

(d) Equipment, including transportation, fuel, oil, grease, lease and replacement;
(d) Capitalization expenses;
(e) Acquisition expenses, and
(f) Other expenses we determine necessary to properly perform the activities and functions characteristic of an irrigation project.

Payments

The irrigation operation and maintenance assessments become due based on locally established payment requirements. No water shall be delivered to any of these lands until all irrigation charges have been paid.

Interest and Penalty Fees

Interest, penalty, and administrative fees will be assessed, where required by law, on all delinquent operation and maintenance assessment charges as prescribed in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 4, Part 102, Federal Claims Collection Standards; and 42 BIAM Supplement 3, part 3.8 Debt Collection Procedures. Beginning 30 days after the due date interest will be assessed at the rate of the current value of funds to the U.S. Treasury. An administrative fee of \$12.50 will be assessed each time an effort is made to collect a delinquent debt; a penalty charge of 6 percent per year will be charged on delinquent debts over 90 days old and will accrue from the date the debt became delinquent. After 180 days a delinquent debt will be forwarded to the United States Treasury for further action in accordance with the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-134).

Executive Order 12988

The Department has certified to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) that this rate adjustment meets the applicable standards provided in sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of Executive Order 12988.

Executive Order 12866

This rate adjustment is not a significant regulatory action and has been reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

This rate making is not a rule for the purposes of the Regulatory Flexibility Act because it is "a rule of particular applicability relating to rates." 5 U.S.C. § 601(2).

Executive Order 12630

The Department has determined that this rate adjustment does not have significant "takings" implications.

Executive Order 12612

The Department has determined that this rate adjustment does not have significant Federalism effects because it pertains solely to Federal-tribal relations and will not interfere with the roles, rights, and responsibilities of states.

NEPA Compliance

The Department has determined that this rate adjustment does not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and that no detailed statement is required under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This rate adjustment does not contain collections of information requiring approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Unfunded Mandates Act of 1995

This rate adjustment imposes no unfunded mandates on any governmental or private entity and is in compliance with the provisions of the Unfunded Mandates Act of 1995.

Dated: March 5, 1998.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-020-1020-00]

Pelican Lake/Ouray National Wildlife Refuge Plan Amendment; Environmental Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed plan amendment

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Vernal Field Office has completed an Environmental Assessment (EA)/Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) of the Proposed Pelican Lake/Ouray National Wildlife Refuge Plan Amendment to the Diamond Mountain Resource Area Resource Management Plan (DMRA-RMP). The Proposed Plan Amendment would modify existing DMRA-RMP management prescriptions within the plan amendment area through reclassification of about 2,197.64 acres of public land from their current classification as Level 4, open management land and unclassified land to Level 3, active management land;

about 754.75 acres of public land within the plan amendment area are currently classified as Level 3, open management land. The 160 acres of public land currently classified as Level 1, restricted management land and 1,794.66 acres of public land currently classified as Level 2, careful management land would not be reclassified. Multiple use of the public land within the proposed plan amendment area would continue in a manner that is compatible, to the extent possible, with the objectives of the Ouray National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge). Future management would focus on curbing or restricting activities or land uses which, if not mitigated, may contribute to or exacerbate the selenium problem currently affecting the Refuge.

The proposed plan amendment would enhance the BLM's ability to provide for economic growth through multiple use as well as provide additional protection for sensitive resources.

DATES: The protest period for this Proposed Plan Amendment will commence with the date of publication of this notice and last for 30 days. Protests must be received on or before March 16, 1998.

ADDRESS: Protests must be addressed to the Director (WO-210), Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Brenda Williams, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240 within 30 days after the date of publication of this Notice of Availability.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peter Kempenich, Natural Resource Specialist, Vernal Field Office, at 170 South 500 East, Vernal, Utah 84078, (435) 781-4432. Copies of the proposed Plan Amendment EA are available for review at the Vernal Field Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action is announced pursuant to Section 202(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (1976) and 43 CFR Part 1610. This Proposed Amendment is subject to protests by any party who has participated in the planning process. Protest must be specific and contain the following information:

- The name, mailing address, phone number, and interest of the person filing the protest
- A statement of the issue(s) being protested
- A statement of the part(s) of the proposed amendment being protested and citing pages, paragraphs, maps et cetera, of the Proposed Plan Amendment
- A copy of all documents addressing the issue(s) submitted by the protestor 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 is incorrect

Dated: March 10, 1998.

Douglas M. Koza,

Acting State Director, Utah

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-930-1430-01; N-61417]

Notice of Realty Action: Non-Competitive Sale of Public Lands

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Non-Competitive sale of public lands in White Pine County, Nevada.

SUMMARY: The below listed public land in Newark Valley, White Pine County, Nevada has been examined and found suitable for sale utilizing non-competitive procedures, at not less than the fair market value. In accordance with Section 7 of the Act of June 28, 1934, as amended, 43 U.S.C. 315f and EO 6910, the described lands are hereby classified as suitable for disposal under the authority of Section 203 and Section 209 of the Act of October 21, 1976; 43 U.S.C. 1761.

DATES: For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments to the Assistant District Manager, Nonrenewable Resources.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to: Bureau of Land Management, Gene L. Draiss, Assistant District Manager, Nonrenewable Resources, HC 33, Box 33500, Ely, NV 89301-9408.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael McGinty, Realty Specialist, at the above address or telephone (702) 289-1882.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following described parcel of land, situated in White Pine County is being offered as a direct sale to Mr. Warren Scoppettone.

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 17 N., R. 55 E.,
Section 18, S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Containing 40.00 acres more or less.

This land is not required for any federal purposes. The sale is consistent with current Bureau planning for this area and would be in the public interest.

In the event of a sale, conveyance of the available mineral interests will occur simultaneously with the sale of the land. The mineral interests being offered for conveyance have no known mineral value. Acceptance of a direct sale offer will constitute an application for conveyance of those mineral interests. The applicant will be required to pay a \$50.00 nonreturnable filing fee for the conveyance of the available mineral interests.

The patent, when issued, will contain 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 the sodium, potassium, oil and gas mineral deposits in the land subject to this conveyance, including without limitation, the disposition of these substances under the mineral leasing laws. Its permittee, licensees and lessees, the right to prospect for, mine and remove the mineral owned by the United States under applicable law and such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe. This reservation includes all necessary and incidental activities conducted in accordance with the provisions of the mineral leasing laws in effect at the time such activities are undertaken, including, without limitation, necessary access and exit rights, all drilling, underground, or surface mining operation, storage and transportation facilities deemed necessary and authorized under law and implementing regulations. Unless otherwise provided by separate agreement with surface owner, permittee, licensees and lessees of the United States shall reclaim disturbed areas to the extent prescribed by regulations issued by the Secretary of the Interior. All cause of action brought to enforce the rights of the surface owner under the regulations above referred to shall be instituted against permittee, licensees and lessees of the United States; and the United States shall not be liable for the acts or omissions of its permittee, licensees and lessees. 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 leasing under the mineral leasing laws. This segregation will terminate upon issuance of a patent or 270 days from the date of this publication, whichever occurs first.

For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may

submit comments regarding this action to the Assistant District Manager, Nonrenewable Resources at the address listed above. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In absence of any adverse comments, this realty action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior. The Bureau of Land Management may accept or reject any or all offers, or withdraw any land or interest in the land from sale, if, in the opinion of the authorized officer, consummation of the sale would not be fully consistent with FLPMA, or other applicable laws. The lands will not be offered for sale until at least 60 days after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: March 4, 1998.

Gene A. Kolkman,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Intent To Issue a Prospectus for Operation of a Gas Service Station at Yosemite National Park

SUMMARY: The National Park Service will be releasing a concession Prospectus authorizing continued operation of a gas service station adjacent to the west entrance of Yosemite National Park. The operation is located on land administered by the park near the community of El Portal. The operation is considered a full service station and has one service bay for minor car repair and lubrication service. The sales consist of automotive gasoline (three grades), oil, propane, lubricants, batteries, tires and other related automobile supplies. The operation is year round with the peak season during the summer months. The annual gross receipts average between \$424,000 to \$459,000. The new contract will be for eight (8) years and five (5) months expiring December 31, 2006. The new operator will be required to replace four (4) underground storage tanks by December 1998 in accordance with the Federal Law. There is an existing concessioner which has operated satisfactorily under the existing permit and has a right of preference in renewal.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The cost for purchasing a Prospectus is \$30.00. Parties interested in obtaining a copy should send a check (NO CASH) made payable to "National Park Service" to