

Abstract: We have contracted with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to conduct a survey of national wildlife refuge visitors so that we can better understand their recreational, educational, and information experiences. The Policy Analysis and Science Assistance Branch of the USGS will conduct the survey onsite at approximately 75 national wildlife refuges nationwide. Respondents will have the option to return the survey by mail or to complete it online.

We will use this survey to measure visitor satisfaction with current visitor services and facilities and their desire for future services and facilities. Information from this survey will provide refuge managers, planners, and visitor services professionals with scientifically sound data that can be used to:

- Prepare conservation planning documents,
 - Improve the design of visitor facilities,
 - Tailor visitor services and facilities to match visitor interests and needs,
 - Better protect refuge resources by combining this data with biological data, and
 - Understand the economic impact of visitors to the local community.
- Additionally, this survey can target public access and transportation planning issues related to wildlife-oriented recreational opportunities such as automobile tour routes, trails, parking lots, and roads.

Comments: On February 3, 2009, we published in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 5940) a notice of our intent to request that OMB approve this information collection. In that notice, we solicited comments for 60 days, ending on April 6, 2009. We received three comments and addressed them as follows:

Comment: One commenter requested that the survey include questions on:

- Whether the visitor is a consumptive or nonconsumptive wildlife user,
- What activities visitors do on national wildlife refuges,
- Whether or not visitors are aware that hunting and trapping are allowed on national wildlife refuges,
- Appropriateness of allowing sport hunting and trapping on national wildlife refuges, and
- Compatibility of sport hunting and trapping to the purpose of national wildlife refuges.

Response: The survey contains questions that directly address the first two issues. Measuring public understanding or perceptions about the appropriateness of hunting on national wildlife refuges is not an objective of

this study. However, the survey asks visitors to rate the importance of and their satisfaction with a list of uses and services provided on refuges, including hunting. The survey also provides an opportunity for visitors to express their opinions or concerns concerning national wildlife refuge policies (such as hunting and trapping on refuges).

Comment: The commenter stated that we have conducted this survey every 5 years and that is enough. The commenter also stated opposition to hunting.

Response: We believe the commenter is referring to the National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation. That survey is of the general public and asks questions about activities on all types of lands (Federal, State, local, and private). The proposed survey is of visitors to national wildlife refuges only. Responses to questions on the proposed survey will help us better manage national wildlife refuges.

Comment: We received a request for a copy of the survey instrument and information on sampling frames.

Response: The USGS provided a copy of the draft survey instrument and a description of the sampling frames.

We again invite comments concerning this information collection on:

- Whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information;
- Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask OMB in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that it will be done.

Dated: January 26, 2010

Hope Grey,
Information Collection Clearance Officer,
Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Classification and Conveyance for Recreation and Public Purposes Act of Public Lands in Harney County, OR

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Realty Action.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has examined and found suitable for classification and conveyance under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act (R&PP), as amended, approximately 2.5 acres of public land in Harney County, Oregon. South Harney County School District #33 in Fields, Oregon, applied to purchase 2.5 acres of the land for hazardous material storage and a parking lot for the school.

DATES: Interested parties may submit written comments regarding the conveyance or classification of the lands by close of business on March 4, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Mail written comments to Joan M. Suther, Andrews/Steens Field Manager, BLM, Burns District Office, 28910 Highway 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Holly M. Orr, Realty Specialist, (541) 573-4501.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with Section 7 of the Taylor Grazing Act, (43 U.S.C. 315f) and Executive Order No. 6910, the following described public land in Harney County, Oregon, has been examined and found suitable for classification conveyance under the provisions of the R&PP Act, as amended, (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*):

Willamette Meridian, Oregon

T. 38 S., R. 34 E.,
Section 24, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 2.5 acres, more or less, in Harney County.

In accordance with the R&PP Act, South Harney County School District #33 filed an application for the above-described 2.5 acres of public land to store hazardous materials and develop a parking area for the school. Additional detailed information pertaining to this application and site plan can be reviewed in case file OR-65757 located in the BLM Burns District Office at the above address.

Pursuant to the requirements established by section 120(h) of the Comprehensive Environmental

Response, Compensation and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. 9620(h), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1988, 100 Stat. 1670, notice is hereby given that the above-described lands have been examined and no evidence was found to indicate that any hazardous substances have been stored for 1 year or more, nor had any hazardous substances been disposed of or released on the property.

The conveyance of this parcel is consistent with the BLM Andrews Management Unit Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision (August 2005), page RMP-61, which states that the land may be disposed of by R&PP sale for community expansion purposes not to exceed 10 acres per transaction and that such disposal would be in the public interest. The conveyance, when issued, will be subject to the following terms, conditions, and reservations:

1. Provisions of the R&PP Act and applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior;

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

3. Valid existing rights. Subject to limitations prescribed by law and regulation, and prior to patent issuance, a holder of any right-of-way within the land sale area will be given the opportunity to amend the right-of-way for conversion to a new term, including perpetuity, if applicable;

4. The United States maintains ownership of all minerals, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove such deposits from the same under applicable law and such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe;

5. An appropriate indemnification clause protecting the United States from claims arising out of the patentee's use, occupancy, or operation of the premises will be included; and

6. Any other terms and conditions deemed necessary or appropriate by the Authorized Officer.

On February 2, 2010, the land described above will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for conveyance under the R&PP Act, leasing under the mineral leasing laws, and disposals under the mineral material disposal laws.

Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for a school and related facilities. Comments on the classification should be limited to whether the land is physically suited for

the proposals, whether the use will maximize future uses of the land, whether the use is consistent with local planning and zoning, or whether the use is consistent with state and Federal programs.

Interested parties may also submit comments regarding other proposed decisions for the R&PP application and site plan, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision to convey the land under the R&PP Act, or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land for R&PP use.

Only written comments submitted via the U.S. Postal Service or other delivery services, or hand-delivered to the Andrews/Steens Field Manager, BLM Burns District Office, will be considered properly filed. Electronic mail, facsimile, or telephone comments will not be considered properly filed. Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review. Before including your address, telephone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the BLM Oregon State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification of the land described in this notice will become effective on April 5, 2010. The land will not be available for conveyance until after the classification becomes effective.

Authority: 43 CFR 2741.5.

Cathie Jensen,
Acting Chief, Branch of Land and Mineral Resources.

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NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING COMMISSION

Fee Rate

AGENCY: National Indian Gaming Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to 25 CFR 514.1(a)(3), that the National Indian Gaming Commission has adopted preliminary annual fee

rates of 0.00% for tier 1 and 0.060% (.00060) for tier 2 for calendar year 2010. These rates shall apply to all assessable gross revenues from each gaming operation under the jurisdiction of the Commission. If a tribe has a certificate of self-regulation under 25 CFR part 518, the preliminary fee rate on class II revenues for calendar year 2010 shall be one-half of the annual fee rate, which is 0.030% (.00030).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Chris White, National Indian Gaming Commission, 1441 L Street, NW., Suite 9100, Washington, DC 20005; telephone (202) 632-7003; fax (202) 632-7066 (these are not toll-free numbers).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) established the National Indian Gaming Commission which is charged with, among other things, regulating gaming on Indian lands.

The regulations of the Commission (25 CFR part 514), as amended, provide for a system of fee assessment and payment that is self-administered by gaming operations. Pursuant to those regulations, the Commission is required to adopt and communicate assessment rates; the gaming operations are required to apply those rates to their revenues, compute the fees to be paid, report the revenues, and remit the fees to the Commission on a semi-annual basis.

The regulations of the Commission and the preliminary rate being adopted today are effective for calendar year 2010. Therefore, all gaming operations within the jurisdiction of the Commission are required to self administer the provisions of these regulations, and report and pay any fees that are due to the Commission by June 30, 2010.

Dated: January 28, 2010.

George Skibine,
Acting Chairman, National Indian Gaming Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey; Montana

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey.