

Atka, and reserves 12,610.90 acres of the lands for selection by the Sanak Corporation, the village corporation for Pauloff Harbor. This withdrawal is for a period of 120 days; however, any lands selected shall remain withdrawn by the order until they are conveyed. Any lands described herein that are not selected by the corporations will remain withdrawn as part of the Alaska Peninsula National Wildlife Refuge or the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge, pursuant to the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, and will be subject to the terms and conditions of any withdrawal of record.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 25, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robbie J. Havens, Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 W. 7th Avenue, No. 13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599, 907-271-5049.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by section 22(j)(2) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, 43 U.S.C. 1621(j)(2) (1994), it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described public lands located within the Alaska Peninsula Wildlife Refuge or the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge, are hereby withdrawn from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining and mineral leasing laws, and are hereby reserved for:

(a) The selection of the remaining entitlement under section 12 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, 43 U.S.C. 1611 (1994), by the Atxam Corporation, village corporation for Atka:

Seward Meridian

T. 52 S., R. 72 W.,
Secs. 15 to 34, inclusive.
T. 75 S., R. 121 W.,
Secs. 28, 33, 34, and 35.
T. 76 S., R. 121 W.,
Secs. 3 and 4.
T. 93 S., R. 177 W., (Unsurveyed)
Sec. 8.
T. 93 S., R. 179 W., (Unsurveyed)
Sec. 28.

The areas described aggregate approximately 13,968.61 acres.

(b) The selection of the remaining entitlement under section 12 of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, 43 U.S.C. 1611 (1994), by the Sanak Corporation, village corporation for Pauloff Harbor:

Seward Meridian

T. 53 S., R. 68 W.,
Secs. 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 20, and 21.
T. 52 S., R. 70 W.,
Secs. 17 to 20, inclusive.
T. 52 S., R. 71 W.,

Secs. 9, 10, 13 to 16, inclusive;
Secs. 21 to 24, inclusive; and
Secs. 26 to 32, inclusive.
T. 53 S., R. 73 W.,
Secs. 33 and 34.

The areas described aggregate 12,610.90 acres.

The areas described in (a) and (b) above aggregate a total of approximately 26,579.51 acres.

2. Prior to conveyance of any of the lands withdrawn by this order, the lands shall be subject to administration by the Secretary of the Interior under applicable laws and regulations, and his authority to make contracts and to grant leases, permits, rights-of-way, or easements shall not be impaired by this withdrawal.

3. This order constitutes final withdrawal action by the Secretary of the Interior under section 22(j)(2) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, 43 U.S.C. 1621(j)(2) (1994), to make lands available for selection by the Atxam Corporation, to fulfill the entitlement of the village for Atka, and to make lands available for selection by the Sanak Corporation, to fulfill the entitlement of the village for Pauloff Harbor, under section 12 and section 14(a) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, 43 U.S.C. 1611 and 1613 (1994).

4. This withdrawal will terminate 120 days from the effective date of this order; provided, any lands selected shall remain withdrawn pursuant to this order until conveyed. Any lands described in this order not selected by the corporation shall remain withdrawn as part of the Alaska Peninsula National Wildlife Refuge or the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge, pursuant to sections 302(1), 303(1) and 304(c) of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, 16 U.S.C. 668(dd) (1994); and will be subject to the terms and conditions of any other withdrawal or segregation of record.

5. It has been determined that this action is not expected to have any significant effect on subsistence uses and needs pursuant to section 810(c) of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, 16 U.S.C. 3120(c) (1994) and this action is exempted from the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4321 note (1994), by section 910 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, 43 U.S.C. 1638 (1994).

Dated: March 12, 1999.

John Berry,

Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-924-1430-01; MTM 86164]

**Public Land Order No. 7381;
Withdrawal of Public Land for
Protection of the Crystal Cave Area;
Montana**

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public land order.

SUMMARY: This order withdraws 174.48 acres of public land from surface entry and mining for a period of 50 years to protect the unique and significant geologic resources of the Crystal Cave area. The land has been and will remain open to mineral leasing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 25, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sandra Ward, BLM Montana State Office, PO Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107, 406-255-2949, or Loretta Park, BLM Lewistown Field Office, Box 1160, Lewistown, Montana 59457, 406-538-7461.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1994), it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described land is hereby withdrawn from settlement, sale, location or entry under the general land laws, including the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. Ch. 2 (1994)), but not from leasing under the mineral leasing laws, for the Bureau of Land Management to protect the unique and significant geologic resources of the Crystal Cave area:

Principal Meridian, Montana

T. 16 N., R. 19 E.,
Sec. 15, lot 15, lots 25 to 28, inclusive,
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and MS 9204;
Sec. 16, MS 5974.

The area described contains 174.48 acres in Fergus County.

2. The withdrawal made by this order does not alter the applicability of those public land laws governing the use of the lands under lease, license, or permit, or governing the disposal of their mineral or vegetative resources other than under the mining laws.

3. This withdrawal will expire 50 years from the effective date of this order unless, as a result of a review conducted before the expiration date pursuant to section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f) (1994), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be extended.

Dated: March 12, 1999.

John Berry,

Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-050-1110-00; NMNM 95104]

Public Land Order No. 7382; Withdrawal of Public Lands for the Devil's Backbone Desert Bighorn Sheep Habitat Area; New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public land order.

SUMMARY: This order withdraws 5,607.52 acres of public lands from surface entry and mining for a period of 20 years for the Bureau of Land Management to protect and preserve endangered desert bighorn sheep habitat within the Devil's Backbone Desert Bighorn Sheep Habitat Area. The lands have been and will remain open to mineral leasing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 25, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lois Bell, BLM Socorro Field Office, 198 Neel Avenue NW, Socorro, New Mexico 87801, 505-835-0412.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1994), it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described public lands are hereby withdrawn from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the United States mining laws, (30 U.S.C. Ch. 2 (1994)), but not from leasing under the mineral leasing laws, to protect and preserve endangered desert bighorn sheep habitat within the Devil's Backbone Desert Bighorn Sheep Habitat Area:

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 5 S., R. 3 W.,
sec. 16, lots 5 to 8, inclusive, N $\frac{1}{2}$, and
N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$
secs. 21, 28, 29, and 32.

T. 6 S., R. 3 W.,
sec. 4, lots 3 and 4, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
sec. 9, W $\frac{1}{2}$;
sec. 15, W $\frac{1}{2}$;
sec. 16;
sec. 22, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{2}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,
and SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 5 S., R. 4 W.,
sec. 25, E $\frac{1}{2}$.

The areas described aggregate 5,607.52 acres in Socorro County.

2. The withdrawal made by this order does not alter the applicability of those public land laws governing the use of the lands under lease, license, or permit, or governing the disposal of their mineral or vegetative resources other than under the mining laws.

3. This withdrawal will expire 20 years from the effective date of this order unless, as a result of a review conducted before the expiration date pursuant to section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f) (1994), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be extended.

Dated: March 12, 1999.

John Berry,

Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Public Land Order No. 7383; Withdrawal of Public Lands for the Rio Grande Corridor; New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public land order.

SUMMARY: This order withdraws 2,151.80 acres of public lands from surface entry and mining, and 52.30 acres of federally reserved mineral interests underlying private surface estate from mining, for a period of 50 years, for the Bureau of Land Management to protect the outstanding recreational, scenic, wildlife, and riparian values of the Rio Grande Corridor. The lands have been and will remain open to mineral leasing. An additional 1,129.96 acres of non-Federal lands and the surface estate of the above 52.30 acres would become subject to the withdrawal if acquired.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 25, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Francina Martinez, BLM Taos Field Office, 226 Cruz Alta Road, Taos, New Mexico 87571, 505-758-8851.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1994), it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described public lands are hereby withdrawn from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the United States

mining laws, (30 U.S.C. Ch. 2 (1994)), but not from leasing under the mineral leasing laws, for the Bureau of Land Management to protect the outstanding recreational, scenic, wildlife, and riparian values of the Rio Grande Corridor:

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 23 N., R. 9 E.,
Sec. 22, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 23, lots 1 to 4, inclusive;
Sec. 24, lot 2 and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 26, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 27, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and
W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 34, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and
N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 23 N., R. 10 E.,
Sec. 15, lots 6 to 9, inclusive;
Sec. 16, lot 3 and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 19, lots 14, 20, 21, 22, 36, and 37;
Sec. 20, lots 13 to 16, inclusive;
Sec. 21, lots 1, 2, 6, 7, and 8.

T. 24 N., R. 11 E.,
Sec. 32, lot 3.

T. 27 N., R. 11 E.,
Sec. 36, lots 5 to 7, inclusive, and a parcel of land consisting of 5.6 acres lying along the west boundary of and within the Antoine Leroux Land Grant.

T. 27 N., R. 12 E.,
Sec. 30, 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 W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 31, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$,
and 130 acres of the Antoine Leroux
Land Grant meandering the east
boundary of the Rio Grande.

T. 28 N., R. 12 E.,
Sec. 10, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ except patent No.
39879.

The areas described aggregate 2,151.80 acres in Taos and Rio Arriba Counties.

2. Subject to valid existing rights, the federally reserved mineral interests in the following described lands are hereby withdrawn from mining under the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. Ch. 2 (1994)), but not from leasing under the mineral leasing laws, for the Bureau of Land Management to protect the outstanding recreational, scenic, wildlife, and riparian values of the Rio Grande Corridor:

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 23 N., R. 9 E.,
Sec. 24, tract A and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.
T. 23 N., R. 10 E.,
Sec. 19, lot 13.

The areas described aggregate 52.30 acres in Rio Arriba County.

3. The surface estate of the lands described in Paragraph 2 is non-Federal. In the event these lands return to Federal ownership, they would be subject to the terms and conditions of this withdrawal as described in Paragraph 1.

4. The following described non-Federal lands are located within the Rio Grande Corridor. In the event these