

provide advice and recommendations to BLM on the management of public lands in southern California. Nominations will be accepted through Thursday, August 31, 2000. The three-year term would begin January 1, 2001.

The five positions to be filled include:

- One environmental protection representative;
- One renewable resources representative representing grazing interests;
- One elected official representing local or county government;
- Two public-at-large representatives.

Council members are appointed to serve an initial 3-year term, and may be nominated for reappointment for an additional three-year term. Five council members are completing their second 3-year term and retire December 31, 2000.

The California Desert District Advisory Council is comprised of 15 private individuals who represent different interests and advise BLM officials on policies and programs concerning the management of approximately 11 million acres of public land in southern California. The Council meets in formal session three to four times each year in various locations throughout the California Desert District. Council members serve without compensation except for reimbursement of travel expenditures incurred in the course of their duties.

Section 309 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve the public in planning and issues related to management of BLM administered lands. The Secretary also selects council nominees consistent with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), which requires nominees appointed to the council be balanced in terms of points of view and representative of the various interests concerned with the management of the public lands.

The Council also is balanced geographically, and BLM will try to find qualified representatives from areas throughout the California Desert District. The District covers portions of eight counties, and includes 10.7 million acres of public land in the California Desert Conservation Area and 300,000 acres of scattered parcels in San Diego, western Riverside, western San Bernardino, Orange, and Los Angeles Counties (known as the South Coast).

Any group or individual may nominate a qualified person, based upon their education, training, and knowledge of BLM, the California Desert, and the issues involving BLM-administered public lands throughout

southern California. Qualified individuals also may nominate themselves.

Nominations must include the name of the nominees; work and home addresses and telephone numbers, fax number, and E-mail addresses; a biographical sketch that includes the nominee's work and public service record; any applicable outside interests or other information that demonstrates the nominee qualifications for the position; and the specific category of interest in which the nominee is best qualified to offer advice and council. Nominees may contact the BLM California Desert District External Affairs staff at (909) 697-5220 or write to the address below and request a copy of the nomination form.

All nominations must be accompanied by letters of reference from represented interests, organizations, or elected officials supporting the nomination. Individuals nominating themselves must provide at least one letter of recommendation. Advisory Council members are appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, generally in late January or early February.

Nominations should be sent to the District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, California Desert District, 6221 Box Spring Boulevard, Riverside, California 92507.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
BLM California Desert District External Affairs: Doran Sanchez, (909) 697-5220.

Dated: June 16, 2000.

Tim Salt,
District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-034-00-1040-DB: GPO-0254]

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the North Fork Malheur River Landscape Area Management Project in Malheur, Harney and Grant Counties, OR

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the North Fork River Landscape Area Management Project in Malheur, Harney and Grant Counties, Oregon and notice of scoping.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy

Act of 1969, the Bureau of Land Management, Vale District, Malheur Resource Area, will be preparing an EIS on the impacts of various management activities and associated projects in the North Fork Malheur River geographic area. Resource values and management activities include: livestock grazing, recreation, forest management, special status and Threatened and Endangered species, wildlife habitat, Wilderness Study Areas, Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, Wild and Scenic Study River, Native America concerns and cultural resources.

DATES: Written comments on the initial scoping process will be accepted until September 1, 2000. A public scoping meeting will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on June 29, 2000 at the Juntura Grade School, W 6th Street, Juntura, Oregon. Additional meetings will be considered as appropriate.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The project area includes the drainages of the Little Malheur and North Fork Malheur Rivers. The area consists of approximately 126,000 acres of public lands located between Juntura and Ironside, Oregon. The southern boundary is U.S. Highway 20 between Jonesboro, Oregon and the Harney County line. The northwest boundary is the boundary between BLM lands and the Malheur National Forest. The Malheur Resource Area will be examining this area, assessing current management activities, developing recommendations for future management activities and analyzing the potential for projects. Projects may include, but are not limited to, range improvements, vegetation manipulation, recreational developments, forest health enhancement, watershed restoration and wildlife habitat enhancement. The no action alternative will also be analyzed in this document.

The Tentative Project Schedule Is as Follows:

File Draft EIS—February 2001,
File Final EIS—July 2001,
Record of Decision—September 2001.

The Bureau of Land Management's scoping process for the EIS will include:

- (1) Identification of issues to be addressed,
- (2) Identification of viable alternatives,
- (3) Notifying interested groups, individual and agencies to determine level of participation and obtain additional information concerning issues to be addressed in the EIS.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Roy Masinton, Field Manager, Malheur Resource Area, Vale District, Bureau of Land Management, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, OR 97918.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Dabbs, Bureau of Land Management, 100 Oregon Street, Vale, Oregon 97918, (541) 473-3144.

Roy L. Masinton,

Field Manager, Malheur Resource Area.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-610-1430-ET; CARI 02685]

Opening of Land; California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Public Land Order number 5043 expired on April 19, 1981. However, the lands, withdrawn by that order, were never opened pursuant to 43 CFR 2091.6.

EFFECTIVE DATES: June 22, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Duane Marti, BLM California State Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Suite W-1834, Sacramento, California 95825-1886, 916-978-4675.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Public Land Order number 5043, as revoked in part by Public Land Order number 5656, withdrew approximately 6,757 acres from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws. Public Land Order number 5043 terminated on April 19, 1981, under its own terms. Under the authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701), the following lands are hereby opened to the operation of the public land laws, including the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable laws:

(a). San Bernardino Meridian

T. 11 S., R. 11 E.,

Secs. 2, 4, 10, 12, and 14;

Sec. 16, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Secs. 22, 24, and 26.

The areas described aggregate approximately 5,477 acres of federally owned lands.

(b). San Bernardino Meridian

T. 11 S., R. 11 E.,

Secs. 23 and 25.

The areas described aggregate approximately 1,280 acres of non-federally owned lands.

2. The lands described above in paragraph 1(a) are federally owned

lands that are withdrawn from both surface entry and mining by two overlapping withdrawals and those lands will not be opened to either surface entry or mining. Consequently, the opening, insofar as it affects those lands, is a record clearing action only.

3. The lands described above in paragraph 1(b) are non-federally owned lands that were conveyed out of public ownership on August 11, 1919 by a railroad patent. Consequently, the opening, insofar as it affects those lands, is a record clearing action only.

Dated: June 15, 2000.

David McInay,

Chief, Branch of Lands.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-200-1430-EU; COC-44105, COC-57166, COC-35470]

Notice of Realty Action

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Realty Action.

SUMMARY: COC-44105—Recreation and Public Purpose Classification. The following public lands are classified as suitable for lease under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act (R&PP) of July 14, 1926, as amended, 43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*, and the regulations thereunder 43 CFR 2740 and 2912. The public lands involved are segregated from the public land laws including the general mining laws, except for the R&PP Act. The purpose of the classification is to segregate the DeWeese Reservoir recreation site managed by the Colorado Division of Wildlife in conjunction with the DeWeese State Wildlife Area, from conflicting applications and proposals.

Sixth Principal Meridian, Custer County, Colorado

T. 21 S., R. 72 W.,

Sec. 20, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Sec. 21, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Sec. 28, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$

Sec. 29, Lots 1, 2

Consisting of approximately 241.44 acres.

COC-57166—The following lands were segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease or conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, on February 29, 1996. Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, this segregation, as it affects these lands only, will be amended to allow for

exchange under Section 206 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), as amended by the Federal Land Exchange Facilitation Act (FLEFA) or sale under section 203 of FLPMA. This amendment affects lands in the area of the City of Longmont's water transmission line and will allow for conveyance to the City of Longmont.

Sixth Principal Meridian, Boulder County, Colorado

T. 3 N., R. 71 W.,

Sec. 11: S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,

W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,

SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,

N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Sec. 13: S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of lot 1, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of lot 1,

S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of lot 1

Sec. 14: N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ of lot 1, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of lot 1

Consisting of approximately 49.85 acres.

COC-35470—The following lands were segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease or conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, on September 6, 1985. Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, this segregation, as it affects these lands only, will be amended to allow for exchange to the City and County of Denver acting by and through its Board of Water Commissioners under Section 206 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), as amended by the Federal Land Exchange Facilitation Act (FLEFA).

Sixth Principal Meridian, Boulder County, Colorado

T. 1 S., R. 71 W.,

Tracts 49, 54, 60, 61, 65, 143, 144

Consisting of approximately 283.72 acres.

The lands are not needed for Federal purposes. These actions are consistent with current BLM land use planning and would be in the public interest.

DATES: Interested parties may submit comments on this action on or before August 3, 2000. Please reference the applicable serial number in all correspondence. Objections will be reviewed and this realty action may be sustained, vacated, or modified. Unless vacated or modified, this realty action will become final.

ADDRESSES: Royal Gorge Field Office Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 3170 E. Main St., Canon City, CO 81212.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: COC-44105, David Hallock, Realty Specialist BLM, 719-269-8536; COC-57166, Jan Fackrell, Realty Specialist BLM, 719-269-8525; COC-35470, Stu Parker, Realty Specialist BLM, 719-269-