

coal will be determined in accordance with 30 CFR § 206.250.

Notice of Availability

Bidding instructions for the offered tracts are included in the Detailed Statement of Coal Lease Sale. Copies of the proposed coal lease sale and detailed statement are available upon request in person or by mail from the New Mexico State Office, P.O. Box 27115, 1474 Rodeo Road, Santa Fe, NM 87502-0115, or the Tulsa District Office at the address shown above. The case files are available for inspection during normal business hours *only* at the Santa Fe BLM Office at the address indicated.

Dated: December 18, 1996.

Richard A. Whitley,
Acting State Director.

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California Desert District; Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS); U.S. Army's Land Acquisition Project for the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California; Proposed Withdrawal of Public Lands and Proposed Amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of draft environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Department of the Interior has prepared, by third party contractors to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) analyzing the impacts to the human environment of the U.S. Army's proposed expansion of the National Training Center (NTC) at Fort Irwin. The NTC is located approximately 35 miles northeast of Barstow in north-central San Bernardino County, California. The proposed action is (1) the withdrawal and transfer of jurisdiction to the U.S. Army of approximately 310,296 acres of public lands managed by the BLM, and (2) an amendment of the California Desert Conservation Area Plan. This DEIS analyzes environmental impacts of the proposed action, five alternatives and the no action alternative, and identifies mitigation measures. This DEIS was prepared to comply with the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations (40

CFR Parts 1500-1508) for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 43 U.S.C. 1701.

DATES: A ninety (90) day public review and comment period on the DEIS and proposed plan amendment begins on January 3, 1997. Written comments relating to the DEIS will be accepted until April 4, 1997. Written or oral comments may also be presented at the five public meetings to be held in February 1997 at the following locations and times:

San Bernardino, February 6, 1997, 7:00 p.m.—County Government Center, County Supervisors Hearing Room, 385 North Arrowhead Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92415

Victorville, February 13, 1997, 7:00 p.m.—Victorville City Hall, City Council Chambers, 14343 Civic Drive, Victorville, CA 92392

Barstow, February 18, 1997, 7:00 p.m.—Barstow City Hall, City Council Chambers, 220 East Mountain View Avenue, Barstow, CA 92311

Baker, February 20, 1997, 2:00 p.m.—Baker Community Center, Baker Blvd., Baker, CA 92309

Sacramento, February 24, 1997, 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.—Sacramento City Hall, City Council Chambers, 915 "I" Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

The public meetings will be conducted in two parts. At each location, a one-half hour "open house" will precede the formal public hearing. During the open house, information about the proposed action and the environmental review process will be provided by the Army and BLM representatives. Comments on the DEIS will be recorded only during the public hearing part.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to the BLM, Barstow Resource Area Office, Attention: Mike DeKeyrel, Project Manager, 150 Coolwater Lane, Barstow, CA 92311. Written comments relating to the DEIS will be accepted if postmarked no later than April 4, 1997.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Army proposed action was developed from an Army Land Use Requirements Study (LURS) completed in 1985 and updated in 1993, which determined that an additional 222,000 net maneuverable acres are needed for the National Training Center's combat training mission.

The BLM has not selected a lead Federal agency preferred alternative in this DEIS. After public review and consideration of the comments to the DEIS, the BLM will select a preferred alternative in the Final EIS.

Under the Engle Act of February 28, 1958, 43 U.S.C. 155-158, military withdrawals of over 5,000 acres are

subject to Congressional review. This DEIS and the public review will enable the BLM and the Army to develop recommendations on the proposed action through completion of a Final EIS and Records(s) of Decision. The recommendations will be reviewed by the Secretary of the Interior in coordination with the Department of Defense.

Copies of an executive summary of the DEIS, and the entire DEIS document including technical appendices, are available for review at the BLM Barstow Resource Area Office at the above address; at the BLM California Desert District Office, 6221 Box Springs Blvd., Riverside, CA 92507; and at the BLM California State Office, 2135 Butano Drive, Sacramento, CA 95825.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike DeKeyrel, Project Manager at the above Barstow Resource Area address and at (619) 255-8730.

Dated December 20, 1996.

Molly S. Brady,

Assistant District Manager, Planning and Renewable Resources.

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Motor Vehicle Closure; Prineville District

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, Prineville District.

ACTION: Notice is hereby given that effective immediately, the following legally described area below, including all roads and trails, is closed to motor vehicle use year-round.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: This closure order applies to the entire area, and all roads and trails within the area, located on Public Lands in Township 16 South, Range 13 East, Sections 25, 35, 36; Township 16 South, Range 14 East, Section 19, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34; Township 17 South, Range 13 East, Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27; and Township 17 South, Range 14 East, Sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 30 W.M. Southeast of the Powell Butte Highway; East of the subdivisions known as Cimmarron City, Terry Drive, and Sunset Acres; North of Alfalfa Market Road; West of the subdivision known as Cascade View Estates; West of Johnson Market Road; and Southwest of the B.P.A. Powerline Right of Way #ORE 010362. Exemptions to this closure are: Portions of BLM Roads 6589-A and 6589 where 6589-A

intersects the Powell Butte Highway at Township 17 South, Range 13 East, and the southwest quarter of Section 3; Mayfield Pond Access Road which originates where it intersects Alfalfa Market Road at Township 17 South, Range 13 East, and the SE quarter of Section 26 and continues north towards the B.P.A. Powerline; the Access Road into the North Mayfield Pond Pasture beginning in Township 17 South, Range 13 East, and the east half of Section 23; and the B.P.A. Powerline Right of Way #ORE 010362. All other roads, trails, and BLM managed public lands are closed to motorized vehicle use. The purpose of this closure is to protect resource values in this area and increase visitor safety and public satisfaction. More specifically, this closure is to reduce impacts to soils, vegetation, wildlife, and adjacent landowners and to reduce unsafe access off of main roads or highways. Exemptions to this closure order apply to administrative personnel, allotment permittees, the National Guard, the Electric companies for access along and maintenance of the existing powerlines and right of ways, landowners with inholdings, and the Central Oregon Irrigation District for maintenance of irrigation canals. Other exemptions to this closure order may be made on a case by case basis by the authorized officer. This emergency order will be evaluated in the Urban Interface plan Amendment to the 1989 Brothers/La Pine Resource management Plan. The authority for this closure is 43 CFR 8364.1: Closure and restriction orders.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Perault, BLM Prineville District Office, P.O. Box 550, Prineville, Oregon 97754, (Telephone 541-416-6711).

Dated: December 16, 1996.

Donald L. Smith,

Associate District Manager, Prineville District Office.

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Notice of Availability of Final Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Grazing Management for Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Lands in Utah and State Director's Record of Decision

SUMMARY: The Utah Bureau of Land Management has developed Standards

for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Grazing Management for the public lands in Utah, pursuant to the Grazing Regulations (43 CFR 4100) of August, 1995. This document is available to the public. A 30-day protest period is provided which will run concurrently with the Governor's Consistency Review. This 30-day period ends January 24, 1997. At the end of that period, the State Director's Decision will become final and the "Standards and Guidelines" will be forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval which places them in effect.

DATES: A 30-day protest period is provided which ends January 24, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deane Zeller, Team Leader, Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, 324 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84111; phone (801) 539-4052.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Utah Standards and Guidelines have been developed in consultation with the Resource Advisory Council and with public participation. They have been provided to the Governor of Utah for his review for consistency with State and local plans in accordance with 43 CFR 1600. Public meetings were held in various locations within the State.

When approved by the Secretary, the Standards and Guidelines constitute the State Director's Policy and Planning Guidance. As such, they will be used by all BLM offices in Utah as guidance for land use planning, developing rangeland improvement projects, issuing grazing permits and leases, and general grazing administration. The Standards will apply to all land uses (where law and regulations do not dictate otherwise) and Guidelines will apply to all grazing on public lands. Appropriate National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) compliance will be performed on implementation actions, such as land use plan amendments, preparation of new land use plans, permit issuance, rangeland improvements, etc., prior to any decisions taken under these Standards and Guidelines.

It has been determined that these Standards and Guidelines are in conformance with existing BLM land use plans. That conformance review, NEPA compliance, and other documents associated with the Standards and Guidelines are available to the public at the BLM's Utah State Office.

Dated: December 19, 1996.

William G. Lamb,

Utah BLM State Director.

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Arizona; Notice of Realty Action

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Classification of Public Land for Recreation and Public Purposes Lease/Conveyance, La Paz County, Arizona.

SUMMARY: The following described public land has been examined and found suitable for classification for lease and conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.):

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona

T. 3 N., R. 19 W.,

sec. 20, S¹/₂SE¹/₄SE¹/₄SE¹/₄.

Containing 5 acres, more or less.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Quartzsite, Arizona, Fire Department has filed an R&PP application amending their original legal description for a fire station (Fire Station #3) that would be located in La Paz Valley along County 53rd Street North approximately 6 miles south of Quartzsite. A facility is needed in this part of the Fire District to serve the nearby subdivision which currently has no fire station. This land is identified in the Yuma District Resource Management Plan, as amended, as having potential for disposal. Leave and conveyance of the land for recreational or public purposes would be in the public interest.

Lease and conveyance, when issued, will contain the following reservations to the United States:

1. Rights-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States.

2. 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 regulations to be established by the Secretary of the Interior.

And will be subject to:

1. The provisions of the R&PP Act and all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

2. Those rights for a public road granted to the La Paz County Department of Public Works (AZA 25925).

3. Those rights for a buried telephone cable granted to Southwestern Telephone Company (AZA 22967).

Upon publication of this notice in the Federal Register, the land will be segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease and conveyance under the R&PP Act, leasing under the mineral