

(Authority: 43 CFR 2711.1-2 (a)).

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Acting Field Manager, Swiftwater Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-014-01-1430-EU; GP-04-0066]

Realty Action: Modified Competitive Sale of Public Lands in Klamath County, OR

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action.

SUMMARY: The following described public land in Klamath County, Oregon has been examined and found suitable for sale under Sections 203 and 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (90 Stat. 2750, 43 U.S.C. 1713 and 1719, at not less than the appraised market value. The parcel proposed for sale is identified as suitable for disposal in the Klamath Falls Resource Area Resource Management Plan, June 2, 1995.

The parcel proposed for sale is identified as follows:

Willamette Meridian,

T. 41 S., R. 13 E.

Sec. 14, NE1/4NW1/4.

The area described contains 40 acres.

DATES: On or before July 9, 2004, interested persons may submit written comments. Objections will be reviewed by the Lakeview District Manager who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any objections, this proposal will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to Jon Raby, Klamath Falls Resource Area Field Manager, Klamath Falls Field Office, 2795 Anderson Ave. Building 25, Klamath Falls, Oregon 97603. Electronic format submittal is not acceptable.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Detailed information concerning this land sale, including the reservations, sale procedures and conditions, appraisal, planning and environmental documents, is available from Linda Younger, Realty Specialist, at the above address, phone (541) 883-6916.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The area described contains 40 acres, more or less, in Klamath County, Oregon. The

appraised market value for this parcel has been determined to be \$3,600.00.

The land is being considered for a modified competitive sale. There is no legal access for BLM or members of the public. This land is difficult and uneconomic to manage as a part of the public lands and is not suitable for management by another Federal agency. No significant resource values will be affected by this disposal.

In accordance with 43 CFR 2711.3-2, Public lands may be offered for sale utilizing modified competitive bidding procedures when the authorized officer determines it is necessary in order to assure equitable distribution of land among purchasers or to recognize equitable considerations or public policies. Modified competitive bidding includes but is not limited to: Offering to designated bidder (Mr. Al Bruner of A.L. Bruner enterprises) the right to meet the highest bid. Mr. Bruner is the adjacent land owner and his land completely surrounds the 40-acre parcel on all four sides. Refusal or failure to meet the highest bid shall constitute a waiver of such bidding provisions.

The winning bidder will be allowed 30 days from receipt of a written offer to submit a deposit of at least 20 percent of the appraised market value of the parcel, and 180 days thereafter to submit the balance.

The following rights, reservations, and conditions will be included in the patent conveying the land:

1. A reservation to the United States for 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 reservation to the United States for all oil, gas and geothermal resources in the land in accordance with Section 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1719).

3. Patents will be issued subject to all valid existing rights and reservations of record.

4. The patent would also include a notice and indemnification statement under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (42 U.S.C. 9620) holding the United States harmless from any release of hazardous materials that may have occurred as a result of the unauthorized use of the property by other parties.

The mineral interests being offered for conveyance have no known value. The successful bidder of modified competitive sale offer constitutes an application for conveyance of the mineral interest, with the exception of all leaseables, including oil, gas and

geothermal interests, which will be reserved to the United States in accordance with Section 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1719). In addition to the full purchase price, a nonrefundable fee of \$50 will be required for purchase of the mineral interests to be conveyed simultaneously with the sale of the land.

The land described is segregated from appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, with the exception of sales under the above cited statutes, pending disposition of this action or 270 days from the date of publication of this notice, whichever occurs first.

Comments, including names, street addresses, and other contact information of respondents, will be available for public review. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to request that BLM consider withholding your name, street address, and other contact information (such as: Internet address, FAX or phone number) from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. BLM will honor requests for confidentiality on a case-by-case basis to the extent allowed by law. Anonymous comments will not be accepted. BLM will make available for public inspection in their entirety all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses.

Dated: February 4, 2004.

Jon Raby,

Field Manager, Klamath Falls Resource Area.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-100-22; WYW-158906]

Notice of Realty Action; Agricultural Lease of Public Lands, Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Realty Action, Agricultural Lease of Public Lands in Sublette County.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management has determined that the land described below is suitable for agricultural lease under Section 302 of the Federal Land Policy and

Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1732.

Sixth Principal Meridian

T.30 N., R. 112 W., section 18, NE¼SE¼.

These lands contain 6.90 acres.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Priscilla Mecham, Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Pinedale Resource Area, P.O. Box 768, Pinedale, WY 82941, 307-367-5300. The casefile may be reviewed at the Pinedale Resource Area office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Bureau of Land Management proposes to lease the above described land for haying purposes for a 3-year period on a non-competitive land use permit.

Interested parties may submit comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Field Manager, Pinedale, P.O. Box 768, Pinedale, Wyoming 82941 until [July 9, 2004.] Any adverse comments will be evaluated by the State Director who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any objections, this proposed realty action will become effective on [July 26, 2004.]

Authority: 43 U.S.C. 1712(f) and 43 CFR 2920.4(c)

Dated: February 4, 2004.

Priscilla Mecham,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID-077-1220-MA]

Notice of Temporary Restriction of the Use of Public Lands in the Area Known as Castle Rocks State Park and Castle Rocks Inter-Agency Recreation Area Near Almo, ID

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of temporary restriction.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management announces temporary restriction of use of certain public lands in Cassia County. This closure will prohibit bolting and placement of fixed anchors to rocks, and overnight camping. The BLM intends to take this action to allow time for analysis of a fixed anchor management plan.

DATES: This closure will take effect on June 1, 2004 and shall remain in effect until June 1, 2005.

The Legal Land Descriptions for the Closure are as Follows: The public lands

affected by this closure are all lands administered by the BLM within Section 08 of Township 15 South, Range 24 East, Boise Meridian. This area is known as Castle Rocks State Park and Castle Rocks Inter-Agency Recreation Area. The area covers approximately 320 acres of BLM land. A closure notice including time periods will be posted near the entry point at the Castle Rocks Ranch House.

Exceptions To this Order are Granted To the Following: No exceptions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This closure is effective June 1, 2004 and shall remain effective until June 1, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Dennis Thompson, Burley Field Office, 200 South 15 East, Burley, ID. 83318. Telephone (208) 677-6641. A Map of the closure area is available from the Burley BLM Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The authority for this closure is found under 43 CFR 8364.1. Any person who violates this closure may be subject to the penalties provided in Sec. 8360.0-7 of this title. Any person who violates this closure may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined no more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for no more than 12 months, or both. Such violations may also be subject to the enhanced fines provided for by 18 U.S.C. 3571.

Dated: April 5, 2004.

Wendy Reynolds,
Burley Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

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Joint Counterpart Endangered Species Act Section 7 Consultation Regulations; Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service Alternative Consultation Agreements With U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior. Forest Service, Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries (NOAA Fisheries) (referred to

as the Services), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Forest Service (FS) have approved Alternative Consultation Agreements pursuant to the joint counterpart regulations for consultation under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) to streamline consultation on proposed projects that support the National Fire Plan (NFP).

DATES: The BLM and FS Alternative Consultation Agreements with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service are available on the BLM and FS Web sites.

ADDRESSES: Information on the Alternative Consultation Agreements is available electronically through the Internet sites (<http://www.blm.gov> or <http://www.fs.fed.us>), or from the BLM, 1849 C Street, NW., LSB-204, Washington, DC 20240 or from the FS, Mail Stop 1121, 1400 Independence Avenue, Washington, DC 20250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Peggy Olwell, Bureau of Land Management, Endangered Species Program Lead, 202-452-7764, or peggy_olwell@blm.gov or Marc Bosch, U.S. Forest Service, Endangered Species Program Leader, 202-205-1220, or mbosch@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The counterpart regulations, authorized by 50 CFR 402.04, complement the consultation process by providing an alternative process for completing section 7 consultation for projects that authorize, fund, or carry out actions that support the NFP. The Counterpart Regulations eliminate the need to conduct informal consultations and obtain written concurrence from the Services for those NFP actions that the BLM or FS determines are "not likely to adversely affect" (NLAA) listed species or designated critical habitat.

The final rule for the counterpart regulations was published in the **Federal Register** on December 8, 2003, and became effective on January 7, 2004. Implementation of the counterpart regulations requires BLM and FS to develop and sign an Alternative Consultation Agreement (ACA) with the Services, and to jointly develop a training program, based on the needs of the agency. The BLM and the FS signed separate ACAs with the Services on March 3, 2004. The interagency training program is being developed by BLM, FS, FWS, and NOAA and will be available for agency staff by May, 2004.

The regulations require that the ACA and related oversight or monitoring reports be made available to the public through a **Federal Register** notice of availability. The ACA for the Bureau of