

entirety. The classifications no longer serve a needed purpose as to the lands described above.

3. Until appropriate rules and regulations are issued by the Secretary of the Interior, the reserved minerals on 774.375 acres of conveyed lands, as described above, will not be subject to location under the U.S. mining laws.

4. At 10 a.m. on March 30, 1998, 225.625 acres of public lands, as 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 requirement of applicable law. All valid applications received at or prior to 10 a.m. on March 30, 1998 shall be considered as simultaneously filed at that time. Those received thereafter shall be considered in the order of filing.

5. At 10 a.m. on March 30, 1998, 225.625 acres of public lands, as 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 lands described in this notice 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 (1994), 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 determination in local courts.

Dated: February 18, 1998.

Ed Hastey,
State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK-020-08-1220-00-241A]

Notice of Availability of the Squirrel River Draft Environmental Impact Statement

SUMMARY: The Northern District of the Bureau of Land Management in Alaska has prepared a draft environmental impact statement on a proposal to make

the Squirrel River, located in northwestern Alaska, a component of the national wild and scenic rivers system. The draft EIS is available February 27, 1998. The Wild and Scenic Rivers Act identifies the Squirrel River in Section 5(a), and requires the Department of the Interior to conduct a study on the suitability of the river as a worthy addition to the national system. That authority was delegated to the BLM. A draft environmental impact statement has been prepared because the National Environmental Protection Act calls for the preparation of draft and final environmental impact statements whenever a proposal results from a study process required by statute.

Dates and Locations: Written comments must be received or postmarked on or before April 28, 1998. Public meetings will be held at:

Kiana, Alaska: April 9, 1998; old City Office. Open House 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Public meeting begins 1 p.m.

Kotzebue, Alaska: April 10, 1998, Alaska Technical Center. Open House 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Public Meeting begins 1 p.m.

Fairbanks, Alaska: April 16, 1998; BLM-Northern District Office Building, 1150 University Ave. Open House 2 to 5 p.m.; Public Meeting begins 5 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: General information: Susan Will, (907) 474-2338. Technical information: Lon Kelly, (907) 474-2368. Public meetings in Kiana and Kotzebue: Randy Meyers, (907) 442-3430.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An electronic version of the document is available on the Internet at: <http://aurora.ak.blm.gov/squirrel>.

Copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement can be obtained by writing to: Bureau of Land Management, 1150 University Ave., Fairbanks, AK, 99709-3899; or by calling 1-800-437-7021 or (907) 474-2200.

Dated: February 20, 1998.

Lon Kelly,
Squirrel River Coordinator.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-910-0777-30]

BLM Nevada State Office Moves From 850 Harvard Way, Reno, NV to 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno, NV 89502, on March 10, 1998

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Bureau of land management Nevada State Office Move Location and date.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management's Nevada State Office will move March 10, 1998, to 1340 Financial Blvd. Near McCarran and Mill Streets. The public room at 850 Harvard Way will close for business at noon, March 10, 1998, and will reopen at 1340 Financial Blvd. on March 16, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Atanda Clinger, Records Administrator, Public Contact and Records Sub-Unit, Bureau of Land Management Nevada State Office, 850 Harvard Way, Reno, Nevada, 89502-2055, telephone for 850 Harvard Way, 702-785-6632, for 1340 Financial Blvd., 702-861-6400.

Dated: February 20, 1998.

Jo Simpson,

Chief, External Affairs, BLM Nevada State Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-010-1430-00; -N-41566-40]

Notice of Realty Action: Lease/Conveyance for Recreation and Public Purposes

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.
ACTION: Recreation and Public Purpose Lease/Conveyance.

SUMMARY: The following public lands in Clark County, Nevada, have been examined and found suitable for lease/conveyance for recreational or public purposes under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.). The lands are needed for development of a Senior High School.

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T.22 S., R. 60 E.,
Section 9, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$

The land is not required for any federal purpose. The lease/conveyance is consistent with current Bureau planning for this area and would be in the public interest. The lease/patent, when issued, will be subject to the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, and will contain the following reservations to the United States:

1. A right-of-way thereon for ditches or canals constructed by the authority of the United States, Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).

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 such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe, and well be subject to:

1. Easements in accordance with the City of North Las Vegas Transportation Plan and as stated by letter to the Bureau of Land Management dated November 17, 1997.

2. All valid and existing rights.

Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas District, 4765 W. Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the above described land will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease/conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purpose Act, leasing under the mineral leasing laws and disposal under the mineral material disposal laws. 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 proposed lease/conveyance for classification of the lands to the District Manager, Las Vegas District, 4765 Vegas Drive Las Vegas, Nevada, 89108.

Classification Comments

Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for the senior high school. 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 lands for a school site.

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**.

Dated: February 17, 1998.

Mark R. Chatterton,

Assistant District Manager, Non-Renewable Resources, Las Vegas, Nevada.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ030-1010-00; AZA-29861]

Notice of Intent To Amend the Kingman Resource Management Plan

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, the Bureau of Land Management, Kingman Field Office, Arizona, will be preparing an EIS-level plan amendment to the Kingman Resource Management Plan. The plan amendment will assess impacts of proposed changes to land tenure classification decisions and resource management of federal lands in Mohave County in western Arizona.

DATES: Written comments will be accepted until April 1, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Team Leader, Hualapai Mountain Project, Bureau of Land Management, Kingman Field Office, 2475 Beverly Ave., Kingman, Arizona 86401-3629.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL: Don McClure, phone: (520) 692-4400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The planning area will include both public and non-public land in Mohave County in western Arizona, encompassing approximately 150,000 acres.

On June 11, 1997, Arizona BLM published a notice of intent to prepare an EIS-level analysis for a proposed land exchange near Kingman, Arizona, referred to as the Hualapai Mountain Exchange. As the offered and selected lands became more clearly defined during development of the draft EIS, it became apparent that adjustments in land tenure decisions of the Kingman Resource Management Plan would also be needed. The amendment is needed because approximately 15,000 acres selected by the Proponent were not identified for disposal in the Kingman Resource Management Plan by Township, Range, and Section. Also, the Proponent for the land exchange selected lands within the White Margined Penstemon Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). The boundary of the ACEC will not change

but the amount of acreage of designated ACEC lands will change. The language used for designating the ACEC was for the public acres within the boundary and not the boundary itself. The proposed change in the acreage of the ACEC involves approximately 1800 acres going out of public ownership with approximately 3950 acres coming into public ownership. The 1800 acres would lose its designation as ACEC lands while the approximately 3950 acres would be designated as part of the ACEC.

Proposed modifications to the Kingman Resource Management Plan will be integrated with the proposed Hualapai Mountain Exchange, and the impacts thereof will be presented in a single EIS-level analysis. The interdisciplinary EIS team will consist of specialists representing wildlife, recreation, minerals, archaeology, lands, surface protection, vegetation, range, soil and watershed, social and economic conditions. Specialists with other expertise will be added if needed.

Description of Possible Alternatives

Reasonable alternatives including the no-action alternative will be analyzed in the EIS. One alternative will be selected as the agency-preferred alternative before the draft environmental impact statement is released for public review.

Anticipated Issues and Criteria

Some issues expected to be addressed by the plan amendment include the following: proposed land tenure adjustments, and proposed management of lands and resources acquired by BLM through the proposed exchange.

The following criteria are proposed to guide resolution of the issues: actions must comply with laws, executive, orders, and regulations; consider long-term benefits to the public in relation to short-term benefits; be reasonable and achievable; use of the best available scientific information; use an interdisciplinary approach to land management; and contribute to or sustain the productivity and diversity of natural systems and the health of the land.

Other Relevant Information

A comprehensive public participation plan has been prepared. The interested public will be involved throughout the plan amendment process. The tentative project schedule is as follows:

Begin Public Comment Period on Draft Environmental Impact Statement—April 1998
File Final Environmental Impact Statement—September 1998
Record of Decision—January 1999.