

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management proposes to withdraw 3,368.85 acres of public lands in El Dorado County to protect the South Fork of the American River. This notice closes the lands for up to 2 years from surface entry and mining. The lands will remain open to mineral leasing and the Materials Act of 1947. Up to 352.38 acres of non-federally owned lands would be subject to this withdrawal if they are acquired by the United States in the future by exchange, donation, or purchase.

DATES: Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by March 16, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the California State Director, BLM California State Office (CA-931), 2135 Butano Drive, Sacramento, California 95825-0451.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Duane Marti, BLM California State Office, 916-978-4675 or John Beck, BLM Folsom Field Office, 916-985-4474.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 3, 1997, a petition was approved allowing the Bureau of Land Management to file an application to withdraw the following described public lands from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights:

Mount Diablo Meridian, California

T. 11 N., R. 9 E.,

Sec. 3, that portion of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ lying Southerly of the South Boundary of State Highway 49

Sec. 10, all, excepting that portion lying Northerly of the North boundary of California State Highway 49

Sec. 11, the West half of the Northwest quarter and the North half of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter lying Southerly of the South boundary of State Highway 49 as conveyed to the State of California by deed recorded January 8, 1962 in Book 577 of Official Records, page 89, and Westerly and Northerly of the centerline of the South Fork of the American River; the East half of the Northwest quarter lying Westerly and Northerly of the centerline of the South Fork of the American River, lying Southerly of the South boundary of State Highway 49 as conveyed to the State of California by Deed recorded January 8, 1962 in Book 577 of Official Records, page 89, also lying Westerly of the following described line: Beginning at the Northwest corner of Parcel 1 as shown on that certain Parcel map filed in Book 45 of Parcel Maps at Page 34 being located on the said South boundary of State Highway 49; thence along the West boundary of said Parcel 1 South, 550.09 feet to a 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ "

capped iron pipe stamped L.S. 2403; thence leaving said West boundary along the East boundary of that certain Parcel of land encumbered by agreement to complete Boundary Line Adjustment and Easement Agreement recorded in Book 4380 of Official Records at page 59 South 12° 54' 45" East, 280.34 feet; thence South 26° 20' 07" East, 187.26 feet to the said centerline of the South Fork of the American River and the terminus of said described line.

Sec. 12, lots 1 to 9 inclusive,

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Sec. 20, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Sec. 21, that portion of the West half lying Westerly of the centerline of the South Fork of the American River;

Sec. 28, that portion of the N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ lying Westerly and Northerly of the centerline of the South Fork of the American River, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ excluding Mineral Survey 5163, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Sec. 29, tracts 1 and 2, as shown on the map, filed October 2, 1991 in book 18, of survey maps at page 129, El Dorado County Records, California, and that portion of the S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ lying Westerly and Northerly of the centerline of the South Fork of the American River.

Sec. 30, lots 1 to 4 inclusive, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Sec. 32, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 11 N., R. 10 E.,

Sec. 18, lots 5, 6, and 7, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Sec. 22, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and that portion of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ excluding lots 1, 4, and 5.

Sec. 26, SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Sec. 27, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The areas described aggregate 3,368.85 acres, more or less, in El Dorado County.

In addition, if any of the non-federally owned lands within the area described below are acquired by the United States in the future by exchange, donation, or purchase, those lands will be subject to this withdrawal:

Mount Diablo Meridian, California

T. 11 N., R. 9 E.

Sec. 29, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and portions of the East half more particularly described as follows: Parcels 2, 3, and 4, as shown on the Parcel Map, filed August 17, 1979 in Book 24 of PARCEL MAPS at page 15, El Dorado County Records, California, and as amended by Certificate of Correction recorded August 31, 1989 in Book 3196 of Official Records, page 76, and tract 3 as shown on the map, filed October 2, 1991 in book 18 of survey maps at page 129, El Dorado County Records, California.

Sec. 31, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The areas described aggregate 352.38 acres, more or less, in El Dorado County.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to assure long term protection and preservation of the

riparian areas, wildlife habitat, scenic quality, and high recreation values of the public lands, newly acquired lands, and lands proposed to be acquired in the corridor of the South Fork of the American River.

Until March 16, 1998 all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to the California State Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the California State Director by March 16, 1998. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR part 2300.

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. The temporary uses which may be permitted during this segregative period are those which are compatible with the use of the lands, as determined by BLM.

Dated: December 4, 1997.

Duane Marti,

Acting Chief, Branch of Lands.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-038-1430-00-257A; NMNM 95118 and NMNM 0554544]

Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Partial Termination of Recreation and Public Purpose (R&PP) Classification, NMNM 0554544; New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The BLM proposes to withdraw 680 acres of land to protect the scenic and recreational values and facilities at the Datil Well Campground in Catron County, New Mexico. This notice closes the public land for up to

2 years from location and entry under the United States mining laws. The public land will remain open to mineral leasing. This notice terminates R&PP Classification NMNM 0554544 in part.

DATES: Comments and requests for meeting should be received on or before March 16, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the Socorro Resource Area Manager, 198 Neel Avenue NW, Socorro, New Mexico 87801.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lois Bell, BLM, Socorro Resource Area Office, 198 Neel Ave, NW, Socorro, New Mexico 87801, or telephone (505) 835-0412.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the R&PP Act of June 14, 1925, as amended, (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*), and the regulations contained in 43 CFR 2461.5 (c) (2), R&PP Classification NMNM 0554544 is hereby terminated in part for the land described below. This classification segregated the subject land among others, as not suitable for disposal except for recreation purposes. Termination of the classification from the subject land will insure the land and existing facilities remain in public ownership. Further, on November 26, 1997, a petition was approved allowing the BLM to file an application to withdraw the following described land from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights:

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 2 S., R. 10 W.,
Sec. 10, all.
Sec. 11, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area aggregates 680 acres in Catron County.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to protect the land for management of recreational and scenic values. Until an application is filed, no further action will be taken on this proposal. The R&PP classification no longer serves a need on the land described above and is hereby terminated.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to the BLM Socorro Resource Area Manager.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a

written request to the BLM Socorro Resource Area Manager within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting. The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2300.

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the public land will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. The temporary uses which may be permitted during this segregative period are licenses, permits, cooperative agreements, leases, rights-of-way and other discretionary actions of a temporary nature.

Dated: December 9, 1997.

Linda S. C. Rundell,

District Manager, Las Cruces.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Availability of Director's Order Concerning Park Planning Activities

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) is converting and updating its current system of internal instructions. When these documents contain new policy or procedural requirements that may affect parties outside the NPS, this information is being made available for public review and comment. Director's Order #2 establishes new policies and procedural guidance concerning planning activities for units of the National Park System.

DATES: Written comments will be accepted until January 14, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send requests for copies to Warren Brown, National Park Service, Division of Park Planning and Special Studies, 1849 C Street NW, Room 3230, Washington, D.C. 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gail Slemmer at (303) 969-2686.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NPS is revising the policies and procedures that guide its park planning activities. To accomplish this, the planning policies included in National Park

Service Management Policies (1988) are being revised and the Park Planning Process Guideline (NPS-2, 1982) is being rescinded. The new process for park planning will be issued as Director's Order #2, in conformance with the NPS's new system of internal guidance documents. Director's Order #2 will contain new policy statements to replace those now contained in NPS Management Policies, and new planning procedures and standards that will be adhered to, with the following exception: The sections of the earlier policies and guidelines addressing new area studies (studies of potential additions to the National Park System, wild and scenic rivers system, and national trails system) will remain in effect until they are updated later in 1998.

The draft Director's Order establishes a general framework for park planning to promote coordination, streamline, and better document decision making processes. The order describes four closely related planning processes: General Management planning, park strategic planning, implementation planning and annual performance planning and reporting. The order is designed to help minimize duplication and potential inconsistency in park planning by explaining how various types of plans and planning processes relate to each other.

A notice that the NPS park planning guidelines were being updated was published in the June 8, 1996, **Federal Register**, with an invitation for interested parties to provide information that should be considered by the NPS. A draft Director's Order was released June 15, 1997, for review by the public and interested agencies, with comments due by August 15, 1997. During the 60-day public review period, the draft Director's Order was posted on the Internet and printed copies were mailed to national organizations known to have a major interest in NPS park planning.

Comments were received from 45 groups or individuals, including park managers and other reviewers within the NPS. National organizations that commented included the National Parks and Conservation Association, the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers, and the National Park Hospitality Association. Comments were also received from the Office of the Governor in the State of Alaska.

Those commenting generally agreed with the overall approach to park planning outlined in the draft Director's Order. Several of their suggestions have been incorporated into the revised draft, including strengthening the explanation of need for public involvement in the