

d. give the appearance that the processes of voter registration or voting are not voluntary processes.

Dated: February 27, 1996.

Kevin Emanuel Marchman,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Distressed and Troubled Housing Recovery.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Palau Compact Road Project

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In this notice the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) states its intent to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Palau Compact Road Project, Babeldaob Island, Republic of Palau.

DATES: Two scoping meetings are scheduled in Honolulu, HI and Koror, Palau in April 1996 which will be open to individuals or organizations. Specific dates, locations and times of the meetings will be announced in the local news media and by public notices.

Comments and suggestions should be received not later than 15 days following the public scoping meetings to be considered in the EIS.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons or organizations should submit comments to the Director, Office of Insular Affairs, 1849 C Street, NW., Mail Stop 4328, Washington, D.C. 20240 (202-208-4736 voice, 202-208-7585 facsimile), or District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pacific Ocean Division, Building 230, Fort Shafter, HI 96858 (808-438-7974 voice, 808-438-7801 facsimile).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Bussanich, Office of Insular Affairs (202-208-6971 voice, 202-208-7585 facsimile) or Allen Chin, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (808-438-7974 voice, 808-438-7801 facsimile).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Compact of Free Association between the United States Government and the Republic of Palau (ROP) became effective on October 1, 1994. In accordance with Annex A of the Agreement Regarding Construction Projects in Palau Concluded Pursuant to Section 212(a) of the Compact, the United States Government is obligated to construct a 53-mile road, 18 feet wide, with double bituminous surface treatment and two-foot-wide shoulders

on each side, on Babeldaob Island in the Republic of Palau. The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) has selected the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pacific Ocean Division, Honolulu Engineer District as the Project Manager for all aspects of the road project, including planning, environmental documentation, design and construction. In lieu of this Compact-defined road, the ROP and the U.S. DOI reached an agreement which allows for the road to be upgraded to one with an asphalt concrete surface and up to 24 feet wide, of undetermined length, but not more than 53 miles.

The road will be constructed with proper drainage, adequate crossings over streams and rivers to meet the 50-year storm event, and with safety features such as guard-rails, barriers and warnings signs where needed. The project will not include sidewalks and curbs, roadway lighting, and traffic signals.

Alternatives

- No Action.
- Different alignments of a road system.
- Different configurations of the proposed action.

Scoping

Comments received as a result of this notice will be used to assist the Department of the Interior in identifying potential impacts to the quality of the human environment. Individuals or organizations may participate in the scoping process by written comment or by attending one of two scoping meetings which are scheduled to be held in Honolulu, Hawaii and in Koror, Palau in April 1996. The locations, dates and times for the scoping meetings will be announced in the local news media and by public notices. Comments and suggestions should be received not later than 15 days following the public scoping meetings in order to be considered in the DEIS.

Allen P. Stayman,

Director.

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Bureau of Land Management

[UT-056-1430-01-24-1A; 4-00152]

Management Framework Plans, etc.: Utah

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Proposed Plan Amendment.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management completed a Proposed Plan Amendment/EA/FONSI for the Mountain Valley Management Framework Plan (MFP) on February 8, 1996. All public lands and the mineral estate have been analyzed. The environmental assessment (EA) revealed no significant impact from the proposed action. The Mountain Valley MFP would be amended to identify the following public lands suitable for direct sale to Mr. A.C. Robertson and Mr. Douglas Bjerregaard, of Mayfield, Utah: T. 19 S., R. 2 E., Sec. 19, Lot 8, and Section 30, Lots 5 and 8, Salt Lake Meridian, Utah. Containing a total of 10.2 acres. All minerals in the lands would be reserved to the United States. A Notice of Intent proposing to amend the MFP was published in the Federal Register on January 31, 1996.

This plan amendment would allow the Sevier River Resource Area to sell the identified public land, at fair market value, pursuant to Section 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976 (90 Stat. 2750, 43 U.S.C. 1713), and Title 43 CFR Part 2710.

A 30 day protest period for the planning amendment will commence with publication of this Notice of Availability.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dave Henderson, Sevier River Resource Area Manager, 150 East 900 North, Richfield, Utah 84701. Existing planning documents and information are available at the above address or telephone (801)896-8221. Comments on the proposed plan amendment should be sent to the above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The planning amendment is subject to protest from any adversely affected party who participated in the planning process. Protests must be made in accordance with provisions of 43 CFR 1610.5-2, as follows: Protests must pertain to issues that were identified in the plan or through the public participation process. As a minimum, protests must contain the name, mailing address, telephone number, and interest of the person filing the protest. A statement of the issue or issues being protested must be included. A statement of the part or parts being protested and a citing of pages, paragraphs, maps, etc., of the proposed amendment, where practical, should be included. A copy of all documents addressing the issue(s) submitted by the protester during the planning process or a reference to the date when the protester discussed the issue(s) for the record. A concise statement as to why the protester

believes the BLM State Director's decision is incorrect. Protests must be received at the following address; Director (480), Bureau of Land Management, Resource Planning Team, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20240, within 30 days after the publication of this Notice of Availability for the planning amendment.

Douglas M. Koza,

Acting State Director, Utah.

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Resource Advisory Council; Idaho; Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Upper Columbia Salmon Clearwater Districts, Idaho.

ACTION: Notice of Resource Advisory Council Meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the meeting of the Upper Columbia Salmon Clearwater Districts Resource Advisory Council (RAC) on Thursday, March 21 and Friday, March 22, 1996 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The meeting will be held at the BLM office at 1808 North Third Street in Coeur d'Alene.

The purpose of the meeting is for the RAC members to continue discussions concerning proposed rangeland standards and guidelines. Other administrative issues may be discussed as time permits. The RAC will meet from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. The public may address the Council during the public comment period on March 21, 1996 starting at 1:30 p.m.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All Resource Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. Interested persons may make oral statements to the Council, or written statements may be submitted for the Council's consideration. Depending on the number of persons wishing to make oral statements, a per-person time limit may be established by the District Manager.

The Council's responsibilities include providing long-range planning and establishing resource management priorities; and assisting the BLM to identify state standards for rangeland health and guidelines for grazing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ted Graf (208) 769-5004.

Dated: February 26, 1996.

Fritz U. Rennebaum,

District Manager.

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California Desert District, Barstow and Ridgecrest Resource Areas, Notice of Intent To Initiate Amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan, Notice of Realty Action for Classification and Conveyance of Public Lands for Landfill Purposes, San Bernardino County, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent To Initiate Plan Amendment and Environmental Assessment, and Notice of Realty Action for Classification and Conveyance of Lands for Landfill Purposes.

SUMMARY: This action consists of the proposed conveyance (patent), under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes (RPP) Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.), of the following described public lands to the County of San Bernardino, a body corporate and politic of the State of California, for continuing use of established sanitary landfills (SLF) and establishment of a new waste transfer station:

San Bernardino Meridian, California

T. 2 N., R. 6 E.

Sec. 20, lots 8, 9 and 10, SE¹/₄SE¹/₄,

Sec. 21, lots 5 and 6, S¹/₂SW¹/₄,

Sec. 28, lots 1 and 2, N¹/₂NW¹/₄,

Sec. 29, lots 1 and 2, E¹/₂NE¹/₄.

Containing 657.92 acres (Landers SLF).

T. 8 N., R. 3 E.

Sec. 3, SE¹/₄SE¹/₄.

Containing 40.00 acres (Newberry Transfer Alternative No. 1).

T. 8 N., R. 3 E.

Sec. 10, S¹/₂SW¹/₄SW¹/₄,

Sec. 15, SW¹/₄NW¹/₄NE¹/₄NW¹/₄, NW¹/₄

SW¹/₄NE¹/₄NW¹/₄, N¹/₂NW¹/₄NW¹/₄, N¹/₂S¹/₂NW¹/₄NW¹/₄.

Containing 55.00 acres (Newberry SLF).

T. 8 N., R. 23 E.

Sec. 7, SE¹/₄SW¹/₄, S¹/₂SE¹/₄,

Sec. 18, N¹/₂N¹/₂NE¹/₄, N¹/₂NE¹/₄NW¹/₄.

Containing 180.00 acres (Needles SLF).

T. 9 N., R. 3 E.

Sec. 32, NW¹/₄SW¹/₄.

Containing 40.00 acres (Newberry Transfer Alternative No. 2).

T. 10 N., R. 2 E.

Sec. 22, SW¹/₄SW¹/₄, W¹/₂W¹/₂SE¹/₄SW¹/₄,

Sec. 27, NW¹/₄NW¹/₄NE¹/₄NW¹/₄, N¹/₂N¹/₂NW¹/₄NW¹/₄,

Sec. 28, NE¹/₄NE¹/₄NE¹/₄NE¹/₄.

Containing 65.00 acres (Yermo SLF).

T. 3 N., R. 5 W.

Sec. 13, SE¹/₄NE¹/₄, NE¹/₄SE¹/₄.

Containing 80.00 acres (Hesperia SLF).

T. 6 N., R. 4 W.

Sec. 23, NE¹/₄, S¹/₂S¹/₂NE¹/₄NW¹/₄, SE¹/₄NW¹/₄, SW¹/₄, W¹/₂SE¹/₄, W¹/₂E¹/₂SE¹/₄.

Containing 490.00 acres (Victorville SLF).

T. 9 N., R. 1 W.

Sec. 30, S¹/₂SE¹/₄SE¹/₄NE¹/₄,

Sec. 31, NE¹/₄, N¹/₂SE¹/₄,

Sec. 32, NW¹/₄, N¹/₂SW¹/₄.

Containing 485.00 acres (Barstow SLF).

T. 1 S., R. 10 E.

Sec. 5, W¹/₂ lot 4, lot 5, N¹/₂SW¹/₄NW¹/₄, NW¹/₄SE¹/₄NW¹/₄,

Sec. 6, E¹/₂E¹/₂ lot 1, E¹/₂NE¹/₄SE¹/₄NE¹/₄.

Containing 107.25± acres (29 Palms SLF).

Mount Diablo Meridian, California

T. 25S., R. 42E.

Sec. 13, unsurveyed (metes and bounds description).

T. 25S., R. 43E.

Sec. 18, S¹/₂ lot 2, S¹/₂ lot 3, N¹/₂ lot 4, lot 5, lot 6.

Containing 144.20± acres (Trona-Argus SLF).

The above public lands aggregate 2,344.37 acres, more or less. The descriptions and acreage for the 29 Palms SLF and the Trona-Argus SLF will be revised by survey and approval of supplemental plats for the affected lands.

Approximately 71 percent, or 1,676.94 acres, have been classified and leased for nine existing landfills since 1963-1965. Of the nine existing sanitary landfills proposed for conveyance, the lands described for six locations (Newberry, Yermo, Victorville, Barstow, 29 Palms and Trona-Argus) include expansion areas aggregating 587.43 acres to meet future demands and new California State requirements for buffer zones. In addition, a new 40.00 acre transfer station, to be selected from the two alternatives described above, is proposed for the Newberry area. All sites are located in and serve communities of San Bernardino County. This action will consolidate the existing classifications, and classify all of the existing and additional lands as suitable for use under the RPP Act and to open the lands for conveyance for landfill purposes.

This action also constitutes a Notice of Intent by the Bureau to initiate an amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan to change the existing Multiple-Use Class (MUC) "Limited" designations at three locations (Newberry Transfer Alternative No. 1, Newberry SLF, Yermo SLF) to "Unclassified". Public lands in the CDCA must be classified as either MUC M (moderate use) or be unclassified in order to be patented.

An environmental assessment will be prepared to analyze the proposed plan