

President Clinton established the National Church Arson Task Force (NCATF) in June, 1996 due to the sharp rise in the number of arsons and other acts against places of worship in early 1996. According to the NCATF Second Year Report to the President, approximately 670 investigations have been opened in connection with fires at places of worship. While the Report indicates that the number of these incidents has decreased since 1995, arsons continue to occur at places of worship.

In addition to administering the Loan Guarantee Recovery Fund authorized by the Act, HUD has established the National Rebuilding Initiative (the "NRI") to bring together as many resources as possible to aid affected places of worship. The NRI is a partnership of the National Council of Churches, the Congress of National Black Churches, and HUD. While its two partners make grants available for rebuilding, HUD guarantees private sector loans made by banks and other financial institutions for rebuilding purposes.

Although there have been reports of arson cases in the southern United States (where African-American places of worship have been disproportionately affected), the fires have not been limited to one particular geographic area. There have been arson reports in 39 states and the District of Columbia. Accordingly, HUD seeks to address the problem of rebuilding through a system of assistance that is nationwide in scope.

HUD is especially interested in identifying financial institutions that:

1. Value the HUD guarantee of rebuilding loans so as to effect a reduction in the standard interest rate charged for similar loans without the HUD guarantee; and
2. Are knowledgeable of an entity or entities willing to assist nonprofit organizations seeking rebuilding loans in preparing the financial aspect of their applications for such loans.

For purposes of this notice, the term "financial institution" means a lender which may be a bank, trust company, savings and loan association, credit union, mortgage company, or other issuer regulated by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Office of Thrift Supervision, the Credit Union Administration, or the U.S. Comptroller of the Currency. A Financial Institution may also be a Pension Fund. (See 24 CFR 573.2.)

To date, places of worship assisted in rebuilding their damaged properties have ranged in size from less than fifty congregants to as high as 1000 congregants.

Financial institutions interested in participating in the National Rebuilding Initiative Financial Consortium, should contact Tony Johnston of HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development, at the address or telephone/fax numbers listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice.

Dated: June 9, 1999.

Cardell Cooper,

Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Application

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of application.

The following applicant has applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*).

Permit Number TE 012889

Applicant: Cheryl A. Schmidt, Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg, Missouri.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release) Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*), and Ozark big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii ingens*) at various locations in Missouri. Activities are proposed for the purpose of enhancement of survival of the species in the wild.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056, and must be received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with this application is available for review by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056. Telephone: (612/713-5343); FAX: (612/713-5292).

Dated: June 8, 1999.

Stanley L. Smith,

Acting Program Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services, Region 3, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-930-1430-01; N-57453]

Realty Action; Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act Classification; Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The following described public lands in Nye County, Nevada, have been examined and found suitable for conveyance (patent) to Nye County under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act of June 14, 1926, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*). Nye County is proposing to use the identified lands for the expansion of the solid waste disposal site now serving the town of Round Mountain, Nevada, and the surrounding area.

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 10 N., R. 43 E.,

Sec. 12, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$; S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$; containing 40 acres, more or less.

The lands are not needed for Federal purposes. Conveyance is consistent with current BLM land use planning and would be in the public interest. The patent, when issued will be subject to the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and 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 pursuant to the Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945);
2. All mineral deposits shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove such deposits under applicable laws and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe; will contain the following provisions:

1. Nye County, its successors or assigns, assumes all liability for and shall defend, indemnify, and save harmless the United States and its officers, agents, representatives, and employees (hereinafter referred to in this clause as the United States), from all claims, loss, damage, actions, causes of action, expense, and liability

(hereinafter referred to in this clause as claims) resulting from, brought for, or on account of, any personal injury, threat of personal injury, or property damage received or sustained by any person or persons (including the patentee's employees) or property growing out of, occurring, or attributable directly or indirectly, to the disposal of solid waste on, or the release of hazardous substances from Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada, T. 10 N., R. 43 E., Sec. 12, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$; S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$; regardless of whether such claims shall be attributable to: (1) the concurrent, contributory, or partial fault, failure, or negligence of the United States, or (2) the sole fault, failure, or negligence of the United States;

2. Provided, that the title shall revert to the United States upon a finding, after notice and opportunity for a hearing, that the patentee has not substantially developed the land in accordance with the approved plan of development on or before the date five years after the date of conveyance. No portion of the land shall under any circumstances revert to the United States if any such portion has been used for solid waste disposal or for any other purpose which may result in the disposal, placement, or release of any hazardous substance;

3. If, at any time, the patentee transfers to another party ownership of any portion of the land not used for the purpose specified in the application and approved plan of development, the patentee shall pay the Bureau of Land Management the fair market value, as determined by the authorized officer, of the transferred portion as of the date of transfer, including the value of any improvements thereon;

4. The above described land is to be used as a solid waste disposal site by Nye County, Nevada. Upon closure, the site may contain small quantities of commercial and household hazardous waste as determined in the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6901), and defined in 40 CFR 261.4 and 261.5. Although there is no indication these materials pose any significant risk to human health or the environment, future land uses should be limited to those which do not penetrate the liner or final cover of the site unless excavation is conducted subject to applicable State and Federal requirements; and will be subject to valid existing rights.

An environmental assessment and other detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, Tonopah Field Station,

1553 South Main Street, Tonopah, Nevada.

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 for conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws. For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed conveyance or classification of the lands to the Acting Assistant Field Manager, Tonopah Field Station, P.O. Box 911, Tonopah, Nevada 89049.

Classification Comments

Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for a municipal solid waste transfer station. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the land is physically suited for the proposal, 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 municipal solid waste transfer station.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification of the land will become effective 60 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**. The lands will not be conveyed until after the classification becomes effective.

Dated: June 1, 1999.

Alan Buehler,

Acting Assistant Field Manager, Tonopah.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Extension of Public Comment Period for a Study Recommending a Timbisha Shoshone Tribal Homeland in and Around Death Valley National Park Inyo County, California and Esmeralda and Nye Counties, Nevada

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 705(b) of the 1994 California Desert Protection Act (P.L. 103-433), the National Park Service, Department of the Interior convened a joint Federal-Tribal negotiating team to prepare a draft suitability report to Congress regarding establishment of a permanent Timbisha Shoshone Tribal land base in and around Death Valley National Park. In deference to public interest expressed to date from local government agencies, organizations, and other interested parties, the original public comment period expiring June 15, 1999 has been extended an additional 30 (thirty) calendar days to July 15, 1999.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Written comments on the draft document must now be received or post-marked *not later than July 15, 1999*, and should be directed to the Superintendent, Death Valley National Park, P.O. Box 579, Death Valley, CA 92328; phone (760) 786-3243. The study document and other background information are available as noted above, or may be obtained via the park website (www.nps.gov/deva).

Dated: June 8, 1999.

Sondra S. Humphries,

Acting Regional Director, Pacific West.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigations Nos. 701-TA-380-382 and 731-TA-797-804 (Final)]

Certain Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip From France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, the Republic of Korea, Taiwan, and the United Kingdom

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Revised schedule for the subject investigations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 8, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Carpenter (202-205-3172), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired persons can obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by