

against the United States; (3) Costs, expenses, or damages of any kind incurred by the United States; (4) Other releases or threatened releases of solid or hazardous waste(s) and/or hazardous substances(s), as defined by federal or state environmental laws, off, on, into or under land, property and other interests of the United States; (5) Other activities by which solids or hazardous substances or wastes, as defined by federal and state environmental laws are generated, released, stored, used or otherwise disposed of on the patented real property, and any cleanup response, remedial action, or other actions related in any manner to said solid hazardous substances or wastes; or (6) Natural resource damages as defined by federal state law. This covenant shall be construed as running with the patented real property and may be enforced by the United States in a court of competent jurisdiction.

Each parcel will be offered by sealed bid. All sealed bids must be received at the BLM, LVFO, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Dr., Las Vegas, Nevada, 89130, no later than 4:15 PM, PST, on March 3, 2003. Sealed bid envelopes must be marked on the lower front left corner with the parcel number and sale date. Bids must be for not less than the appraised FMV and a separate bid must be submitted for each parcel.

Each sealed bid shall be accompanied by a certified check, money order, bank draft, or cashiers check made payable to the BLM for not less than 10 percent of the amount bid. Sealed bids will be opened at 10 AM on March 4, 2003, at the BLM, LVFO.

If no sealed bids are received, the parcels will be sold to the City of Las Vegas at the appraised FMV.

The City of Las Vegas shall have the right to meet the highest bid. Refusal or failure to meet the highest bid shall constitute a waiver of the City's preferential consideration. If the City meets the highest bid, it must submit the required bid deposit by 4:15 PM on the day of the sale in the form of cash, personal check, bank draft, cashiers check, money order or any combination thereof, made payable to the BLM, for not less than 20 percent of the amount bid.

The remainder of the full bid price must be made within 180 calendar days of the sale date. Failure to pay the full price within 180 days will disqualify the apparent high bidder and cause the entire bid deposit to be forfeited to the BLM.

Federal law required bidders to be U.S. citizens 18 years of age or older; a corporation subject to the laws of any State of the United States; a State, State

instrumentality, or political subdivision authorized to hold property; or an entity including, but not limited to associations or partnerships capable of holding property or interests therein under the law of the State of Nevada. Certification of qualification, including citizenship or corporation or partnership, must accompany the bid deposit.

In order to determine the fair market value of the subject public lands through appraisal, certain assumptions have been made of the attributes and limitations of the lands and potential effects of local regulations and policies on potential future land uses. Through publication of this Notice of Realty Action, the BLM gives notice that these assumptions may not be endorsed or approved by units of local government. Furthermore, no warranty of any kind shall be given or implied by the United States as to the potential uses of the lands offered for sale, and conveyance of the subject lands will not be on a contingency basis. It is the buyers' responsibility to be aware of existing projects and use of nearby properties. When conveyed out of Federal ownership, the lands will be subject to applicable reviews and approvals by the respective unit of local government for proposed future uses, and any such reviews and approvals would be the responsibility of the buyer. Any land lacking access from a public road or highway will be conveyed as such, and future access acquisition will be the responsibility of the buyer.

Upon publication of this Notice and until the completion of the sale, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is no longer accepting land use applications affecting any of those parcels being offered at this sale. After publication of this Notice any application filed for rights-of-way, permits, leases, and other uses of the offered parcels will be rejected and returned to the applicant.

Detailed information concerning the sale, including the reservations, sale procedures and conditions and planning and environmental documents are available for public review at the BLM, LVFO, at 4701 N. Torrey Pines, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89130, or by calling (702) 515-5000. Appraisals for each parcel are also available for public view.

For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**, the general public and interested parties may submit comments to the Field Manager, LVFO, 4701 N. Torrey Pines, Las Vegas, Nevada, 89130. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director, who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In

the absence of any adverse comments, this realty action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior. The BLM may accept or reject any or all offers, or withdraw any land or interest in the land from sale, if, in the opinion of the authorized officer, consummation of the sale would not be fully consistent with FLPMA and other applicable laws or is determined not in the public's interest. Any comments received during this process, as well as the commentator's name and address, will be available to the public in the administrative record and/or pursuant to a Freedom of Information Act request. You may indicate for the record that you do not wish your name and/or address be made available to the public. Any determination by the BLM to release or withhold the names and/or addresses of those who comment will be made on a case-by-case basis. A commentator's request to have their name and/or address withheld from public release will be honored to the extent permissible by law.

The Land will not be offered for sale until at least 60 days after the date of publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: November 18, 2002.

Mark T. Morse,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-100-1430-03; UTU-78364]

Notice of Realty Action

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action; Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act Classification; Utah.

SUMMARY: The following public land, located in Washington County, Utah, has been examined and found suitable for classification for lease or conveyance to the Northwestern Special Service District under the provision of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act. As amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*):

Salt Lake Meridian, Utah

T. 39 S., R. 16 W.,
Sec. 28, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,

Containing 1.5 acres, more or less.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Northwestern Special Service District proposes to use the land to construct, operate and maintain a fire station. The

land is not needed for Federal purposes. Leasing or conveying title to the affected public land is consistent with current BLM land use planning and would be in the public interest.

The lease or patent, when issued, would be subject to the following terms, conditions, and reservations:

1. Provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

2. A right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States.

3. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals.

4. Those rights for water well, water pipeline and road access purposes granted to Veyo Culinary Water Association by right-of-way U-74785.

5. Those rights for road access purposes granted to James Wilson by right-of-way U-71135.

Detailed information concerning this action is available at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, St. George Field Office, 345 E. Riverside Drive, St. George, Utah 84790. Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the land will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for leasing or conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws. For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested persons may submit comments regarding the proposed classification, leasing or conveyance of the land to the Field Office Manager, St. George Field Office.

Classification Comments

Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the lands for a fire station. 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 Northwestern Special Service District's application, 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 fire station

purposes. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective 60 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: January 10, 2003.

James D. Crisp

Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-030-03-1220-PD-241A]

Final Supplementary Rules for the Sand Mountain and the Walker Lake Recreation Areas; Churchill and Mineral Counties, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Final supplementary rules.

SUMMARY: The Carson City Field Office Manager establishes these supplementary rules to provide for the protection of persons, property, and public lands and resources. They consolidate and clarify rules published in previous **Federal Register** notices, establish that Sand Mountain will be subject to a user fee collection and establish additional supplemental rules of conduct for visitors to the Sand Mountain and the Walker Lake Recreation Areas.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 12, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Mail: Manager, Carson City Field Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, Nevada 89701. Personal or messenger delivery: 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, Nevada 89701. Internet e-mail: Christina_Miller@nv.blm.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chris Miller, Outdoor Recreation Planner, or Chuck Pope, Assistant Manager, Non-Renewable Resources, Carson City Field Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, Nevada 89701. Telephone (775) 885-6000. Persons who use a telecommunications device 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:

- I. Background
- II. Discussion of Rule
- III. Responses to Comments
- IV. Procedural Matters

I. Background

BLM published the interim final supplementary rules at 43 CFR part 8365 on August 22, 2002. These supplementary rules were intended to amplify rules that were originally published in 1992. The period for public comment on the interim final rules expired on September 23, 2002. BLM received 36 public comment letters or other communications during this comment period.

The public lands affected by these restrictions are described as follows:

Sand Mountain Recreation Area

Mt. Diablo Meridian

- T. 16 N., R 32 E.,
 - Sec. 4: Lots 1-4 inclusive, SW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SW1/4;
 - Sec. 5: Lots 1-4 inclusive, S1/2N1/2, All public land north of U.S. Route 50;
- T. 17 N., R 32 E.,
 - Sec. 15: S1/2S1/2;
 - Sec. 16: SE1/4SE1/4;
 - Sec. 20: SE1/4;
 - Sec. 21: All
 - Sec. 22: W1/2, NE1/4;
 - Sec. 28: All
 - Sec. 29: All
 - Sec. 32: All
 - Sec. 33: All

Walker Lake Recreation Area

Includes all public land east of U.S. Route 95 to Walker Lake within:

Mt. Diablo Meridian

- T. 10 N., R 29 E.,
 - Sec. 5:
 - Sec. 8:
 - Sec. 17:
 - Sec. 20:
 - Sec. 29:
 - Sec. 32:

II. Discussion of Rules

Certain prohibited activities other than those included in the 1992 supplementary rules were recommended in the Recreation Area Management Plan for the Sand Mountain Recreation Area prepared in 1985. These recommendations subsequently were published as specific prohibited acts in the **Federal Register** on July 1, 1992. The Plan was supplemented in 1993, and these rules require minor modification and clarification.

Certain other supplementary rules are necessary in order to provide for the safety of visitors to the Recreation Areas. Speed limits are needed on access roads and in designated camping areas. Ignition of fireworks is a violation of State law and a danger to both persons and property.

We need to clarify existing rules to protect plant life, wildlife habitat and historic resources, and we are proposing