

**DATES:** These appointments are effective January 8, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carolyn Cohen, Director of Personnel, Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20240, Telephone Number: (202) 208-6761.

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Dated: November 12, 1997.

**Robert E. Skinner,**

*Executive Resources Coordinator, Office of Personnel Policy.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Fish and Wildlife Service**

#### **Notice of Intent to Prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan**

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) intends to gather information necessary to prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and environmental documents pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and its implementing regulations, for Blackwater, Susquehanna, and Martin National Wildlife Refuges: Caroline, Hartford, Dorchester, Wicomico, and Somerset Counties, Maryland; Sussex County, Delaware; and Accomack County, Virginia. The Service is furnishing this notice in compliance with Service CCO policy:

- (1) To advise other agencies and the public of our intentions, and
- (2) To obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to include in the environmental documents.

**DATES:** Written comments should be received on or before February 9, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Address comments and requests for more information to the following: Refuge Manager, Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, 2145 Key

Wallace Drive, Cambridge, Maryland 21613-9536 (410) 228-2692.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

By Federal law, all lands within the National Wildlife Refuge System are to be managed in accordance with an approved CCP. The CCP guides management decisions and identifies refuge goals; long-range objectives, and strategies for achieving refuge purposes. The planning process will consider many elements, including habitat and wildlife management, habitat protection and acquisition, public use, and cultural resources. Public input into this planning process is essential. The CCP will provide other agencies and the public with a clear understanding of the desired conditions for the Refuges and how the Service will implement management strategies.

The Service will solicit information from the public via open houses, meetings, and written comments. Special mailings, newspaper articles, and announcements will inform people in the general area near each refuge of the time and place of such opportunities for public input to the CCP.

Review of this project will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), NEPA Regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508), other appropriate Federal laws and regulations, including the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, Executive Order 12996, and Service policies and procedures for compliance with those regulations.

We estimate that the draft environmental documents will be available in late August, 1998.

Dated: December 24, 1997.

**Ronald E. Lamberston,**

*Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Hadley, Massachusetts.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Bureau of Land Management**

[NV-915-5700-00; N-62098]

#### **Application for Recordable Disclaimer of Interest; Nevada**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The United States of America, pursuant to the provisions of Section 315 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C.

1745), proposes to disclaim all interest in the following described land to Myron Lake, nunc pro tunc, the owner of record: a tract of land which is located within 200 feet of each side of the centerline of the Central Pacific Railroad Company track as it was established over and across; T. 19 N., R. 19 E., M.D.M., Nevada, sec.11, Lots 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, and SW¼NE¼.

**DATES:** Comments or objections should be received on or before April 8, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments or objections should be sent to the Nevada State Director, BLM, 850 Harvard Way, P.O. Box 12000, Reno, Nevada 89520.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William K. Stowers, BLM Nevada State Office, 702-785-6478.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to Section 2 of the Act of July 1, 1862, 12 Statute 489, as amended (the Act), the Central Pacific Railroad Company, as succeeded in interest by the Southern Pacific Transportation Company, received a grant of a right-of-way 400 feet in width over and across public lands for construction of a transcontinental railroad. By the terms of the Act, the right-of-way attached to the land upon notification to the General Land Office at the time the line of the railroad was definitely fixed on the ground. Title to the subject lands was conveyed by the United States to Mr. Myron Lake in 1865 prior to notification by the Central Pacific Railroad Company that the line of the railroad was definitely fixed on the ground. There is a recorded chain of title to convey the subject lands in fee to Central Pacific Railroad Company which originates from the United States patent to Mr. Lake. Therefore, the 400-foot right-of-way granted to Central Pacific Railroad Company by the Act did not become an encumbrance on the title to the subject lands. Southern Pacific Transportation Company, successor to Central Pacific Railroad Company, subsequently issued deeds to private parties for a portion of the subject lands.

However, a cloud was placed on the title to the subject land by a court decision which held that since the Act predated the patent to Mr. Lake, the United States holds a reversionary interest in the subject lands should the railroad right-of-way be abandoned. The court held that the reversionary interest was created even though the General Land Office failed to include in its patent to Mr. Lake an express reservation of the railroad easement (*Southern Pacific Company et al v. City of Reno*, 257 F. 450, April 4, 1919). However, the subject land was in

private ownership at the time the line of said railroad was definitely fixed in accordance with the Act. Further, Mr. Lake's settlement on the subject land originated prior to passage of the Act, and the patent, upon issuance, related back to the date of settlement. Therefore, the 400-foot right-of-way authorized by the Act did not attach to the subject lands.

The Bureau of Land Management has determined that the United States has no claim to or interest in the land described and issuance of the proposed recordable disclaimer of interest would remove a cloud on the title to the land.

**Authority:** 43 CFR Part 1864.

Dated: December 31, 1997.

**William K. Stowers,**

*Lands Team Lead.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[MT-060-4310-DN-P]

#### Lewistown District; Resource Advisory Council Meeting

**AGENCY:** Lewistown District Office, Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Lewistown District Resource Advisory Council will meet February 3 and 4, 1998, at the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Region 4 Headquarters Office at 4600 Giant Spring Road in Great Falls, Montana.

The February 3, portion of the session will begin at 7:45 a.m. with opening comments. The council will consider revising their mission statement, then discuss/consider the status of the Devil's Kitchen Work Group; the Eye of the Needle; Oil and Gas development along the Rocky Mountain Front; conservation easements; and the Two Crow land exchange through the rest of the day.

There will also be a public comment period at 11:30 am on February 3.

The February 4, portion of the session will begin at 8:00 am and the council will discuss/consider off-road vehicle regulation enforcement; the BLM's reorganization; fire management proposals; and the status of the Sweet Grass Hills/Little Rockies land exchange. After lunch, the council will tour the River's Edge Trail along the Missouri River, then close this meeting.

**DATES:** February 3 and 4, 1998.

**LOCATION:** Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Region 4 Headquarters Office,

4600 Giant Spring Road in Great Falls, Montana.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

District Manager, Lewistown District Office, Bureau of Land Management, Box 1160, Airport Road, Lewistown, MT 59457.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is open to the public and there will be a public comment period as detailed above.

Dated: December 29, 1997.

**B. Gene Miller,**

*Associate District Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

(WY-921-41-5700; WYW127493)

#### Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated; Oil and Gas Lease

Pursuant to the provisions of 30 U.S.C. 188(d) and (e), and 43 CFR 3108.2-3(a) and (b)(1), a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease WYW127493 for lands in Park County, Wyoming, was timely filed and was accompanied by all the required rentals accruing from the date of termination.

The lessee has agreed to the amended lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$5.00 per acre, or fraction thereof, per year and 16 2/3 percent, respectively.

The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and \$125 to reimburse the Department for the cost of this **Federal Register** notice. The lessee has met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Section 31 (d) and (e) of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), and the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate lease WYW127493 effective October 1, 1997, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

**Pamela J. Lewis**

*Chief, Leasable Minerals Section.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NV-030-1430-01; NVN 61027]

#### Notice of Realty Action; Recreation and Public Purposes Act Classification; Douglas County, NV

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The following described land, comprising 21.25 acres, has been examined and is determined to be suitable for classification for lease or conveyance pursuant to the authority in the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869, et seq.):

**Mt. Diablo Meridian, Nevada**

T. 14 N., R. 20 E.

Sec. 5, SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>,  
S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>;

Sec. 6, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>;

Sec. 7, E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>;

Sec. 8, NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.

Containing 21.25 acres.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The public land is located south of Carson City in Douglas County. The land is not needed for Federal purposes. Lease or conveyance is consistent with current BLM land use planning and would be in the public interest. The CA-NV-HI District, Lutheran Church Missouri Synod has expressed an interest in constructing a church and school on the site.

The patent, when issued will be subject to the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, and the following reservations to the United States:

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

2. All mineral deposits in the land so patented, and to it, or persons authorized by it, the right to prospect for, mine and remove such deposits from the same applicable law and regulations to be established by the Secretary of the Interior.

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws but not the mineral leasing laws, the material disposal laws, or the Geothermal Steam Act. The segregation shall terminate upon issuance of a conveyance document or publication in the **Federal Register** of an order specifying the date and time of opening.