

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

[(CA-067-1430-00); CACA-22644]

**Notice of Realty Action; Classification of Public Lands for Conveyance Under the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act; and Notice of Public Scoping Meeting****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** A preliminary examination of the following described lands in Imperial County, California, has found the lands suitable for conveyance under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act of June 14, 1926, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*).

**San Bernardino Meridian**

T. 11 S., R. 9 E.  
 Secs. 2,4,6,10;  
 Sec. 12, S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;  
 Secs. 14,22,24,26;  
 T. 11 S., R. 10 E.  
 Secs. 6,8,18,20,28,30,32,34;  
 Secs. 22 and 26; portions lying west of Hwy 86  
 T. 12 S., R. 9 E.  
 Secs. 2,4,6,8,10,12;  
 Secs. 14 and 18; portions lying north of Hwy 78  
 T. 12 S., R. 10 E.  
 Secs. 2,4,6,8,10,12;  
 Sec. 9, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
 Secs. 14 and 18; portions lying north of Hwy 78  
 T. 12 S., R. 11 E.  
 Sec. 6; portion lying west of Hwy 86  
 Sec. 18; portion lying north of Hwy 78 and west of Hwy 86

Containing 21,000 acres, more or less.

This classification action is in response to an application filed by the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Ocotillo Wells State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA). California State Parks proposes to use the lands to expand the Ocotillo Wells SVRA, a facility for off-highway vehicle recreational use and activities. Off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation activity is presently taking place on the subject lands. The intent of California State Parks is to allow the existing OHV recreation activity to continue as it presently occurs on the same existing roads and trails. Although California State Parks intends to only develop a minimum number of new trails and routes of travel, new connecting roads and trails would be constructed to facilitate circulation and emergency access. California State Parks would improve the existing operation of the subject lands by providing sanitary

facilities, which include toilets, and trash bins. Additional improvements would include signage and protection of resources. A small service yard may be necessary to meet maintenance needs.

The lands are in a checkerboard area of ownership, restricting BLM's ability to effectively manage the lands and protect the resources. Conveyance is consistent with current BLM land use planning and would be in the public interest. The lands are not needed for Federal purposes.

Conveyance of the lands will be subject to the following terms, conditions and reservations:

1. Provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.
2. A right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States (26 Stat. 391; 43 U.S.C. 945).
3. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals.
4. All valid existing rights documented on the official public land records at the time of patent issuance.
5. Any other reservations that the authorized officer determines appropriate to ensure public access and proper management of Federal lands and interests therein.

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands 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, interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed classification of the lands to the Area Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 1616 South 4th Street, El Centro, CA 92243. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the land is physically suited for the proposal, whether the use will maximize the future use or uses of the lands, whether the use is consistent with local planning and zoning, or if the use is consistent with State and Federal programs. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective 60 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Comments are also being requested to help identify significant issues or concerns related to the specific use proposed in the application and plan of development, and to determine the scope of the issues that need to be analyzed in the environmental assessment.

A public scoping meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 24, 1997, 7:00 pm to

9:00 pm at the BLM, El Centro Resource Area Office, 1661 South 4th St., El Centro, CA, 92243.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lynda Kastoll, Realty Specialist, at the above address, or telephone (760) 337-4421.

Dated: June 10, 1997.

**Thomas F. Zale,**

*Acting Area Manager.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

[NV-930-1430-01; N-54046]

**Termination of Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Classification; Nevada****AGENCY:** Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice terminates R&PP Classification N-54046. The termination of this classification is for record-clearing purposes. The subject lands will remain segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, due to an overlapping segregation for disposal by exchange.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Termination of the classification is effective upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sharon DiPinto, BLM Las Vegas District Office, 4765 Vegas Drive, NV 89108, 702-647-5062.

Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas District, 4765 W. Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 13, 1990, the Clark County School District filed an application with BLM for a middle school site pursuant to the R&PP Act. On May 10, 1992, the lands requested were classified suitable for lease/conveyance under the act. The school was not constructed and the applicant withdrew their application by letter dated October 1, 1996. Pursuant to the R&PP Act of June 14, 1926, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*), the regulation contained in 43 CFR 2091.7-1, and the authority delegated by Appendix 1 of the Bureau of Land Management Manual 1203, R&PP Classification N-54046 is hereby terminated in its entirety for the following described land:



**Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada**

T. 23 S., R. 62 E.,  
Sec. 6, Lot 1.  
Containing 10 acres.  
Dated: June 6, 1997.

**Michael F. Dwyer,**

*District Manager, Las Vegas, NV.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The National Park Service (NPS) will prepare a General Management Plan (GMP) and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve (hereafter, "the Preserve"), Kansas, in accordance with section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and Public Law 104-333. This notice is being furnished as required by NEPA Regulations 40 CFR 1501.7.

To facilitate sound planning and environmental assessment, the NPS intends to gather information necessary for the preparation of the EIS, and to obtain suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. Comments and participation in this scoping process are invited.

A series of public meetings and open houses will be held during the development of the GMP and the preparation of the EIS. Notices of the dates, times, and locations of these public sessions will be advertised in local media outlets prior to the events. Information regarding public sessions and the GMP/EIS will also be provided through periodic newsletters and through a World Wide Web page.

**DATES:** Public open houses will be held on Tuesday, July 15 and Thursday, July 17, 1997. The July 15 open house will be held between 4:00 and 8:00 p.m. at the office of the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve, 226 Broadway, Cottonwood Falls, Kansas. The July 17 open house will be held between 4:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the City of Topeka, City Council Office, Topeka Performing Arts Center (2nd Floor), 214 SE 8th Street, Topeka, Kansas.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and information concerning preparation of the GMP/EIS should be received no later than September 15, 1997. These comments are to be directed to the Superintendent, Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve, P.O. Box 585, 226

Broadway, Cottonwood Falls, Kansas 66845.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Superintendent at the above address or telephone 316-273-6034.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As established, the Preserve shall consist of lands and interests in lands defined by the boundary of the Z Bar (Spring Hill) Ranch in Chase County Kansas. This 10,894 acre ranch is located north of Strong City, in the Flint Hills area of east-central Kansas. The ranch contains a vast expanse of tallgrass prairie. The rolling hills and rocky soils of this area are today the most extensive remnant of tallgrass prairie in North America.

Congress established the Preserve (1) to preserve, protect, and interpret for the public an example of a tallgrass prairie ecosystem on the Spring Hill Ranch, located in the Flint Hills of Kansas; and (2) to preserve and interpret for the public the historic and cultural values represented on the Spring Hill Ranch. The 1996 legislation also established the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve Advisory Committee to serve as advisors to the Secretary of the Interior (hereafter, "the Secretary") and the NPS in the development, management, and interpretation of the Preserve.

In accordance with NPS Management Policies, the GMP will set forth a management concept for the Preserve; establish a role for the Preserve within the context of regional trends and plans for conservation, recreation, transportation, economic development, and other regional issues; and identify strategies for resolving issues and achieving management objectives.

In accordance with Public Law 104-333, the GMP for the Preserve will include provisions for:

(1) Maintaining and enhancing the tallgrass prairie within the boundaries of the Preserve.

(2) Public access and enjoyment of the property that is consistent with the conservation and proper management of the historical, cultural, and natural resources of the ranch.

(3) Interpretive and education programs covering the natural history of the prairie, the cultural history of Native Americans, and the legacy of ranching in the Flint Hills region.

(4) Requiring the application of applicable State law concerning the maintenance of adequate fences within the boundaries of the Preserve.

(5) Requiring the Secretary to comply with applicable State noxious weed, pesticide, and animal health laws.

(6) Requiring compliance with applicable State water laws and Federal and State waste disposal laws.

(7) Requiring the Secretary to honor each valid existing oil and gas lease for lands within the boundaries of the Preserve.

(8) Requiring the Secretary to offer to enter into an agreement with each individual who, as of November 12, 1996, holds rights for cattle grazing within the boundaries of the Preserve.

In addition, a financial analysis will be prepared that indicates how the management of the Preserve may be fully supported through fees, private donations, and other forms of non-Federal funding.

The environmental review of the GMP for the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve will be conducted in accordance with requirements of the NEPA (42 U.S.C. § 4371 et seq.), NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508), other appropriate Federal regulations, and NPS procedures and policies for compliance with those regulations.

The NPS estimates the draft GMP and draft EIS will be available to the public by May 1999.

Dated: June 10, 1997.

**William W. Schenk,**

*Field Director, Midwest Field Area.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****National Park Service****National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations**

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before June 7, 1997. Pursuant to section 60.13 of 36 CFR Part 60 written comments concerning the significance of these properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation may be forwarded to the National Register, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127. Written comments should be submitted by July 2, 1997.

**Carol D. Shull,**

*Keeper of the National Register.*

**Alabama**

Autauga County, Lassiter House,  
Autauga County 15. 0.5 mi. N of jct.  
of AL 14 and Co. Rd. 15., Autaugaville  
vicinity, 97000651

Baldwin County, Johnson, Axil, House,  
751 Edwards St., Fairhope, 97000649

Jefferson County, South East Lake  
Historic District, Roughly Bounded by  
78th, and 8th Sts., and Division, First,