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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Public Land Order No. 7382; Withdrawal of Public Lands for the Devil's Backbone Desert Bighorn Sheep Habitat Area; New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public land order.

SUMMARY: This order withdraws 5,607.52 acres of public lands from surface entry and mining for a period of 20 years for the Bureau of Land Management to protect and preserve endangered desert bighorn sheep habitat within the Devil's Backbone Desert Bighorn Sheep Habitat Area. The lands have been and will remain open to mineral leasing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 25, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lois Bell, BLM Socorro Field Office, 198 Neel Avenue NW, Socorro, New Mexico 87801, 505-835-0412.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1994), it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described public lands are hereby withdrawn from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the United States mining laws, (30 U.S.C. Ch. 2 (1994)), but not from leasing under the mineral leasing laws, to protect and preserve endangered desert bighorn sheep habitat within the Devil's Backbone Desert Bighorn Sheep Habitat Area:

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 5 S., R. 3 W.,
sec. 16, lots 5 to 8, inclusive, N $\frac{1}{2}$, and
N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$
secs. 21, 28, 29, and 32.

T. 6 S., R. 3 W.,
sec. 4, lots 3 and 4, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
sec. 9, W $\frac{1}{2}$;
sec. 15, W $\frac{1}{2}$;
sec. 16;
sec. 22, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{2}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ W E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,
and SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 5 S., R. 4 W.,
sec. 25, E $\frac{1}{2}$.

The areas described aggregate 5,607.52 acres in Socorro County.

2. The withdrawal made by this order does not alter the applicability of those public land laws governing the use of the lands under lease, license, or permit, or governing the disposal of their mineral or vegetative resources other than under the mining laws.

3. This withdrawal will expire 20 years from the effective date of this order unless, as a result of a review conducted before the expiration date pursuant to section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f) (1994), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be extended.

Dated: March 12, 1999.

John Berry,

Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-020-1430-01; NMNM 97074/G-010-G9-0251]

Public Land Order No. 7383; Withdrawal of Public Lands for the Rio Grande Corridor; New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public land order.

SUMMARY: This order withdraws 2,151.80 acres of public lands from surface entry and mining, and 52.30 acres of federally reserved mineral interests underlying private surface estate from mining, for a period of 50 years, for the Bureau of Land Management to protect the outstanding recreational, scenic, wildlife, and riparian values of the Rio Grande Corridor. The lands have been and will remain open to mineral leasing. An additional 1,129.96 acres of non-Federal lands and the surface estate of the above 52.30 acres would become subject to the withdrawal if acquired.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 25, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Francina Martinez, BLM Taos Field Office, 226 Cruz Alta Road, Taos, New Mexico 87571, 505-758-8851.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1994), it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described public lands are hereby withdrawn from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the United States

mining laws, (30 U.S.C. Ch. 2 (1994)), but not from leasing under the mineral leasing laws, for the Bureau of Land Management to protect the outstanding recreational, scenic, wildlife, and riparian values of the Rio Grande Corridor:

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 23 N., R. 9 E.,
Sec. 22, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 23, lots 1 to 4, inclusive;
Sec. 24, lot 2 and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 26, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 27, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and
W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 34, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and
N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 23 N., R. 10 E.,
Sec. 15, lots 6 to 9, inclusive;
Sec. 16, lot 3 and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 19, lots 14, 20, 21, 22, 36, and 37;
Sec. 20, lots 13 to 16, inclusive;
Sec. 21, lots 1, 2, 6, 7, and 8.

T. 24 N., R. 11 E.,
Sec. 32, lot 3.

T. 27 N., R. 11 E.,
Sec. 36, lots 5 to 7, inclusive, and a parcel of land consisting of 5.6 acres lying along the west boundary of and within the Antoine Leroux Land Grant.

T. 27 N., R. 12 E.,
Sec. 30, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,
and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 31, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$,
and 130 acres of the Antoine Leroux
Land Grant meandering the east
boundary of the Rio Grande.

T. 28 N., R. 12 E.,
Sec. 10, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ except patent No.
39879.

The areas described aggregate 2,151.80 acres in Taos and Rio Arriba Counties.

2. Subject to valid existing rights, the federally reserved mineral interests in the following described lands are hereby withdrawn from mining under the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. Ch. 2 (1994)), but not from leasing under the mineral leasing laws, for the Bureau of Land Management to protect the outstanding recreational, scenic, wildlife, and riparian values of the Rio Grande Corridor:

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 23 N., R. 9 E.,
Sec. 24, tract A and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.
T. 23 N., R. 10 E.,
Sec. 19, lot 13.

The areas described aggregate 52.30 acres in Rio Arriba County.

3. The surface estate of the lands described in Paragraph 2 is non-Federal. In the event these lands return to Federal ownership, they would be subject to the terms and conditions of this withdrawal as described in Paragraph 1.

4. The following described non-Federal lands are located within the Rio Grande Corridor. In the event these

lands return to Federal ownership, they would be subject to the terms and conditions of this withdrawal as described in Paragraph 1:

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 23 N., R. 9 E.,

Sec. 23, tract A, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 24, lot 1, patent No. 178, patent No. 179, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 23 N., R. 10 E.,

Sec. 16, lots 1 and 2, small holding claim (SHC) 966 tract 2, SHC 2143, and SHC 1536;

Sec. 19, lots 3 and 4, SHC 3266, SHC 388, SHC 969, SHC 561 tract 3, SHC 559 tract 1, SHC 556 tract 2, SHC 560 tracts 2 and 4, SHC 792 tracts 1 and 2, SHC 792, (two separate tracts numbered 792), SHC 966, SHC 380 tract 3, SHC 386, SHC 389, SHC 382 tract 1, and SHC 494 tract 2;

Sec. 20, lots 1, 3, and 4, SHC 560 tract 4, SHC 968 tract 2, SHC 556 tract 3, SHC 1121 Borrego, SHC 1121 Archuleta, and SHC 1121 Roybal, SHC 561 tract 4, SHC 798 Romero and SHC 798 Bolton, SHC 801 tracts 1, 2, and 3, SHC 1000, SHC 1120, SHC 4472 tract 2, and SHC 1111 tract 3;

Sec. 21, SHC 1111 tract 3, SHC 1120, SHC 966 tract 1, SHC 349, SHC 355, SHC 402, SHC 403, SHC 488, SHC 487 tracts 1 and 2, SHC 490 Romero and SHC 490 Roybal, SHC 487 Romero and SHC 487 Ortega, SHC 966 tract 2, SHC 2143, and SHC 1536.

The areas described aggregate 1,129.96 acres in Taos and Rio Arriba Counties.

5. The withdrawal made by this order does not alter the applicability of those public land laws governing the use of the lands under lease, license, or permit, or governing the disposal of their mineral or vegetative resources other than under the mining laws.

6. This withdrawal will expire 50 years from the effective date of this order unless, as a result of a review conducted before the expiration date pursuant to section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f) (1994), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be extended.

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John Berry,

Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-046-09-1430-00; UTU-77260]

Realty Action; Utah

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action, Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act Classification, Utah.

SUMMARY: The following public land in Garfield County, Utah has been examined and found suitable for classification for lease or conveyance to Garfield County under the provisions of the R&PP Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*):

Salt Lake Meridian,

Utah, T. 34 S., R. 5 W.,

Sec. 30, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, containing 20 acres.

Garfield County proposes to use the land for a public safety facility; i.e., law enforcement complex. The land is not needed for Federal purposes. Lease or conveyance is consistent with current Bureau of Land Management land use planning and would be in the public interest.

The lease/patent, when issued, will be subject to the following terms, conditions and reservations:

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

2. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals.

3. A right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States (Act of August 30, 1890, 26 Stat. 391; 43 U.S.C. 945).

4. Those rights for power transmission line purposes granted to Garkane Power Association by right-of-way No. UTU-52866.

5. All other valid existing rights.

6. The leasee/patentee assumes all liability for and shall defend, indemnify, and save harmless the United States and its officers, agents, representatives, and employees (hereinafter referred to as the United States), from all claims, loss, damage, actions, causes of action, expense, and liability resulting from, brought for, or on account of, any personal injury, threat of personal injury, or property damage received or sustained by any person or persons (including the patentee's employees) or attributable to: (a) the concurrent, contributory, or partial fault, failure, or negligence of the United States, or (b) the sole fault, failure, or negligence of the United States.

7. Title shall revert to the United States upon a finding, after notice and opportunity for a hearing, that the patentee has not substantially developed the lands in accordance with the approved plan of development on or

before the date five years after the date of conveyance.

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands are segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease or conveyance under the R&PP Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws.

Classification Comments: Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for a public service facility. 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 land, whether the use is consistent with local planning and zoning, or if the use is consistent with State and Federal programs.

Application Comments: Interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific use proposed in the application and plan of development, whether the Bureau of Land Management followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land for a public service facility. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the Utah State Director who may vacate or modify this realty action and issue a final determination. In the absence of any adverse comments, this classification will become effective on May 24, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments will be accepted until May 10, 1999. Address comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Kanab Field Office Manager, 318 North 100 East, Kanab, Utah 84741. Detailed information concerning this action is available at the same address.

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District Manager.

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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Notice of Public Information Collections Being Reviewed by the U.S. Agency for International Development; Comments Requested

SUMMARY: U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), is making efforts to reduce the paperwork burden. USAID invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by