

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management****[LLNMF010000 L14300000.FP0000 14X]****Notice of Realty Action: Classification for Lease and Subsequent Conveyance for Recreation and Public Purposes in San Juan County, NM****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of realty action.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has 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 5 acres of public land in San Juan County, New Mexico. The San Juan County Soil and Water Conservation District proposes to use the land for an office building, shop, parking, and outdoor educational classroom.

DATES: Interested parties may submit written comments regarding the proposed classification of the land, or lease and/or subsequent conveyance of the land, on or before November 10, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Written comments concerning this Notice should be addressed to: District Manager, BLM Farmington District Office, 6251 College Avenue, Farmington, NM 87401.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vera Matthews, Realty Specialist, at the above address, by phone (505) 564-7724, or by email at vmatthew@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following public land in San Juan County, New Mexico, has been examined and found suitable for classification, for lease and/or subsequent conveyance, to the San Juan County Soil and Water Conservation District under the provisions of the R&PP Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*):

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 30 N., R. 11 W.,
Sec. 5, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$. Containing 5 acres, more or less.

In accordance with the R&PP Act, the San Juan County Soil and Water District proposes to use the land for an office building, shop, parking and outdoor educational classroom. Additional detailed information pertaining to this application, plan of development, and site plans are contained in case file NMNM 127315 located in the BLM Farmington District Office at the above address. The above-described land is not needed for any Federal purpose. The lease and/or subsequent conveyance of the land to the San Juan County Soil and Water District, are consistent with the BLM Farmington Resource Management Plan, dated December 2003, and would be in the public's interest. The San Juan County Soil and Water District has not applied for more than the 640-acre annual limitation for public purposes other than recreation use and has submitted a statement in compliance with the regulation at 43 CFR 2741.4(b). The San Juan County Soil and Water District is a political subdivision of the State of New Mexico and is a qualified applicant under the R&PP Act.

The lease and subsequent conveyance, if and 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. Provisions of the R&PP Act and to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, including, but not limited to, the terms required by 43 CFR 2741.9.

2. A right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States, Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).

3. Lease and subsequent conveyance of the public land shall be subject to valid existing rights.

4. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, 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.

5. Right-of-way NMNM 111684 for road purposes granted to David McWilliams and Peggy McWilliams, their successors or assigns, pursuant to the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761).

6. Right-of-way NMNM 125883 for fiber optic cable purposes granted to Qwest Corporation, its successors or assigns, pursuant to the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761).

7. Right-of-way NMNM 015515 for oil and gas pipelines purposes granted to Enterprise Field Services, its successors

or assigns, pursuant to the Act of February 25, 1920 (30 U.S.C. 185 sec. 28).

8. Oil and Gas Lease NMSF 078138 leased to Burlington Resources Oil and Gas Company, its successors or assigns, pursuant to the Act of February 25, 1920 (30 U.S.C. 226).

9. An appropriate indemnification clause protecting the United States from claims arising out of the lessee's/patentee's use, occupancy, or operations on the leased/patented lands. It will also contain any other terms and conditions deemed necessary and appropriate by the Authorized Officer.

10. Any other reservations that the Authorized Officer determines appropriate to ensure public access and proper management of Federal land and interests therein.

Subject to limitations prescribed by law and regulations, prior to conveyance, a holder of any right-of-way within the lease area may be given the opportunity to amend the right-of-way for conversion to a new term, including perpetuity, if applicable.

Detailed information concerning this proposed project, including, but not limited to documentation relating to compliance with applicable environmental and cultural resource laws, is available for review at the BLM Farmington District Office at the address above.

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, 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 and/or subsequent conveyance under the R&PP Act, leasing under the mineral leasing laws and disposal under the mineral material disposal laws.

Classification Comments: Interested parties may submit comments on the suitability of the land for the proposed facility. 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, and whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, to lease and/or convey under the R&PP Act.

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.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the BLM New Mexico State Director, who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification of the land described in this notice will become effective on November 24, 2014. The land will not be available for lease and subsequent conveyance until after the classification becomes effective.

Authority: 43 CFR 2741.5.

Debby Lucero,

Acting Deputy State Director, Lands and Resources.

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Notice of Temporary Area Closure at the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Due to Carpenter 1 Wildland Fire in Clark County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of temporary closure.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), as authorized under the provisions of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and pursuant to BLM regulations, is enacting a 5-year temporary closure to the public of 5,683.37 acres in Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area (NCA) due to the Carpenter 1 Fire, which occurred in July 2013. The closure is needed to address public safety and adjoining private property due to the potential for future downstream flooding from loss of vegetation and top soil until the area is stabilized and rehabilitated.

DATES: The temporary restriction and closure of the described public use is in effect 30 days after September 24, 2014 for 5 years.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lauren Brown, Weeds Management Specialist and ESR Coordinator, 702-515-5295, email lpbrown@blm.gov, or Mark Spencer, Field Manager, Red Rock/Sloan Field Office, 702-515-5351,

email: m1spence@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individuals during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individuals. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The closure area includes both burned and unburned areas, as well as closing Harris Springs Road to the general public beginning at the intersection of State Route 157 proceeding northward for approximately 5 miles to the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) boundary. The size of the temporary closure is due to heavy rains, flooding, washouts, soil loss, and debris flow that occurred after the fire, generating more extensive damage to the burned and adjoining unburned areas. Pursuant to 43 CFR 8364.1, the time frame for the 5-year temporary closure is needed due to the extensive burn area of the Carpenter 1 Fire and subsequent heavy flooding, soil erosion, and loss of habitat and vegetation that is impacting both burned and unburned areas. The Carpenter 1 Fire burned approximately 27,881 acres in the Mt. Charleston Area outside of Las Vegas, Nevada. The majority of the fire (26,939 acres) occurred on the Springs Mountains National Recreation Area of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, with the balance of the burn occurring on the Red Rock Canyon NCA (853 acres) and private land (89 acres).

Post-fire efforts proposed by the BLM over the 5-year period will optimize stabilization of soils and rehabilitation. *The BLM Nevada Post-Fire Recovery Plan, Emergency Stabilization and Burned Area Rehabilitation* (September 2013) identifies emergency stabilization and burned area issues that will be addressed by a number of treatments and monitoring actions during the closure period. The BLM will coordinate stabilization and rehabilitation efforts with the USFS, the Nevada Department of Wildlife, and the Clark County Department of Public Works.

The duration of the closure is also consistent with the USFS' temporary closure, which is for 5 years. The area affected by USFS' closure contains 5,683.37 acres in Clark County, Nevada.

The temporary closure order and information is posted at the BLM Southern Nevada District Office, and in areas off of State Route 157 and adjoining boundaries with the USFS. The public lands subject to the

temporary closure are approximately 10 miles west of Las Vegas, NV, in the Harris Springs area of the Red Rock Canyon NCA, and are legally described as follows:

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 19 S., R58 E.,
Sec. 20, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 22, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 23, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 26, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 27, N $\frac{1}{2}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Secs. 28 and 29;
Sec. 32;
Sec. 33, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
T. 20 S., R57 E.,
Sec. 24, N $\frac{1}{2}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
T. 20 S., R58 E.,
Sec. 4, lot 4, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 5;
Sec. 8, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 9, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 18, lots 1 and 4, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 19, lots 1 thru 3, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

On December 17, 2013, the BLM signed a Decision Record to implement the temporary closure. The EA (DOI-BLM-NV-S020-2013-0012-EA) analyzed the alternatives to enact the temporary closure, and is available to the public on the District Web site at <https://www.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/projectSummary.do?method=Name-renderDefaultProjectSummary&projectId=37606>.

Motorized vehicle use on Harris Springs Road off of State Route 157 is closed to the public during this period. This temporary closure applies to the public and all motorized vehicles, excluding:

(1) Any emergency or law enforcement vehicle or personnel for emergency or administrative purposes;

(2) BLM/USFS/NDOW vehicles/personnel;

(3) Anyone who is expressly authorized in writing by the BLM Field Manager of the Red Rock/Sloan Field Office or the Fire Management Officer, Southern Nevada District;

(4) Clark County Department of Public Works; and

(5) Affected residents who have prior existing rights to access their property.

If satisfactory rehabilitation is achieved prior to September 30, 2019, the temporary closure will be lifted.

Penalties: Any person who fails to comply with the temporary closure order is subject to arrest and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than \$1,000 and/or imprisonment for not more than 12 months.