

South Coast Resource Management Plan amendment affecting public lands within the Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office management area. The proposed plan amendment would consist of three separate amendments. Amendment One would change the disposal categories of two parcels of BLM public land from R for retention to P for protective disposal. Amendment Two proposes to designate three existing Stephens' Kangaroo Rat core reserves in western Riverside County as Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). Amendment Three proposes to adjust the boundary of the Santa Ana River Wash ACEC from 755 to 595 acres.

DATES: Citizens are requested to help identify significant issues or concerns related to the proposed plan amendments. Recommendations from citizens regarding additional plan amendments may also be considered, for example, new ACECs or changing land use designations. Comments must be submitted no later than April 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Please submit your comments in writing to the following address: Ms. Julia Dougan, Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office, P.O. Box 1260, North Palm Springs, CA 92258-1260. Citizens submitting comments will automatically be included in the mailing list to receive a copy of the Proposed Plan Amendments and Environmental Assessment when available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Elena Misquez, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, Bureau of Land Management, Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office, telephone (760) 251-4800.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The affected public land parcels in Amendment One are located in Township 5 South, Range 4 West, Section 22 (19.8 acres; BLM parcel No. 176-221), and in portions of Sections 29, 31, 32, Township 8 South, Range 2 West and part of Section 6, Township 9 South, Range 2 West (970.94 acres; BLM parcel No. 219-291). The BLM is proposing to change the disposal category of these two parcels from R for retention to P for protective disposal, in which these lands would be made available for disposal from BLM stewardship provided the new land owner will compensate or protect any sensitive resources contained on those lands. If the proposed amendment is approved, these lands would then be transferred to the Bureau of Indian Affairs by Act of Congress for the benefit

of the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians.

Amendment Two. In 1996, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service granted a Section 10(a) permit to the Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency (RCHCA) which allowed take of the federally-listed-as-endangered Stephens' kangaroo rat (SKR) thereby facilitating new construction in western Riverside County. To compensate for the loss of the SKR, seven core reserves were established by the RCHCA for the protection of SKR habitat. Negotiations are in progress such that BLM may take responsibility for managing three of these core reserves. To be consistent with the management objectives for which the SKR reserves were established, BLM proposes to designate the three core reserves as Areas of Critical Environmental Concern. The three core reserves are located as follows: (1) Estelle Mountain Reserve in portions of Sections 13, 14, 22-24, Township 4 South, Range 6 West; in portions of Sections 18-20, 29-33 Township 4 South and 5 West; in portions of Sections 4-8, Township 5 South, Range 5 West; (2) Badlands Core Reserve in portions of Sections 2, 4 and 10, Township 3 South, Range 2 West; (3) Steele Peak Reserve in portions of Sections 4, 9, 20, Township 5 South, Range 4 West, and portions of Sections 27, 32, Township 4 South, Range 4 West.

Amendment Three. The Santa Ana River Wash ACEC contains an illegally created pit in the NE 1/4 of Section 10, Township 1 South, Range 3 West. This quarter section (160 acres) does not contain pristine Alluvial Sage Scrub habitat. The BLM proposes to drop this quarter section from the ACEC and to make this land available for exchange to acquire more biologically viable areas.

Nothing in this Proposed Plan shall have the effect of terminating any validly issued rights-of-way or customary operation, maintenance, repair, and replacement activities in such rights-of-way in accordance with Sections 509(a) and 701(a) of the Federal Land Policy Management Act of 1976.

Dated: March 13, 1998.

Julia Dougan,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-340-1430-01; CACAAA 160265]

Opening Order; California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice opens 4,607.87 acres of public lands to the operation of the public land laws, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. The lands were withdrawn by the Act of Congress of March 3, 1927 (44 Stat. 1359) for the Bureau of Land Management's Cow Mountain Recreation Area. The Act also authorized the Secretary of the Interior to restore any of the lands, withdrawn by that Act, to the operation of the public land laws if he or she deemed that action to be in the public interest. The Act did not withdraw the lands from either the mining or the mineral leasing laws. This opening order is necessary to facilitate the completion of a pending land exchange and other pending conveyances. The withdrawal no longer serves a needed purpose as to the lands and it is in the public interest to complete the pending lands actions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 20, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Duane Marti, BLM California State Office (CA-931.4), 2135 Butano Drive, Sacramento, California 95825-0451; telephone number 916-978-4675.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Act of Congress of March 3, 1927 (44 Stat. 1359) withdrew the following public lands for the Bureau of Land Management's Cow Mountain Recreation Area. The lands are withdrawn from the operation of the public lands laws, but not the mining or mineral leasing laws. The lands are described as follows:

Mount Diablo Meridian

T. 13 N., R. 10 W.,
Sec. 9, S 1/2 SW 1/4, SW 1/4 SE 1/4.
T. 16 N., R. 10 W.,
Sec. 7, SE 1/4;
Sec. 17, SE 1/4 NW 1/4, SW 1/4 SE 1/4;
Sec. 18, E 1/2 NE 1/4, SE 1/4 NW 1/4, NE 1/4 SW 1/4;
Sec. 19, lots 3-6, inclusive, NE 1/4,
E 1/2 NW 1/4;
Sec. 20, W 1/2 NE 1/4, SE 1/4 NE 1/4, NE 1/4 NW 1/4,
S 1/2 NW 1/4, NW 1/4 SW 1/4, SE 1/4 SW 1/4,
NE 1/4 SE 1/4;
Sec. 28, N 1/2 NE 1/4, NE 1/4 NW 1/4;
Sec. 29, SW 1/4;
Sec. 30, lots 9, 11, 12, and 16;
Sec. 31, lots 5, 10-16, inclusive.
T. 13 N., R. 11 W.,

Sec. 13, NE $\frac{1}{4}$.
 T. 16 N., R. 11 W.,
 Sec. 13, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 14, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 15, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 22, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,
 SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 23, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$,
 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 24, lots 5 and 6, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$,
 N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 25, lots 5 and 6;
 Sec. 26, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 27, lot 1, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The areas described aggregate 4,607.87 acres in Lake and Mendocino Counties.

The Act of Congress of March 3, 1927 (44 Stat. 1359, 1361) authorized the Secretary of the Interior to restore any of the lands, withdrawn by that Act, to the operation of the public land laws if he or she deemed that action to be in the public interest. The regulations contained in 43 CFR 2091.5-6(b) authorize the Secretary of the Interior to publish in the **Federal Register** an opening order specifying to what extent lands will be opened and when, if the withdrawing Act of Congress does not so specify.

At 10 a.m. on April 20, 1998, the lands 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 April 20, 1998 shall be considered as simultaneously filed at that time. Those received thereafter shall be considered in the order of filing.

Dated: March 13, 1998.

David McIlroy,

Chief, Branch of Lands.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID-957-1430-00]

Idaho: Filing of Plats of Survey; Idaho

The purpose of this notice is to inform the public and interested state and local governments of the filing of plats of survey in Idaho.

The supplemental plat prepared to create lot 6 in section 18, and lots 5 and 6 in section 19, T. 39 N., R. 2 E., Boise Meridian, Idaho, was accepted and officially filed in the Idaho State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Boise, Idaho, effective 9 a.m. February 2, 1998.

The plats representing the corrective dependent resurvey of a portion of the northerly boundary of the Boise Barracks Military Reservation, T. 34 N., R. 2 E., Boise Meridian, Idaho, Group 981, was accepted and officially filed in the Idaho State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Boise, Idaho, effective 9 a.m. February 9, 1998.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of Homestead Entry Survey Nos. 123 and 124, and the survey of tract 38, partially surveyed T. 5 N., R. 17 E., Boise Meridian, Idaho, Group 968, was accepted on March 9, 1998, and will be officially filed in the Idaho State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Boise, Idaho, effective 9 a.m., April 20, 1998.

The plats of the following described land were officially filed in the Idaho State Office, Bureau of Land Management, effective 9 a.m. March 9, 1998:

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of section 10, T. 10 S., R. 12 E., Boise Meridian, Idaho, Group 1009, was accepted March 9, 1998. The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of sections 25, 26, and 27, T. 10 S., R. 34 E., Boise Meridian, Idaho, Group 1002, was accepted March 9, 1998.

The supplemental plat, in two sheets, prepared to lot small parcels of federal lands in section 20, created by two one-quarter section corners of sections 17 and 20, T. 56 N., R. 2 E., Boise Meridian, Idaho, was accepted March 9, 1998.

The protraction diagram for partially surveyed T. 26 N., R. 10 E., Boise Meridian, Idaho, was accepted March 9, 1998.

All inquiries concerning the surveys of the above described lands must be sent to the Chief, Cadastral Survey, Idaho State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 1387 South Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho, 83709-1657.

Dated: March 9, 1998.

Duane E. Olsen,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor for Idaho.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-926-08-1420-00]

Montana: Filing of Amended Protraction Diagram Plats

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, Interior

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: The plats of the amended protraction diagrams accepted March 9, 1998, of the following described lands are scheduled to be officially filed in the Montana State Office, Billings, Montana, thirty (30) days from the date of this publication. Included in this notice are the plats of the amended protraction diagrams accepted and filed during 1996.

Principal Meridian, Montana

Tps. 16 N., Rs. 7, 8, and 9 W.

The plat, representing the Amended Protraction Diagram 25 Index of unsurveyed Townships 16 North, Ranges 7, 8, and 9 West, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted March 9, 1998.

T. 16 N., R. 7 W.

The plat, representing the Amended Protraction Diagram 25 of unsurveyed Township 16 North, Range 7 West, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted March 9, 1998.

T. 16 N., R. 8 W.

The plat, representing the Amended Protraction Diagram 25 of unsurveyed Township 16 North, Range 8 West, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted March 9, 1998.

T. 16 N., R. 9 W.

The plat, representing the Amended Protraction Diagram 25 of unsurveyed Township 16 North, Range 9 West, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted March 9, 1998.

Tps. 16 N., Rs. 10 and 11 W.

The plat, representing the Amended Protraction Diagram 24 Index of unsurveyed Townships 16 North, Ranges 10 and 11 West, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted March 9, 1998.

T. 16 N., R. 10 W.

The plat, representing the Amended Protraction Diagram 24 of unsurveyed Township 16 North, Range 10 West, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted March 9, 1998.

T. 16 N., R. 11 W.

The plat, representing the Amended Protraction Diagram 24 of unsurveyed Township 16 North, Range 11 West, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted March 9, 1998.

Tps. 11 and 12 N., Rs. 17, 18, 19, and 20 E.

The plat, representing the Amended Protraction Diagram 12 Index of unsurveyed Townships 11 and 12 North, Ranges 17, 18, 19, and 20 East, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted July 29, 1996.

T. 11 N., R. 18 E.

The plat, representing the Amended Protraction Diagram 12 of a portion of unsurveyed Township 11 North, Range 18 East, Principal Meridian, Montana, was accepted July 29, 1996.

T. 12 N., R. 17 E.

The plat, representing the Amended Protraction Diagram 12 of a portion of