

under the mining laws. All four entries failed to file the first year annual proof as required and the entries were canceled by decision dated August 7, 1996.

Pursuant to Section 7 of the Taylor Grazing Act (43 U.S.C., et. seq.), the desert land classification for N-23262, N-23274, N-23275, and N-23276, that was made on July 23, 1987, is hereby terminated for the following described land:

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 29 N., R. 55 E.,

Sec. 11, N $\frac{1}{2}$  (N-23276);

Sec. 11, S $\frac{1}{2}$  (N-23262);

Sec. 12, N $\frac{1}{2}$  (N-23275);

Sec. 12, S $\frac{1}{2}$  (N-23274).

The area described contains 1,280 acres in Elko County.

1. At 9 a.m. on March 12, 1997, the land described above will be opened to the operation of the public land laws generally, subject to valid existing rights, the provision of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. All valid applications received at or prior to 9 a.m. on March 12, 1997, shall be considered as simultaneously filed at that time. Those received thereafter shall be considered in the order of filing.

2. At 9 a.m. on March 12, 1997, the land described above will be opened to location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. Appropriation of any of the land described in this order under the general mining laws prior to the date and time of restoration is unauthorized. Any such attempted appropriation, including attempted adverse possession under 30 U.S.C. 38 (1988), shall vest no rights against the United States. Acts required to establish a location and to initiate a right of possession are governed by State law where not in conflict with Federal law. The Bureau of Land Management will not intervene in disputes between rival locators over possessory rights since Congress has provided for such determinations in local courts.

Dated: January 22, 1997.

William K. Stowers,

*Lands Team Lead.*

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**Notice of Action; Amendment of the Little Lost-Birch Creek Management Framework Plan (MFP)/Notice of Realty Action (NORA), Direct Sale of Public Land in Butte County, ID**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**NOTICE:** Notice is hereby given that the BLM has amended the Idaho Falls District's Little Lost-Birch Creek MFP to allow for direct sale of 60 acres of public land to Butte County.

**SUMMARY:** The following described lands have been examined and through the public supported land use planning process have been determined to be suitable for direct sale to Butte County pursuant to Section 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) (43 U.S.C. 1716).

T. 5 N., R. 29 E., BM

Sec. 4, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ,

N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 5, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

The purpose of this land sale is to allow Butte County the opportunity to acquire public land in the vicinity of the county's Howe Landfill including Butte County's current landfill operation. Sale of the land would serve important public objectives for Butte County.

The land patent, when issued, would contain a reservation to the United States for ditches and canals.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Detailed information concerning the conditions of the direct sale can be obtained by contacting Bruce Bash, Realty Specialist, at (208) 524-7521. Upon publication of this notice in the Federal Register, the land described above will be segregated from appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, except for the sale provisions of FLPMA.

**Planning Protest**

Any party who participated in the plan amendment and is adversely affected by the amendment may protest this action only as it affects issues submitted for the record during the planning process. The protest shall be in writing and filed with the Director (480), Bureau of Land Management, Resources Planning Team, 1849 "C" Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20240, within 30 days of publication of this notice.

**Land Sale Comments**

For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register, interested parties may submit comments regarding the land

sale to Joe Kraayenbrink, Acting Area Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Big Butte Resource Area, 1405 Hollipark Dr., Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401.

Objections will be reviewed by the BLM Idaho Falls District Manager who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any planning protests or objections regarding the land sale, this realty action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior and the planning amendment will be in effect.

Dated: January 27, 1997.

Joe Kraayenbrink,

*Acting Area Manager, Big Butte Resource Area.*

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**Meeting of the Central California Resource Advisory Council**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Meeting of the Central California Resource Advisory Council.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (sec. 309), the Bureau of Land Management Resource Advisory Council for central California will meet in Bakersfield, California.

**DATES:** February 21-22, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Four Points Sheraton Hotel, 5101 California Street, Bakersfield.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

The 12 member Central California Resource Advisory Council is appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to advise the Bureau of Land Management on public land issues. The Council will meet on Friday and Saturday, February 21 and 22, 1997 beginning at 8:00 a.m. both days to discuss the BLM recreation program. There will be a field trip to Keysville on the Kern River on Friday afternoon, February 21, and a public comment period beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday, February 22. The public may discuss any public land issue during the public comment period, and written comments will be accepted during the meeting or at the address below. The entire meeting is open to the public. Anyone wishing to take part in the field trip must provide their own transportation.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Larry Mercer, Public Affairs Officer, Bureau of Land Management, 3801 Pegasus Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93308, telephone 805-391-6010.

Dated: January 31, 1997.

Ron Fellows,

*District Manager.*

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### **Idaho: Filing of Plats of Survey; Idaho**

The plat, in 5 sheets, of the following described land was officially filed in the Idaho State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Boise, Idaho, effective 9:00 a.m. January 29, 1997.

The plat, in 5 sheets, representing the dependent resurvey of portions of the subdivisional lines, certain segregation and mineral surveys in sections 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 29, and the subdivision of section 20, the subdivision of section 19, and correcting geographic coordinate values for certain corners as shown in the field notes approved July 18, 1995, T. 48 N., R. 2 E., Boise Meridian, Idaho, Group No. 859, was accepted January 29, 1997.

This survey was executed to meet certain administrative needs of the Bureau of Land Management. All inquiries concerning the survey of the above described land must be sent to the Chief, Cadastral Survey, Idaho State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho, 83709-1657.

Dated: January 29, 1997.

Duane E. Olsen,

*Chief, Cadastral Surveyor for Idaho.*

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### **Bureau of Reclamation**

#### **Quarterly Status Report of Water Service and Repayment Contract Negotiations**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of proposed contractual actions pending through December 31, 1996, and contract actions that have been completed or discontinued since the last publication of this notice on October 28, 1996. From the date of this publication, future quarterly notices during this calendar year will be limited to modified, new, completed or discontinued contract actions. This annual notice should be used as a point of reference to identify changes in future notices. This notice is one of a variety of means used to inform the public about proposed contractual actions for

capital recovery and management of project resources and facilities. Additional Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) announcements of individual contract actions may be published in the Federal Register and in newspapers of general circulation in the areas determined by Reclamation to be affected by the proposed action. Announcements may be in the form of news releases, legal notices, official letters, memorandums, or other forms of written material. Meetings, workshops, and/or hearings may also be used, as appropriate, to provide local publicity. The public participation procedures do not apply to proposed contracts for sale of surplus or interim irrigation water for a term of 1 year or less. Either of the contracting parties may invite the public to observe contract proceedings. All public participation procedures will be coordinated with those involved in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act.

**ADDRESSES:** The identity of the approving officer and other information pertaining to a specific contract proposal may be obtained by calling or writing the appropriate regional office at the address and telephone number given for each region in the supplementary information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alonzo Knapp, Manager, Reclamation Law, Contracts, and Repayment Office, Bureau of Reclamation, PO Box 25007, Denver, Colorado 80225-0007; telephone 303-236-1061 extension 224.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 226 of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (96 Stat. 1273) and 43 CFR 426.20 of the rules and regulations published in 52 FR 11954, Apr. 13, 1987, Reclamation will publish notice of the proposed or amendatory contract actions for any contract for the delivery of project water for authorized uses in newspapers of general circulation in the affected area at least 60 days prior to contract execution. Pursuant to the "Final Revised Public Participation Procedures" for water resource-related contract negotiations, published in 47 FR 7763, Feb. 22, 1982, a tabulation is provided of all proposed contractual actions in each of the five Reclamation regions. Each proposed action is, or is expected to be, in some stage of the contract negotiation process in 1997. When contract negotiations are completed, and prior to execution, each proposed contract form must be approved by the Secretary of the Interior, or pursuant to delegated or redelegated authority, the Commissioner of Reclamation or one of the regional directors. In some instances,

congressional review and approval of a report, water rate, or other terms and conditions of the contract may be involved.

Public participation in and receipt of comments on contract proposals will be facilitated by adherence to the following procedures:

1. Only persons authorized to act on behalf of the contracting entities may negotiate the terms and conditions of a specific contract proposal.

2. Advance notice of meetings or hearings will be furnished to those parties that have made a timely written request for such notice to the appropriate regional or project office of Reclamation.

3. Written correspondence regarding proposed contracts may be made available to the general public pursuant to the terms and procedures of the Freedom of Information Act (80 Stat. 383), as amended.

4. Written comments on a proposed contract or contract action must be submitted to the appropriate regional officials at the locations and within the time limits set forth in the advance public notices.

5. All written comments received and testimony presented at any public hearings will be reviewed and summarized by the appropriate regional office for use by the contract approving authority.

6. Copies of specific proposed contracts may be obtained from the appropriate regional director or his designated public contact as they become available for review and comment.

7. In the event modifications are made in the form of a proposed contract, the appropriate regional director shall determine whether republication of the notice and/or extension of the comment period is necessary.

Factors considered in making such a determination shall include, but are not limited to: (i) The significance of the modification, and (ii) the degree of public interest which has been expressed over the course of the negotiations. As a minimum, the regional director shall furnish revised contracts to all parties who requested the contract in response to the initial public notice.

#### **Acronym Definitions Used Herein**

(BCP) Boulder Canyon Project  
(CAP) Central Arizona Project  
(CUP) Central Utah Project  
(CVP) Central Valley Project  
(CRSP) Colorado River Storage Project  
(D&MC) Drainage and Minor Construction  
(FR) Federal Register