R.4E., San Bernardino Meridian.

DATES: Written bids will be accepted for a 45-day period beginning Tuesday June 1, 2004 and ending 3 p.m., Thursday July 15, 2004. The bidding period may be extended.

ADDRESSES: Initial written bids must be submitted to the Bureau of Land Management, Palm Springs—South Coast Field Office, 690 West Garnet Ave., P.O. Box 581260, North Palm Springs, CA 92258–1260.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Claude Kirby at the Palm Springs—South Coast Field Office, phone number (760) 251–4850.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The competitive bid process is described in greater detail in an Invitation For Bids (IFB) available from the Palm Springs South Coast Field Office at the address listed above. Bidding will end at 3 p.m., July 15, 2004, but may be extended as provided in the Invitation For Bids. The minimum initial bid is \$5,000 and must be submitted on the bid form provided in the IFB. After submitting these items, qualified bidders will be assigned a bid number and may increase their bid in increments of \$500 in writing or by facsimile to the Palm Springs—South Coast Field Office at (760) 251–4899, with no additional bid deposit required.

BLM will notify the selected qualified bidder and award a right to apply for a right-of-way to construct, operate and maintain wind-energy testing and/or generating facilities on the public lands described above. The selected qualified bidder will be obligated to pay the difference between the high bid and the initial bid deposit within 15 days of notification by BLM. The winning bid will be deposited with the U.S. Treasury and will not be returned. After the close of bidding, with the exception of the selected qualified bidder's deposit, all other bid deposits will be returned.

The right must be exercised within 60 days by submitting a right-of-way application, SF 299, with a plan of development to BLM for consideration. Detailed terms and conditions of any right-of-way grant will be determined through the environmental review process and are expected to include requirements for cost reimbursement, bonding, and habitat compensation. BLM provides no assurance that after consideration of any right-of-way application it will issue a favorable decision and grant a right-of-way on public lands. Bid forms and a complete description of the bid process are contained in an Invitation For Bids that will be available at the BLM Web site www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings/.

Dated: March 2, 2004.

J. Anthony Danna,

Deputy State Director, Natural Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR–056–1220–AA–GP–03–0127]

Final Special Rules for Public Lands Along the Deschutes Wild & Scenic River Corridor, Deschutes Resource Area, Prineville District, OR

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Final special rules.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Deschutes Resource Area is revising its special rules for the Lower Deschutes National Wild and Scenic River corridor in Oregon. The special rules are necessary to protect the river's natural resources and the public health and safety. The revisions in the special rules are needed to resolve inconsistencies between them and rules of the State of Oregon.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 29, 2004.