

proposed lease tract. In addition, notice is also given that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 22, 1996, on the FONSI, the proposed lease sale, FMV, and MER.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before 4:30 p.m., October 25, 1996. The public hearing will be held Tuesday, October 22, 1996 at 1:00 p.m. at the BLM Miles City District Office, 111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, Montana.

ADDRESSES: Comments or questions may be directed to Todd Christensen, Area Manager, Powder River Resource Area, Bureau of Land Management, 111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, Montana, 59301 (telephone 406-232-4331).

Copies of the EA are available at the above address. For more complete data on this tract, please contact Randy Heuscher (telephone 406-255-2816), BLM, 222 North 32nd Street, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dan Benoit, Project Leader, Miles City District Office, phone (406) 232-4331.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Federal Coal Management regulations 43 CFR 3422 and 3425, not less than 30 days prior to publication of notice of sale, the Secretary shall solicit public comments on the proposed sale, FMV, and MER of the proposed lease tract. Proprietary data marked as confidential may be submitted to the Bureau of Land Management in response to this solicitation of public comments. Data so marked will be treated in accordance with the laws and regulations governing the confidentiality of such information. A copy of the comments submitted by the public on FMV and MER, except those portions identified as proprietary by the author and meeting exemptions stated in the Freedom of Information Act, will be available for public inspection at the Bureau of Land Management, 222 North 32nd Street, Billings, Montana, during regular business hours, (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) Monday through Friday.

Comments should be sent to the BLM, P.O. Box 36800, Billings Montana 59107 and should include but is not necessarily limited to the following:

1. The quantity and quality of the coal resources;
2. The mining method or methods which would achieve MER of the coal including specification of the seams to be mined, timing and rate of production, restriction to mining and inclusion of the tract in an existing mining operation;
3. The FMV appraisal including but not limited to the evaluation of the tract

as an incremental unit of the existing mine, selling price of the coal, mining and reclamation costs, net present value discount factors, depreciation and other tax accounting factors, value of the surface estate and any comparable sales data of similar coal lands.

The values given above may or may not change as a result of comments received from the public and changes in market conditions between now and when final economic evaluations are completed.

Glenn A. Carpenter,
District Manager.

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Morrow and Gilliam Counties, OR: Visitor Restrictions

September 10, 1996.

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Department of the Interior (DOI), Prineville District.

ACTION: Notice is hereby given that the public lands as legally described below are closed seasonally from September 15 to April 15 to all vehicle access and travel.

In Morrow County, Oregon

Township 3 South, Range 23 East, Willamette Meridian,

Section 31: That portion of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, the SW $\frac{1}{4}$, the W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ lying South and West of Hale Ridge Morrow County Road 707.

Section 32: That portion of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ lying South and West of Hal Ridge Morrow County Road 707.

In Gilliam County, Oregon

Township 4 South, Range 23 East, Willamette Meridian,

Section 4: That portion of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ lying South and West of Hale Ridge Gilliam County Road 707.

Section 5: That portion of the W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ lying South and West of Hale Ridge Gilliam County Road 707.

The aforementioned land located in Morrow and Gilliam Counties, Oregon, near Rock Creek, are seasonally closed from September 15 to April 15 each year. The purpose of this closure is to reduce the spread of noxious weeds in the area by preventing vehicles from transporting and introducing weed seeds during the period of high visitor use, and to protect soil and watershed resources from off-road vehicle damage during periods of muddy conditions.

Exemptions to this closure will apply to administrative and law enforcement personnel of the BLM or Oregon

Department of Fish and Wildlife, and personnel performing law enforcement, firefighting, or other emergency duties.

The authority for this closure comes from 43 CFR 8364.1(a): Closure and restriction orders. Violation of this closure order is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months as provided in 43 CFR 8360.0-7. A more specific location of public lands under this closure can be obtained at the BLM Prineville District Office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Heidi Mottl, Recreation Planner, BLM Prineville, District Office, P.O. Box 550, Prineville, Oregon 97754, telephone number (541) 416-6700.

Dated: September 10, 1996.

Harry R. Cosgriffe,
Area Manager, Central Oregon Resource Area.
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Notice of Realty Action; Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act Classification; New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The following public lands in Santa Fe County, New Mexico have been examined and found suitable for classification for lease or conveyance of Santa Fe County, under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*). Santa Fe County proposes to use the lands for a Fire Substation, Public Works Substation and Fire Fighters Training Facility.

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 20 N, R. 9 E.,
Sec. 18, lots 21, 22, and 23.
Containing approximately 15 acres.

The lands are not needed for Federal purposes. Lease or conveyance is consistent with current BLM land use planning and would be in the public interest.

The lease/conveyance, when issued, will be subject to the following terms, conditions and reservations:

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

2. A right-of-way of 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.

Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, Taos Resource Area, 226 Cruz Alta, Taos, NM 87571.

Upon publication of this notice in the Federal Register, the lands will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease 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 lease/conveyance or classification of the lands of the District Manager, BLM Albuquerque District Office, 435 Montano NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107.

Classification Comments

Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for a Fire Substation, Public Works, and Fire Fighters Training 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, 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 purposed use.

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 in the Federal Register.

Michael R. Ford,
District Manager.

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Arizona: Long-Term Visitor Area Program for 1996-1997 and Subsequent Use Seasons; Revision to Existing Supplementary Rules, Yuma District, Arizona, and California Desert District, California, and Revision of Long-Term Visitor Area Boundaries Within the California Desert District, El Centro Resource Area

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Publication of supplementary rules and revision of Long-Term Visitor Area boundaries within the California Desert District, El Centro Resource Area.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Yuma District and California Desert District announce revisions to the Long-Term Visitor Area (LTVA) Program. The program, which was instituted in 1983, established designated LTVAs and identified an annual long-term use season from September 15 to April 15. During the long-term use season, visitors who wish to camp on public lands in one location for extended periods must stay in the designated LTVAs and purchase an LTVA permit.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 15, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Lowans, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Yuma Resource Area, 2555 East Gila Ridge Road, Yuma, Arizona 85365, telephone (520) 317-3210; or John Butz, Outdoor Recreation Planner, California Desert District, 6221 Box Springs Boulevard, Riverside, California 92507-0714, telephone (909) 697-5200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the LTVA program is to provide areas for long-term winter camping use. The sites designated as LTVAs are, in most cases, the traditional use areas of long-term visitors. Designated sites were selected using criteria developed during the land management planning process, and environmental assessments were completed for each site location.

The program was established to safely and properly accommodate the increasing demand for long-term winter visitation and to provide natural resource protection through improved management of this use. The designation of LTVAs assures that specific locations are available for long-term use year after year, and that inappropriate areas are not used for extended periods.

Visitors may camp without an LTVA permit outside of LTVAs, on public lands not otherwise posted or closed to

camping, for up to 14 days in any 28-day period.

Authority for the designation of LTVAs is contained in Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations, Subpart 8372, Sections 0-3 and 0-5(g). Authority for the establishment of a LTVA program is contained in Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations, Subpart 8372, Section 1, and for the payment of fees in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Subpart 71.

The Authority for establishing supplementary rules is contained in Title 43, Subpart 8365, Section 1-6. The LTVA supplementary rules have been developed to meet the goals of individual resource management plans. These rules will be available in each local office having jurisdiction over the lands, sites, or facilities affected, and will be posted near and/or within the lands, sites, or facilities affected. Violations of supplementary rules are punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

The following are the supplemental rules for the designated LTVAs and are in addition to rules of conduct set forth in Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations, Subpart 8365, Section 1-6.

The following supplemental rules apply year-long to all public land users who enter the LTVAs.

1. **THE PERMIT.** A permit is required to camp in a designated LTVA between September 15 and April 15. The permit authorizes the permittee to camp within any designated LTVA using those camping or dwelling unit(s) indicated on the permit between the period from September 15 to April 15. There are two types of permits: Long-term and short-visit. The long-term permit fee is \$50.00, U.S. funds only, for the entire season and any part of the season. The short-visit permit is \$10.00 for seven (7) consecutive days. The short-visit permit may be renewed an unlimited number of times for the cost of \$10.00 for seven consecutive days. *No refunds are made on permit fees.*

2. **THE PERMIT.** To be valid, the short-visit permit or long-term permit decal must be affixed at the time of purchase, with the adhesive backing, to the bottom right-hand corner of the windshield of all transportation vehicles and in a clearly visible location on all camping units. A maximum of two (2) secondary vehicles are permitted.

3. **PERMIT TRANSFERS.** The permit may not be reassigned or transferred by the permittee.

4. **PERMIT REVOCATION.** An authorized BLM officer may revoke, without reimbursement, any LTVA permit issued to any person when the