

publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Kathy Sladish, Land Law Examiner, Bureau of Land Management, Battle Mountain Field Office, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, NV, 89820, (775) 635-4029.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The land was patented in 1990 for use as a hospital, museum and senior garden. The patent (number 27-90-0147) includes a clause providing for title to the land to revert to the United States if the approved plan of development is not followed. The land has been substantially altered to the point where management by the Bureau of Land Management would not be feasible. The land is not needed for any resource program and is not suitable for management by another Federal department or agency. It would be difficult and uneconomic to manage, if title reverted to the United States.

Nye County has requested full title to the subject parcel. This application to purchase the reversionary interest of the United States also constitutes an application for conveyance of the mineral interests. The applicant will be required to submit a \$50.00 nonrefundable filing fee for conveyance of the mineral interest. Payment by Nye County of other fees associated with this transaction will also be required.

Upon publication of this Notice of Realty Action in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, pursuant to sections 203 and 209 of FLPMA. The segregation shall terminate upon issuance of a supplemental patent or other document of conveyance, upon publication in the **Federal Register** of a termination of segregation, or 270 days from date of this publication, which ever occurs first.

Patent, when issued, will contain the following reservations to the United States:

1. A right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States, Act of August 30, 1890, (43 U.S.C. 945);

2. A right-of-way for sewer line purposes, NEV-059832, and all appurtenances thereto, constructed by the United States through, over, or upon the land so patented, and the right of the United States, its agents or employees, to maintain, operate, repair or improve the same so long as needed or used for or by the United States.

And will be subject to:

1. Those rights for highway purposes granted to the Nevada Highway

Department, its successors or assigns, by right-of-way NEV-057876, pursuant to the Act of August 27, 1958 (23 U.S.C. 317).

2. Those rights for power line purposes which have been granted to Sierra Pacific Power Company, its successors or assigns, by right-of-way N-4879, pursuant to the Act of March 4, 1911, as amended (formerly U.S.C. 961).

3. Those rights for power line purposes which have been granted to Sierra Pacific Power Company, its successors or assigns, by right-of-way N-51997, pursuant to the Act of October 21, 1976, (43 U.S.C. 1761).

4. Those rights for power line purposes which have been granted to Tonopah Public Utilities, its successors or assigns, by right-of-way N-52046, pursuant to the Act of October 21, 1976, (43 U.S.C. 1761).

5. All other valid existing rights.

For a period of 45 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments to the Field Manager, Battle Mountain District, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, NV 89820. Any adverse comments will be evaluated by the State Director, who may sustain, vacate or modify this realty action and issue a final determination. In the absence of timely filed objections, this realty action will become a final determination of the Department of the Interior.

Dated: June 24, 1999.

**M. Lee Douthit,**

*Associate Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Samoa Dunes Recreation Area and Eureka Dunes Riding Area, California

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Establishment of supplementary rules.

**SUMMARY:** The primary purpose of these supplementary rules is the enhancement of public safety and the protection of natural resources within and around the public lands commonly known as the Samoa Dunes Recreation Area and Eureka Dunes Riding Area. Both areas have been designated for the primary use of off-highway vehicles. Potential safety hazards to pedestrians and off-highway vehicles were identified,

mainly due to the poor visibility of off-highway vehicles utilizing the dunes, trails and roads of these areas. The use of whip masts and flags, to enhance off-highway vehicle visibility, would greatly reduce the potential for accidents involving off-highway vehicles. The supplementary rule requiring whip masts and flags has been worded to complement and be consistent with a similar Bureau of Land Management regulation being used at the Imperial Dunes Recreation Area, El Centro, California (**Federal Register**/Vol. 53, No. 192, page 38953, Tuesday, October 4, 1988) and a similar State regulation affecting the Pismo Dunes Recreation (14 CFR 4609.1(c)).

Also, off-highway vehicles have been willfully disregarding signs, fences and other similar interpretive/physical barriers erected to prevent off-highway vehicles from entering sensitive biological areas and adjacent areas of private property. The prohibition against vehicle barrier violations will serve to protect and preserve public and private property concerns.

In addition to the regulations contained in 43 CFR Part 8340, 8341, 8343, 8365 and 9268, the California Vehicle Code and additional supplementary rules established by the Arcata Field Office, the following supplementary rules shall apply to the Samoa Dunes Recreation Area and Eureka Dunes Riding Area:

1. *Safety flags, whips and masts:* All off-highway motor vehicles registered under California Vehicle Code Section 38010 or other off-road vehicles, as defined in 43 CFR 8340.0-5(a) shall be equipped with a whip, which is any pole, rod, mast or antenna, that is securely mounted on the vehicle and which extends at least eight (8) feet from the surface of the ground when the vehicle is stopped. When the vehicle is stopped, the whip shall be capable of standing upright when supporting the weight of any attached flags. At least one whip attached to each vehicle shall have a solid red or orange colored safety flag with a minimum size of six (6) inches by twelve (12) inches and be attached within ten (10) inches to the top of the whip. Flags may be of pennant, triangle, square or rectangular shape. Club or other flags may be mounted below the safety flag or on a separate whip.

2. *Vehicle Barriers:* Taking any vehicle through, around, or beyond any structure, restrictive sign, recognizable barricade, fence, gate or traffic control barrier is prohibited. These actions affect approximately 412 acres of public land located in the Samoa Dunes Recreation Area and Eureka Dunes

Riding Area (T.5N., R.1W., Section 31 and T.5N., R.1W., Section 30/31, Humboldt Meridian).

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bruce Cann, Outdoor Recreation Planner, or Michael Dodson, Law Enforcement Ranger, Bureau of Land Management, Arcata Field Office, 1695 Heindon Road, Arcata, California 95521, (707) 825-2300.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The authority for establishing supplementary rules is contained in 43 CFR 8365.1-6. Copies of these rules will be available in the Arcata Field Office. These rules will also be posted near and/or within the lands, sites or facilities affected in the Samoa Dunes Recreation Area and Eureka Dunes Riding Area. Violations of supplementary rules established under authority of 43 CFR 8365.1-6 are punishable by a fine not to exceed \$10,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months, under authority of 43 CFR 8360.7.

**Daniel Averill,**

*Acting Arcata Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### **\$670,000 in Funding Assistance for Non-Federal Acquisition of Civil War Battlefield Land**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Availability of funding for acquisition of Civil War battlefield land.

**SUMMARY:** The National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of \$670,000 to assist States and local communities in acquiring for permanent protection lands, or interests in lands, at significant Civil War battlefield sites.

**ADDRESSES:** Funding proposals should be mailed to: Hampton Tucker, National Park Service, American Battlefield Protection Program, 1849 C Street, NW, NC-330, Washington, DC 20240, telephone (202) 343-3580.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the 1999 Interior Appropriations Act (Public Law 105-83), Congress appropriated \$8 million from the Land & Water Conservation Fund to assist

non-Federal efforts to acquire and preserve Civil War battlefield lands. The Congress has assigned most of these funds to specific projects. It reserved \$670,000 of the total and has asked the National Park Service to assign those funds. NPS seeks proposals from State and local governments—or from qualified non-profit historic preservation organizations acting through an agency of State or local government—for the non-federal acquisition of significant Civil War battlefield land. Project proposals are subject to the following requirements.

1. The 1999 Appropriations Act requires that these funds be matched on a two-for-one basis with non-federal dollars. That is, the federal dollars can pay for no more than one-third of the acquisition cost.

2. The purchase price must be supported by a qualified appraisal that has been approved by NPS as meeting the Uniform Appraisal Standards for Federal Land Acquisitions.

3. The battlefield land acquired with the assistance of these funds must be permanently protected from inappropriate development.

NPS will give priority to acquisition of land, or interests in land, within the "core" areas of Priority I and Priority II battlefields, as identified by the Congressionally-chartered Civil War Sites Advisory Commission (see list below). Among potential projects NPS will give highest priority to acquisition projects that can be completed within the immediate future.

Proposals should be submitted by August 20, 1999, and must include:

1. A carefully drawn map (preferably on a U.S.G.S. Quadrangle Map) that sets out the boundaries of the battlefield and identifies within those boundaries the specific lands to be acquired.

2. The number of acres of land to be acquired.

3. A description of the battle-related events that occurred on the land.

4. A statement of whether the owner of the land to be acquired has indicated a willingness to sell the land.

5. A statement of the owner's asking price and/or the estimated fair market value of the land to be acquired.

6. A statement of how much federal assistance from this program the applicant is requesting.

7. A statement of how much matching share is already on hand or firmly pledged.

#### **Priority I Civil War Battlefields**

##### **ALABAMA**

Mobile Bay (Ft Morgan & Blakeley)

##### **ARKANSAS**

Prairie Grove

##### **GEORGIA**

Allatoona, Chickamauga Kennesaw Mountain, Ringgold Gap

##### **KENTUCKY**

Mill Springs, Perryville

##### **LOUISIANA**

Port Hudson

##### **MARYLAND**

Antietam, Monocacy, South Mountain

##### **MISSISSIPPI**

Brices Cross Roads, Chickasaw Bayou, Corinth, Port Gibson, Raymond, Vicksburg

##### **MISSOURI**

Byram's Ford, Fort Davidson, Newtonia

##### **NEW MEXICO**

Glorieta Pass

##### **NORTH CAROLINA**

Bentonville, Fort Fisher

##### **OKLAHOMA**

Honey Springs

##### **PENNSYLVANIA**

Gettysburg

##### **SOUTH CAROLINA**

Secessionville

##### **TENNESSEE**

Chattanooga, Fort Donelson, Spring Hill

##### **VIRGINIA**

Boydton Plank Road, Brandy Station, Bristoe Station, Cedar Creek, Chaffin's Farm/New Market Heights, Chancellorsville, Cold Harbor, Deep Bottom II, Fisher's Hill, Gaines' Mill, Glendale, Kernstown I, Malvern Hill, Manassas, Second Mine Run, North Anna, Petersburg, Richmond, Spotsylvania Court House, White Oak Road, Wilderness

##### **WEST VIRGINIA**

Harpers Ferry, Rich Mountain

#### **Priority II Civil War Battlefields**

##### **ARKANSAS**

Chalk Bluff, Devil's Backbone, Elkin's Ferry, Marks' Mills, Prairie D'an

##### **COLORADO**

Sand Creek

##### **GEORGIA**

Dalton I, Davis' Cross Road, Griswoldville, Kolb's Farm, Lovejoy's Station, New Hope Church, Resaca, Rocky Face Ridge

##### **KENTUCKY**

Cynthiana, Munfordville, Richmond

##### **LOUISIANA**

Fort De Russey, Irish Bend, LaFourche Crossing, Mansfield, Mansura

##### **MARYLAND**

Boonsborough

##### **MISSISSIPPI**

Big Black River Bridge, Champion Hill, Grand Gulf, Okolona, Snyder's Bluff