

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Realty Action: Change of Use for Recreation and Public Purposes Lease/Conveyance N-41279

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Recreation and Public Purpose change of use.

SUMMARY: The following described public land in Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada has been leased for public purposes under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*). Nevada Children's Center proposes to use the land for a children's after school day treatment program facility.

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 21 S., R. 60 E.,

Sec. 16: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Containing 10.00 acres, more or less.

The land is not required for any federal purpose. The lease/conveyance is consistent with current Bureau planning for this area and would be in the public interest. The lease/patent, when issued, will be subject to the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, and will contain the following reservations to the United States:

1. 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).

2. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, 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.

and will be subject to:

1. An easement for the North 40 feet, the West 30 feet and the East 40 feet in favor of Clark County for roads, public utilities and flood control purposes. 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. Contact Cheryl Ruffridge by calling (702) 647-5064. For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments regarding the lease/conveyance of the lands to the District Manager, Las Vegas District, 4765 W. Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89108.

Application Comments

Interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific use proposed in the application and plan of development, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land for a children's after school day treatment program facility. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the change of use for the land described in this Notice will become effective 60 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: December 1, 1997.

Mark R. Chatterton,

Assistant District Manager, Non-Renewable Resources, Las Vegas, NV.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of information collection solicitation.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Minerals Management Service (MMS) is soliciting comments on an information collection, Stripper Royalty Rate Reduction Notification (OMB Control Number 1010-0090, Form MMS-4377), which expires on May 31, 1998.

FORM: MMS-4377, Stripper Royalty Rate Reduction Notification

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before February 17, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments sent via the U.S. Postal Service should be sent to Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, Rules and Publications Staff, P.O. Box 25165, MS 3021, Denver, Colorado 80225-0165; courier address is Building 85, Room A613, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225; e-mail address is David___Guzy@mms.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis C. Jones, Rules and Publications Staff, phone (303) 231-3046, FAX (303) 231-3385, e-mail Dennis___C___Jones@mms.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: To encourage continued production, provide an incentive for enhanced oil

recovery projects, discourage abandonment of properties producing less than 15 barrels of oil per well-day, and reduce the operator's expenses, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will grant royalty rate reductions to operators of low-producing, stripper oil properties. BLM amended 43 CFR 3103.4-1 to establish the conditions under which an operator or owner of a stripper oil property can obtain a reduction in the royalty rate for a property producing less than 15 barrels of oil per well-day. The amended regulations provided instructions for calculation of royalty rates based on the property's annual production rate.

Operators of stripper oil properties use a formula developed by BLM [royalty rate (%) = 0.5 + (0.8 x average daily production)] and included under 43 CFR 3103.4-1(d)(3)(ii) to determine the reduced royalty rate. Operators are then required to notify MMS of the reduced royalty rate. The reduced rate will become effective for all oil production from qualifying properties the first day of the month after MMS receives notification of the rate change. Failure to inform MMS of the new royalty rate would result in the generation of exceptions by MMS computer systems processing financial and production data. The operator would then be held liable for royalty at the old rate and be subject to interest charges as well.

MMS has developed Form MMS-4377, Stripper Royalty Rate Reduction Notification, to be used to notify MMS of the reduced royalty rate. The form requires identification of the operator, name of the contact person, lease and agreement numbers, calculated royalty rate, current royalty rate and period covered. Since implementation of the final rule on September 10, 1992, MMS has received over 7,000 of these notifications. MMS uses the information provided on the form to update the database with accepted reduced royalty rates.

There are approximately 4,500 stripper leases or agreements on Federal lands and a total of 900 operators. Royalty rate calculations were made for the initial qualifying period, August 1, 1990, through July 31, 1991, and are now submitted for each 12-month period. We estimate that an operator may require 30 minutes per property to research production for one 12-month period, determine average annual well production, and calculate and report a new royalty rate or an annual burden of 2,250 hours (1/2 hour x 4,500 properties). We estimate that an operator may require 15 minutes annually to perform the necessary

recordkeeping responsibilities associated with this information collection or an annual burden of 225 hours (1/4 hour x 900 operators).

Dated: December 10, 1997.

R. Dale Fazio,

Acting Associate Director for Royalty Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Visitor Services Plan/Environmental Impact Statement, Crater Lake National Park, Oregon

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190 as amended), the National Park Service (NPS), Department of the Interior, has prepared a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) assessing the potential impacts of the proposed Visitor Services Plan for Crater Lake National Park, Oregon. Once approved, the plan will guide the management and use of the developed areas of the park.

The alternatives presented in the DEIS define appropriate levels and kinds of visitor services and set the basis for a new concession contract. Alternative A (the proposed action) is a mix of proposals that are intended to protect park resources and enhance the visitor experience. Educational and interpretive opportunities would be enhanced to promote better visitor understanding, appreciation, and preservation of Crater Lake. NPS interpretive services would be emphasized, commercial services would be modified to better serve visitors, and some historic structures would be used more as they were initially intended. Alternative B (no action) would continue the existing conditions at the park and would allow for the completion of any facilities currently under construction. Alternative C would offer a more self-directed visitor experience that would be less facility-dependent and less structured than at present. Alternative D would enhance interpretation and provide a wider variety of commercial and NPS visitor services. Alternative E is primarily based on the planning direction presented in the Record of Decision for the 1995 Development Concept Plan/Environmental Impact Statement, and

would concentrate visitor facilities at Rim Village.

The environmental consequences of the proposed action and the alternatives are fully documented, and mitigation provided as appropriate to minimize impacts.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Copies of the DEIS will be available for public inspection at the park. Requests for copies of the DEIS should be directed to the Superintendent, Crater Lake National Park, P.O. Box 7, Crater Lake, Oregon 97064 or by telephone at (541) 594-2211. Written comments on the draft plan should also be directed to the Superintendent at the above address and must be received by January 26, 1998. All review comments received will become part of the public record and copies of comments, including names, addresses and telephone numbers provided by respondents, may be released for public inspection.

Dated: December 3, 1997.

Cynthia R. Young,

Chief, Resource Planning, Denver Service Center, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Wild and Scenic River Study and Environmental Impact Statement for the Lower Sheenjek River in Alaska

AGENCIES: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a Wild and Scenic River Study and revised draft legislative environmental impact statement for the lower Sheenjek River in Alaska.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) is preparing an update to the 1984 draft Wild and Scenic River Study and Legislative Environmental Impact Statement (LEIS) for the Lower Sheenjek River in Alaska as required by Section 5(a) of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. The purpose of the study and LEIS is to study the Lower Sheenjek River for potential addition to the National Wild and Scenic River System. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) is a cooperating agency on this EIS.

The Sheenjek River is a 277 mile-long free flowing, unpolluted tributary of the Porcupine River. The study area is the lower part of the river within the Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge, and is 99 miles in length. A 1984 draft study recommended the study area as eligible and suitable as a wild river for inclusion

in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. The upper river outside the study area (within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge) was designated in 1980 by The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act as part of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

The Revised Draft Legislative EIS will consider a proposed action and a no-action alternative. The proposed action would recommend for designation the 99-mile segment of the Sheenjek River as a National Wild River. Designation would ensure long-term protection of the entire river's outstanding values through mandatory development of a river management plan for the lower river. Under the no-action alternative the lower Sheenjek River would not be recommended for designation. No additional protection would be provided to the lower river.

The Revised Draft Legislative EIS will be prepared in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4331 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations at 40 CFR part 1500. The NPS will prepare the EIS in conjunction with preparation of the Wild and Scenic River Study. In May/June of 1997 the NPS and USFWS held meetings in Fairbanks and Fort Yukon, Alaska to discuss the lower Sheenjek River wild and scenic study with the public. The Revised Draft Study/EIS is scheduled for public review in early 1998. Public meetings will be held in Fairbanks and Fort Yukon, Alaska. The locations and times of the public meetings will be announced in the **Federal Register**, local newspapers, and radio.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jack Mosby, National Park Service 2525 Gambell Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99503-2892 Phone: (907) 257-2650.

Dated: December 8, 1997.

Paul R. Anderson,

Regional Director, Alaska.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Agenda for the January 14, 1998 Public Meeting of the Advisory Commission for the San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park

Public Meeting

Fort Mason, Building F, 10:00 am-12:45 pm

10:00 AM

Welcome—Neil Chaitin, Chairman