

U.S.C. 1713). The BLM is also providing notice of the proposed sale of the same public land in Phillips County involving the surface estate to Phillips County.

SUMMARY: Phillips County will use the purchased land as part of a new proposed Malta Airport. The BLM advised state and local officials about the proposed sale. The estimated fair market value is \$12,400. Sale of the public land will occur in May 1997. The 80 acres of described public land is suitable for sale under criterion 2 of section 203 of FLPMA of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1713); T. 30 N., R. 29 E., P.M.M. sec 11, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

DATES, COMMENTS AND PROTESTS: The effective date of this plan amendment decision and proposed sale notice is the publication date of this notice in the Federal Register.

Any person who participated in the Judith Valley Phillips Resource Management Plan amendment process having an interest or adversely affected by the approval or amendment of a resource management plan may protest such approval or amendment as stated in 43 CFR 1610.5-2. The protest shall be in writing and filed within 30 days of the effective date of this notice. Send protests to the: Director (WO-210), Bureau of Land Management, Attn: Brenda Williams 1849 "C" Street NW, Washington, DC 20240.

The protest must contain:

1. The name, mailing address, telephone number and interest of the person filing the protest.
2. A statement of the issue or issues being protested.
3. A statement of the part or parts of the plan amendment being protested.
4. A copy of all documents addressing the issue or issues submitted during the planning process by the protesting party or an indication of the discussion date of the issue(s) for the record.
5. A concise statement explaining why the State Director's decision is believed to be incorrect.

Comments on the proposed sale may occur for 45 days from the date of this notice. Send comments to: Bureau of Land Management, Phillips Resource Area Office, HC 65 Box 5000, Malta, Montana. 59538-0047.

The State Director will weigh adverse comments on the proposed sale and may vacate or change this notice concerning the proposed sale. Without any objections this notice will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Information related to the plan amendment, proposed sale and environmental assessment are available

from Richard M. Hotaling, Area Manager, Phillips Resource Area, HC 65 Box 5000, Malta, MT 59538-0047, 406-654-1240.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The publication of this notice segregates the public land described above from appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws but not from sale under Section 203 of the FLPMA of 1976. The segregation will end upon issuance of the conveyance document or 270 days from the date of publication of this notice, whichever occurs first. The conveyance of public land is subject to a reservation of a right-of-way for ditches and canals under 43 U. S. C. 945 and a reservation of all federal minerals.

Dated: February 12, 1997.

Richard M. Hotaling,
Area Manager.

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Notice of Intent to Amend Resource Management Plans (RMPs) and Management Framework Plans (MFPS).

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare plan amendments for the following plans located in said Field Office; Richfield District; Henry Mountain MFP and Parker Mountain MFP, Fillmore District; House Range RMP and Warm Springs RMP, Cedar City District; Pinyon MFP, Vermillion MFP, Zion MFP and portions of the Paria MFP and Cedar Beaver Garfield Antimony RMP.

SUMMARY: This notice is to advise the public that the Bureau of Land Management is preparing an Environmental Assessment to consider proposed amendments to the above stated land use plans that guide management of the public lands within the Fillmore District and portions of Richfield and Cedar City Districts located within the State of Utah. The proposed amendments would consider additional disposal criteria providing opportunities for land tenure adjustments (excluding sales pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, Section 203).

DATES: The comment period for the preliminary issues and planning criteria identified for the proposed plan amendments will commence with publication of this notice. Comments must be submitted on or before March 27, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For the Cedar City District, Beaver River Resource Area, contact Craig Zufelt or Ervin Larson at 176 East D.L. Sargent Dr., Cedar City, Utah 84720 @ 801-586-2401. For the Cedar City District, Kanab Resource Area contact Mike Noel at 318 North First East, Kanab, Utah 84741 @ 801-644-2672. For the Richfield District, Henry Mountain Resource Area contact Rod Lee at 150 East 900 North, Richfield, Utah 84701 @ 801-896-1524. For the Fillmore District, House Range and Warm Springs Resource Areas contact Nancy DeMille at 35 East 500 North, Richfield, Utah 84631 @ 801-896-6811. Existing planning documents describing current management of the above-stated areas are available at the above addresses. Comments on the proposed plan amendments should be sent to the respective addresses listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Richfield District; Henry Mountain Resource Area, Fillmore District; House Range and Warm Springs Resource Areas, and Cedar City District, Beaver River and Kanab Resource Area, BLM, are proposing to amend the above mentioned planning documents, to allow opportunities for land tenure adjustments not previously identified in the current planning documents by adding five new land tenure adjustment criteria.

Preliminary planning issues have been identified and consist of possible adverse impacts to public lands that could be removed from public ownership, socio-economic impacts, and impacts on known sensitive natural resources.

The following preliminary disposal criteria have been identified and would set the parameters under which land tenure adjustments (including acquisitions) may take place:

Public lands, in order to be considered for disposal or exchange within the above-mentioned plans, must meet one or more of the following criteria. The land tenure adjustment;

(1) Is in the public interest and accommodates the needs of State, local or private entities, including needs for the economy, community growth and expansion and are in accordance with other land use goals and objectives and RMP/MFP planning decisions;

(2) Results in a net gain of important and manageable resource values on public lands such as crucial wildlife habitat, significant cultural sites, high quality riparian areas, live water, recreation, threatened & endangered species habitat, or areas key to the maintenance of productive ecosystems;

(3) Ensures the accessibility of public lands in areas where access is needed and cannot otherwise reasonably be obtained;

(4) Is essential to allow effective management of public lands in areas where consolidation of ownership is necessary to meet resource management objectives;

(5) Results in the acquisition of lands which serve a national priority as identified in national policy that cannot otherwise be obtained.

All subsequent land tenure adjustments processed in accordance with the above criteria would require additional site specific analysis as required by the National Environmental Policy Act. Further, land tenure adjustments would be subject to valid existing rights and must be in conformance with other objectives stated in the current planning documents, some of which may preclude disposal.

The following disciplines will be utilized for interdisciplinary input throughout the NEPA process:

Archeologist, Lands and Realty Specialist, Wildlife Biologist, Range Conservationist, Botanist, Mineral Specialist and Geologist, Planning Specialist, Soils Scientist, Recreation Specialist and Hydrologist.

Dated: February 18, 1997.

G. William Lamb,

State Director, Utah.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731-TA-760 (Preliminary)]

Needle Bearing Wire From Japan

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of antidumping investigation and scheduling of a preliminary phase investigation.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the institution of an investigation and commencement of preliminary phase antidumping investigation No. 731-TA-760 (Preliminary) under section 733(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1673b(a)) (the Act) to determine whether there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury, or the establishment of an industry in the United States is materially retarded, by reason of

imports from Japan of needle bearing wire, having a diameter of 1.0 mm or more, provided for in subheading 7229.90.50 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that are alleged to be sold in the United States at less than fair value. Unless the Department of Commerce extends the time for initiation pursuant to section 732(c)(1)(B) of the Act (19 U.S.C. § 1673a(c)(1)(B)), the Commission must reach a preliminary determination in antidumping investigations in 45 days, or in this case by March 31, 1997. The Commission's views are due at the Department of Commerce within five business days thereafter, or by April 7, 1997.

For further information concerning the conduct of this investigation and rules of general application, consult the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, part 201, subparts A through E (19 CFR part 201), and part 207, subparts A and B (19 CFR part 207), as amended in 61 FR 37818 (July 22, 1996). **EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 14, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fred Fischer (202-205-3179), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired persons can obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov> or <ftp://ftp.usitc.gov>).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background.—This investigation is being instituted in response to a petition filed on February 14, 1997, by E.C.D., Inc., Hillside, NJ.

Participation in the investigation and public service list.—Persons (other than petitioners) wishing to participate in the investigation as parties must file an entry of appearance with the Secretary to the Commission, as provided in sections 201.11 and 207.10 of the Commission's rules, not later than seven days after publication of this notice in the Federal Register. Industrial users and (if the merchandise under investigation is sold at the retail level) representative consumer organizations have the right to appear as parties in Commission antidumping investigations. The Secretary will prepare a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons,

or their representatives, who are parties to this investigation upon the expiration of the period for filing entries of appearance.

Limited disclosure of business proprietary information (BPI) under an administrative protective order (APO) and BPI service list.—Pursuant to section 207.7(a) of the Commission's rules, the Secretary will make BPI gathered in this investigation available to authorized applicants representing interested parties (as defined in 19 U.S.C. § 1677(9)) who are parties to the investigation under the APO issued in the investigation, provided that the application is made not later than seven days after the publication of this notice in the Federal Register. A separate service list will be maintained by the Secretary for those parties authorized to receive BPI under the APO.

Conference.—The Commission's Director of Operations has scheduled a conference in connection with this investigation for 9:30 a.m. on March 7, 1997, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC. Parties wishing to participate in the conference should contact Fred Fischer (202-205-3179) not later than March 4, 1997, to arrange for their appearance. Parties in support of the imposition of antidumping duties in this investigation and parties in opposition to the imposition of such duties will each be collectively allocated one hour within which to make an oral presentation at the conference. A nonparty who has testimony that may aid the Commission's deliberations may request permission to present a short statement at the conference.

Written submissions.—As provided in sections 201.8 and 207.15 of the Commission's rules, any person may submit to the Commission on or before March 12, 1997, a written brief containing information and arguments pertinent to the subject matter of the investigation. Parties may file written testimony in connection with their presentation at the conference no later than three days before the conference. If briefs or written testimony contain BPI, they must conform with the requirements of sections 201.6, 207.3, and 207.7 of the Commission's rules.

In accordance with sections 201.16(c) and 207.3 of the rules, each document filed by a party to the investigation must be served on all other parties to the investigation (as identified by either the public or BPI service list), and a certificate of service must be timely filed. The Secretary will not accept a document for filing without a certificate of service.