

purposes that are not detrimental to the survival of the species and that are not primarily commercial.

The ZSSD applied for and was granted a permit in 1995 to import two giant pandas for scientific research. They imported the pandas in September 1996. Conditions of the permit require the ZSSD to submit an annual report summarizing the research they conducted for that year. The ZSSD's research is primarily focused on investigating the communication system of giant pandas, particularly the olfactory modality. Their investigations on captive pandas can have implications for management of pandas in the wild. Olfactory signaling plays a key role in mate location, maintaining community social structure and spatial regulation. The ZSSD's panda research has four basic goals: (1) to develop new methodologies for assessing population trends and habitat use in China's spatially restricted reserves; (2) to increase the understanding of physiology, behavior, and reproductive biology, in particular those aspects that would assist in the management of the wild population; (3) to contribute to a more viable collaborative structure for international research efforts in all spheres where giant pandas are found; and (4) to contribute to the process of educating governments, conservation NGOs and the general public on the giant panda's attributes and vulnerability to extinction.

The ZSSD is addressing these goals through a series of studies that have specific aims. The reports reflect the progress that the ZSSD has made toward these goals.

Dated: March 30, 1999.

Teiko Saito,

Chief, Office of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID-065-1220-00]

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Upper Columbia-Salmon Clearwater Districts, Idaho.

ACTION: Notice of Closure and Restriction Order for BLM Lands in Fiddle Creek Area, Order No. ID-060-14.

SUMMARY: By order, the following closures and restrictions apply to the area known as "Fiddle Creek," described as all public land administered by the Bureau of Land

Management in T.25N., R.1E., sections 22, 23, and 27, Idaho County, Idaho.

(1) Camping is prohibited.

(2) The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages by persons under the age of 21 is prohibited.

For the purpose of this closure, camping is defined as erecting a tent or shelter, preparing a sleeping bag or other bedding material for use, parking a motor vehicle, motor home or trailer for the apparent purpose of overnight occupancy.

The authority for establishing these closures and restrictions is Title 43, CFR, Section 8364.1.

The closures and restrictions are in effect from April 15, 1999 through April 20, 1999.

The closures and restrictions do not apply to:

(1) Any Federal, State, or local law enforcement, rescue or fighting force while in the performance of an official duty.

(2) Any Bureau of Land Management employee, agent, or contractor while in the performance of an official duty.

The closures and restrictions are necessary to protect persons, property, public lands and resources. Persons abusing alcohol cause a public disturbance, particularly at night, and create a risk to other persons on public lands.

Violation of this order is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed one year.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Greg Yuncevich, Area Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Cottonwood Field Office, Route 3, Box 181, Cottonwood, ID 83522.

Dated: March 3, 1999.

Fritz U. Rennebaum,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-070-99-1030-00]

Notice of Realty Action: Lease

AGENCY: Butte Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of Realty Action, proposal to lease Public Land in Lewis & Clark County, Montana.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management proposes to issue a non-competitive lease on the following described public land to resolve an unintentional occupancy trespass:

Principal Meridian, Montana

T. 12 N., R. 6 W., Sec. 36, a Metes and Bounds tract within Lot 35; comprising 0.90 acres.

The public land is located near Marysville, Montana approximately 20 miles northwest of Helena, Montana.

The lease would be issued under Section 302 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976: 43 U.S.C. 1732, and subsequent regulations found at 43 CFR Part 2920. The lease would be issued for a term of 30 years with the right of renewal. Fair market rental will be collected on 5 year intervals subject to reappraisal at the beginning of each period. A final determination on the lease of the public land will be made after completion of the environmental assessment.

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 Butte Field Manager, P.O. Box 3388, Butte, Montana 59702.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Beals, Realty Specialist, P.O. Box 3088, Butte, Montana 59702; telephone 406-494-5059.

Dated: March 30, 1999.

Merle Good,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV030-5700-77; N-49077]

Notice of Realty Action: Amendment to Airport Lease; Lyon County, Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management has received a request to amend an airport lease for the Tiger Field Airport (BLM Public Airport Lease N-49077) pursuant to the Act of May 24, 1928 (49 U.S.C. 211-214) to extend the lease term for a 10-year period (October 19, 1999 through October 18, 2009), to partially assign the lease so that it is held by Sheri Hill and Toybox Enterprises, Inc. and to add 84.68 acres to the lease. The amended lease area would include the following described lands:

All that certain land situated in a portion of section 36, Township 20 North, Range 24 East, Mount Diablo Meridian, Lyon County, Nevada; beginning at the south 1/4 corner of section 36, thence from said point of

beginning and along the southerly line of said section 36, north 89°25'26" west a distance of 317.89 feet; thence leaving said southerly line, north 17°06'18" west a distance of 4,800.87 feet; thence south 65°51'05" west a distance of 1,159.26 feet to a point on the westerly line of said section 36; thence along the said westerly line, north 1°49'18" west a distance of 1,182.74 feet to the northwest corner of said section 36; thence along the northerly line of said section 36, south 89°44'15" east a distance of 1,713.19 feet to a point on the westerly right of way of U.S. Highway Alternate 95 as shown on said record of survey; thence along said right of way south 16°33'14" east a distance of 3,979.45 feet to a point of intersection with the north-south ¼ section of said section 36; thence along said north-south ¼ section line, south 0°50'22" west a distance of 1,477.39 feet to the point of beginning.

Containing 111.71 acres more or less.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, those public lands described above, not previously segregated, will become segregated from appropriation under the public land and mining laws, but not the mineral leasing laws. For a period of 45 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments to Margaret L. Jensen, Assistant Manager, Carson City Field Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, Nevada 89701. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the above address during regular business hours. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 19, 1989, certain public lands in Lyon County, Nevada were leased to Leland B. Hill for public airport purposes. The lease was amended on June 14, 1995 to reflect an adjustment in lease boundaries. Leland B. Hill is now deceased and the original lease term of 10 years is nearing expiration. Airport use is anticipated to continue and increase based on residential and recreational development on adjoining private lands. For further information

contact Jo Ann Hufnagle, Bureau of Land Management Carson City Field Office at (775) 885-6000.

Dated this 1st day of April, 1999.

Margaret L. Jensen,

Assistant Manager, Carson City Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-930-1430-01; N-51528]

Notice of Realty Action; Recreation and Public Purposes Act Classification; Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The following described land in Elko County, Nevada, has been examined and identified as suitable for classification for lease, with the option to purchase after development, under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purpose (R&PP) Act of June 14, 1926, as amended, (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*). The City of Elko proposes to use the land for expansion of the existing Elko municipal golf course.

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 34 N., R. 55 E.

Section 3, E½SW¼SW¼, W½SE¼SW¼, SE¼SE¼SW¼.

Containing 50.00 acres, more or less.

The lands are not needed for Federal purposes. Lease or conveyance is consistent with current BLM land use planning and would be in the public interest. The land would not be offered for lease until at least 60 days after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the Bureau of Land Management, Elko Field Office, 3900 E. Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The City of Elko has made application to acquire the land to expand the existing Elko municipal golf course. The action would allow construction of an additional nine holes. The lease/patent, when issued, would be subject to the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purpose Act, 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 and 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 application law and such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe.

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 except for lease or conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purpose Act, the general mining laws, and leasing under the mineral leasing laws. The segregative effect will terminate upon issuance of a patent or as specified in an opening order to be published in the **Federal Register**, whichever comes first.

For a period of 45 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**, interested persons may submit comments regarding the proposed classification or conveyance of the land to the District Manager, Elko Field Office, 3900 E. Idaho St., Elko, Nevada, 89801. Any objections will be evaluated by the State Director, who may sustain, vacate or modify this realty action. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification of the lands described in this Notice will become effective 60 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

CLASSIFICATION COMMENTS: Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for a golf course. 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 land for a golf course.

Dated: April 2, 1999.

David L. Stout,

Associate Field Manager.

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