

The no action alternative assumes that the proposed amphitheatre will not be built and the proposed site not taken into trust. The partially constructed facilities on the site (see discussion of site restoration alternative below) will not be completed as an amphitheatre, although they may eventually be converted to other uses. At the gravel quarrying site proposed as an alternate location for the amphitheatre, mining operations will continue.

The three action alternatives include (1) an alternate location, where a 20,000 seat amphitheatre like that in the preferred alternative would displace existing gravel quarrying operations; (2) a smaller, 10,000 seat amphitheatre with an open air roof and support facilities similar to those for the preferred alternative, but with about one-half the parking capacity; and (3) site restoration, where partially completed facilities on the site of the preferred alternative will be removed, the site restored to its condition before construction was started, and the amphitheatre not constructed here or anywhere else. This construction, which had occurred out of synchronization with National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) [NEPA] requirements, was halted in response to an April 17, 1998, order by U.S. District Judge, John C. Coughenour, that the BIA prepare an EIS on the proposed action.

The environmental issues addressed in the DEIS include traffic, noise, crime, water quality, wetlands, fish, wildlife and endangered species, geo-technics, sewage disposal, air quality, cultural resources, land use, socio-economics, public safety, range of alternatives, and cumulative impacts. All of these issues were identified during public scoping.

This notice is published in accordance with section 1503.1 of the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500 through 1508), implementing the procedural requirements of NEPA, and the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 1-6), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Dated: August 25, 1999.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Prepare a Cascade Siskiyou Ecological Emphasis Area Plan/Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a Cascade Siskiyou Ecological Emphasis Area plan/environmental impact statement and initiation of public scoping.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the National Environmental Policy Act, the Bureau of Land Management, Medford District, Ashland Resource Area will be preparing a Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Cascade Siskiyou Ecological Emphasis Area (CSEEA) located in Jackson County, Oregon and Siskiyou County, California. If the land use allocations and resource uses proposed in the CSEEA are significantly different from those in the Medford and Redding Resource Management Plans (RMP), the analysis and decision-making process will also meet requirements of the Bureau's regulation for RMP amendments found in 43 Code of Federal Regulations 1610.5-5.

DATES: Written comments will be accepted until October 29, 1999, Public scoping meetings have been scheduled which include three field tours and one afternoon meeting. Field tours are planned for 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 28.; Saturday, October 2; and Wednesday, October 6, 1999. Departure for the field tours will be from the parking area of the U.S. Forest Service, Ashland Ranger District at 645 Washington Street, Ashland, Oregon. The afternoon meeting is scheduled for October 9, 1999 at 1:30 p.m. at the science building auditorium of Southern Oregon University, 1250 Siskiyou Blvd., Ashland Oregon. Additional scoping meetings will be considered as appropriate.

The tentative project schedule is as follows:

1. Development of planning criteria, including information to be used, issues to be addressed, and initial alternatives to be considered -fall 1999.
2. File Draft Environmental Impact Statement—March 2000 (90 day public review period).
3. File Final Environmental Impact Statement—July 2000 (30 day public review period).
4. Record of Decision—October 2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CSEEA analysis area is located on federal land in southwest Oregon and northern California. The CSEEA encompasses an environmental transition area between the Great Basin, the Siskiyou and Klamath Mountains, and the Cascade Mountains. Higher elevations act as a land bridge between the Cascade and Klamath Mountains. A unique area of rich ecological diversity has developed as a result of the confluence of these different environments.

The CSEEA encompasses the following on Bureau managed lands in Oregon and California:

- Soda Mountain Wilderness Study Area recommended for wilderness designation (5,867 ac.);
- Pacific Crest Trail (National Scenic Trail);
- Five Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, including two Research Natural Areas;
- Portions of one Late-Successional Reserve.

Public participation will be especially important at several points during the analysis. The first point is during the scoping process (40 CFR 1501.7 and 43 CFR 1610.2), which includes:

1. Defining the scope of the analysis and nature of the decision to be made.
2. Identifying the issues and determining the significant issues for consideration and analysis within the environmental impact statement.
3. Defining the proper skills required for the interdisciplinary team.
4. Exploring possible alternatives.
5. Identifying potential environmental effects.
6. Determining potential cooperating agencies.
7. Identifying groups or individuals interested or affected by the decision.

Public participation will be solicited by person-to-person contact, and/or by mail to known interested and affected publics and key contacts. In addition, news releases will be used to give the public general notice. Comments from interested persons and organizations will be used in preparation of the draft environmental impact statement.

Local and regional groups differ over future management within the CSEEA. Opinions range from full protection as a wilderness area to managing the area for recreation including off-highway vehicle, grazing, timber harvest, and other commodity uses. The completed management plan will provide direction for management of the public lands. Several management alternatives covering a wide range of management actions and resource uses will be

analyzed in the plan. These alternatives will be developed based on internal staff discussions, public comments, and meeting with government agencies. Tentative issues for discussion include off-highway vehicle use, livestock grazing, noxious weeds, and timber harvest. One alternative will be a "no action" alternative (continuation of the present management program), based on the 1995 approved Medford RMP. Another alternative will provide for greater restrictions on current uses and potential interagency coordination to meet landscape-level management objectives. Other alternatives will provide for road and trail designations and maintenance management programs comprising various combinations of resource uses and land allocations.

The BLM is seeking information, comments, and assistance from federal, state, and local agencies and other individuals or organizations interested in or affected by the proposed action.

The analysis will be completed by an interdisciplinary team. Disciplines to be represented on the team include, but are not limited to: archaeology, anthropology, botany, fire management, fisheries, forestry, geology and minerals, hydrology, realty, recreation, wilderness, and soils.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Richard J. Drehobl, Ashland Field Manager, Medford District Bureau of Land Management, 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, Oregon 97504.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Sensenig (541) 770-2319 or Bill Yocum (541) 770-2384. Fax or E-mail can be made sent attention to Tom Sensenig or Bill Yocum at (541) 770-2400, or <110mb@or.blm.gov>. Information concerning the analysis and potential RMP amendment will be available at the BLM office in Medford at the address shown above. Some information is available from Chuck Schultz at the BLM Redding Field Office, 355 Hemsted Drive, Redding, California 96002; (530) 224-2100.

Pursuant to 7 CFR Part 1, Subpart B, Section 1.27, all written submissions in response to this notice, the published scoping newsletter, draft and final environmental impact statements will be made available for public inspection including the submitter's name and address, unless the submitter specifically requests confidentiality. Anonymous comments will not be accepted. All written submissions from business entities and organizations, submitted on official letterheads, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: August 19, 1999.

Richard J. Drehobl,

Field Manager, Ashland Resource Area.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent to Amend the Kingman Resource Management Plan, March 1995, to offer lands for lease and disposal under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act that were not previously identified for disposal

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Lake Havasu Field Office proposes to prepare an Environmental Assessment and amend the Kingman Resource Management Plan, (RMP), March 1995. The amendment would allow lease and disposal of the following described public land in Mohave County, under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*):

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona

T. 19 N., R. 21 W.

Sec. 28, E $\frac{1}{2}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$,
Sec. 33, all.

Containing 1200 acres, more or less.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The described land has been requested to be made available to meet recreational and educational, needs of the community. The current RMP does not identify the land for disposal. The amendment would open the land to application by the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AG&FD), and/or any other qualified applicants for Recreation and Public Purposes Lease/Conveyance. The (AG&FD) proposes to use the sections of land for development of a sport utility complex for the greater Bullhead City Area.

DATES: Written comments related to the identification of issues will be accepted until September 30, 1999.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the address below during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays. 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.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this Notice should be sent to Donald Ellsworth, Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Lake Havasu Field Office, 2610 Sweetwater Avenue, Lake Havasu City, Arizona 86406.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Field Manager, Donald Ellsworth, Lake Havasu Field Office, 2610 Sweetwater Avenue, Lake Havasu City, Arizona 86406 or telephone (520) 505-1264.

Dated: August 23, 1999.

Robert M. Henderson,

Acting Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Realty Action: Non-Competitive Sale

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

ACTION: Non-competitive sale of reversionary interest patent number 27-65-0234.

SUMMARY: The following described land in Clark County, Nevada, was patented to Basic Management Incorporated pursuant to the Act of Congress of August 27, 1954 (68 Stat. A223). The patent contained a reversionary interest to the United States. Victory Valley Land Company, L.P., a successor-in-interest, requests the purchase of the reversionary interest at not less than the estimated fair market value of \$1,515,000.00. The Federal interest has been examined and found suitable for sale under the provisions of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (43 CFR 2711.3-3).

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 21 S., R. 63 E.,

Sec. 33, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,

E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$,

N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Containing 60 acres, more or less, identified as Clark County Assessor Parcel Number 160-33-801-001.