

Reclamation became the project lead for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the barrier.

The proposed CBA was developed in coordination with the Service. The purpose of the proposed CBA is to implement population restoration activities for spikedace, loach minnow, Gila chub, and narrow-headed gartersnake through construction of a nonnative fish barrier at Eagle Creek. The upper reach of Eagle Creek is a high-value stream for native fish species because of its lack of nonnative species and its favorable hydrological conditions, including water quality and quantity. However, several nonnative species known to be detrimental to native fish communities occur in downstream reaches of Eagle Creek and the Gila River, including smallmouth bass (*Micropterus dolomieu*), channel catfish (*Ictalurus punctatus*), flathead catfish (*Pylodictis olivaris*), yellow bullhead (*Ameiurus natalis*), red shiner (*Cyprinella lutrensis*), and green sunfish (*Lepomis cyanellus*).

Under the CBA, a nonnative fish barrier would be constructed on lands belonging to the applicant to protect upper Eagle Creek against possible future incursions of nonnative aquatic species and allow for augmentation of existing populations. This area is currently not protected against nonnative species invasion. In addition, the applicant would implement conservation measures, including native species monitoring and a nonnative species removal study. Barrier construction will increase the suitability of Eagle Creek for species management and augmentation efforts, which are important to the species' survival and recovery. Invasion of occupied habitats by nonnative species is identified as a primary threat for all four of the covered species. Construction of the barrier and implementation of the proposed conservation and management measures are expected to provide a net conservation benefit to the Covered Species.

Given the current status of the Covered Species in Eagle Creek and below the fish barrier site, we anticipate incidental take is unlikely to occur. However, if the Covered Species are present, they could be incidentally taken during fish barrier construction and as a consequence of the Permittee's management actions and land and water use activities within the Covered Area. However, the Permittee has agreed to leaving the barrier in place, even should the CBA be discontinued, resulting in continued protection of the area most likely to be occupied by the Covered Species, which will provide long-term

protection for the Covered species. The likelihood of incidental take may increase if populations of the Covered Species increase above the fish barrier or if Covered Species are reintroduced and re-establish above the fish barrier in Eagle Creek or in tributaries such as East Eagle Creek. If this reintroduction or re-establishment were to occur, this would create the possibility that individuals of the Covered Species may move or be washed downstream into areas within the Covered Area where the Permittee's facilities and other infrastructure exist. In that event, individuals of the Covered Species could become entrained in the Permittee's water diversion and pumping facilities, resulting in deaths or injuries. We anticipate this type of incidental take, should it occur, will involve small number of individuals, and that the larger number of individuals occupying those portions of Eagle Creek above the barrier will result in a net conservation benefit for the species.

Alternatives

We are considering one alternative to the proposed action as part of this process, the No Action Alternative. Under No Action Alternative, the Service would not issue the permit, the CBA would not be implemented, and the applicant would continue the existing operation and maintenance activities on their properties. The applicant would continue to implement conservation actions within the management plan.

Next Steps

We will evaluate the permit application, CBA, draft EA, and comments we receive to determine whether the CBA application meets the requirements of the ESA, NEPA, and implementing regulations. If we determine that all requirements are met, we will approve the CBA and issue the permit under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA to the applicant, in accordance with the terms of the CBA and specific terms and conditions of the authorizing permit. 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. If you submit a comment at <https://www.regulations.gov>, your entire comment, including any personal identifying information, will be posted on the website. If you submit a comment that includes personal identifying

information, such as your address, phone number, or email address, 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. Moreover, 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. 4321 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508 and 43 CFR part 46).

Amy 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 Application for Withdrawal Extension and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Diamond Rim Quartz Crystal Interpretative Area, Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, the United States Forest Service (USFS) has filed an application with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) requesting that the Secretary of the Interior extend the withdrawal created by Public Land Order (PLO) No. 7664, for an additional 20-year term. PLO No. 7664, which will currently expire on Jun 11, 2026, withdrew 990 acres of National Forest System (NFS) lands located within the Tonto National Forest from location and entry under the U.S. mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, to protect the Diamond Rim Quartz Crystal Interpretative Area, located in Gila County, Arizona, from potential adverse impacts from mining. This notice provides for the public to comment and request a public meeting for the 20-year withdrawal extension application.

DATES: Comments or requests for a public meeting must be received by April 3, 2025.

ADDRESSES: All comments or requests for a public meeting should be sent to the BLM Arizona State Office, 1 North Central Avenue, Suite 800, Phoenix, AZ 85004; faxed to (602) 417-9452; or sent by email to BLM_AZ-Withdrawal-Comments@blm.gov. The BLM will not consider comments via telephone calls.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Ouellett, Realty Specialist, BLM Arizona State Office; telephone (602) 417-9561; email at mouellett@blm.gov; or you may contact the BLM office at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The USFS has filed an application requesting the extension of the withdrawal of 990 acres established by PLO No. 7664 (71 FR 33773), incorporated herein by reference. The USFS requests the 20-year withdrawal extension to protect the Diamond Rim Quartz Crystal Interpretative Area from potential mining-related adverse impacts. The subject NFS lands are located within the Tonto National Forest. The PLO No. 7664 legal description has been revised to reflect the current BLM Cadastral Survey guidance on legal land descriptions. The following described NFS lands are the subject of the USFS's withdrawal extension application:

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona

T. 11 N., R. 11 E., partly unsurveyed.
 Sec. 12, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 13, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 14, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$; protraction block 38, that portion formerly known as sec. 1, SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 990 acres. The use of a right-of-way, interagency agreement, or cooperative agreement would not provide adequate protection of the specified lands.

No additional water rights are needed to fulfill the purpose of this withdrawal.

There are no suitable alternative sites since the withdrawal is for the protection of the natural and recreational values of the Diamond Rim Quartz Crystal Interpretative Area.

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.

This application will be processed in accordance with the regulations at 43 CFR 2310.4.

(Authority: 43 U.S.C. 1714(f) and 43 CFR 2310.4)

Mark Morberg,

Acting State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[PO #4820000251]

Notice of Lease Sale and Notice of Availability of the Detailed Statement of Sale for the Coastal Plain 2025 Oil and Gas Lease Sale

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of lease sale.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is changing the oil and gas lease sale bid opening date, previously published in the **Federal Register** on December 10, 2024, for 12 tracts in the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

DATES: The notice published on December 10, 2024, at 89 FR 99270, provided for opening of bids for the oil and gas lease sale on January 9, 2025. However, in light of the December 30, 2024, *Executive Order Providing for the Closing of Executive Departments and Agencies of the Federal Government on January 9, 2025*, the BLM will open bids the following day, January 10, 2025, at 10 a.m. Alaska Standard Time (AKST).

Notwithstanding the change in the date for opening of bids, the BLM is not changing the deadline for all sealed bids, which the BLM must receive by 4 p.m. AKST, January 6, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Sealed bids must be received at the BLM-Alaska State Office, ATTN: Wayne Svejnoha (AK932); 222

West 7th Avenue, #13; Anchorage, AK 99513-7504. The Detailed Statement of Sale is available from the BLM Alaska website at <https://www.blm.gov/alaska>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Wayne Svejnoha, Supervisory Minerals and Energy Specialist, phone 907-271-4407 or email, wsvejnoh@blm.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services for contacting Mr. Svejnoha. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

(Authority: Section 20001 of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (Pub. L. 115-97); 43 CFR 3131.4-1)

Erika Reed,

Acting State Director, Alaska.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[PO4820000251]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Free Use Application and Permit for Vegetative or Mineral Materials

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to renew an information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 4, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Send your written comments on this information collection request (ICR) by mail to Darrin King, Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Attention PRA Office, 440 W 200 S #500, Salt Lake City, UT 84101; or by email to BLM_HQ_PRA_Comments@blm.gov. Please reference Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number 1004-0001 in the subject line of your comments. Please note that the electronic submission of comments is recommended.