

Lot No.	Size in acres	Minimum acceptable bid	30 percent deposit required
W/2 NE/4 NW/4	20.00	10,000	3,000.00
Total	100.31	51,123	15,336.90

Bidder Qualifications

To become a qualified bidder, eligible to compete during the oral auction, the following applicable criteria must be met:

(1) You must provide proof that you are a citizen of the United States who is at least 18 years of age; or (2) you must provide proof that you are a corporation subject to the laws of the State of California or of the United States; or (3) you must provide proof that you are a State or State instrumentality or political subdivision authorized to hold property; or (4) you must provide proof that you are an entity legally capable of conveying and holding lands or interests therein under the laws of the State of California; and (5) you must provide a sealed bid and deposit of no less than 30% of the minimum fair market value shown in the above table, or 30% of the amount of your bid greater than the minimum fair market value.

This information must be provided to the Bureau of Land Management, Ridgecrest Resource Area, 300 S. Richmond Road, Ridgecrest, CA 93555 by 4:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time on or before March 2, 1998. Failure to timely provide the appropriate proof of qualification and the deposit for the proper value will result in immediate disqualification. No exceptions will be permitted. The Bureau of Land Management will return all disqualified bids and deposits.

Payments for the 30% deposit may be in the form of certified or cashiers check, money order, visa, mastercard, personal check or any combination thereof.

Bids must include the bidder's name, as it would appear on the patent, address, telephone number and social security number.

Bids must be submitted in a sealed legal-size envelope and marked on the front with the Lot Number and the printed name of the bidder. Sealed bids shall be considered only if received in accordance with the instructions of this Notice.

Procedures

Public Notice is provided that a competitive bid will be conducted on March 20, 1998, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time at the Bureau of Land Management Conference Room

located at 300 S. Richmond Road, Ridgecrest, CA 93555. Bidder registration will open at 12:45 p.m. and close at 1:25 p.m. Any qualified bidder who fails to register timely for the oral auction will be disqualified. All deposits from disqualified bidders will be returned.

Oral bids will only be conducted for those lots where two or more bids have been received. Bidding will begin at the highest bid greater than the minimum fair market value. Bidding will be in \$50.00 increments. Bidding will be restricted to only qualified bidders identified by the Bureau of Land Management.

Upon the conclusion of bidding for each lot, the successful bidder will be declared. That bidder will be required to immediately submit a minimum payment of not less than 20% of the final bid for the lot. Payment must be made in the form described above. The successful bidder has 180 days from the date of the sale to submit full payment for the lot. Failure to submit the full payment by the 180th day shall result in cancellation of the sale of the specific lot and all deposits made, to date, shall be forfeited and disposed of as other receipts of sale.

The United States reserves the right to reject the highest qualified bid and release the bidder from his/her obligation and withdraw the lot from competitive sale if the Authorized Officer (AO) determines that consummation of the bidding process would be inconsistent with the provisions of any existing law, or collusive or other activities have hindered, or restrained free and open bidding. Bidders are WARNED that any violations of this statute, Title 18 U.S.C. 1860, could result in fine or imprisonment, or both. No harassing, intimidating, vulgar, or other abusive behavior will be tolerated. Any bidder or other person who engages in such activity will be disqualified and expelled from the oral auction.

Terms and Conditions Applicable to the Sale Are

1. The subsurface estate and all minerals are reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine and remove the minerals.

2. A reservation for road rights-of-way will be incorporated into each affected

patent in conjunction with the Kern County road network.

3. A right-of-way is reserved for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States under the authority of the Act of August 30, 1890, 43 U.S.C. 945.

4. The patent will be subject to any rights-of-way for the purposes of utilities (Electric, Telephone, Water and Cable) as they affect the lots.

5. The purchaser, by accepting the land patent, will indemnify the United States against any current or future liability pertaining to Hazardous Materials and underlying mine shafts, tunnels or adits, known or unknown.

Grazing Issues

This land sale involves lands inside the Cantil Common Allotment. These lands are withdrawn under Section 3 of the Taylor Grazing Act. It has been determined that the lands contribute no forage for the Cantil Common Allotment and their sale will not result in the loss of grazing preference for any of the permittees.

Detailed information concerning the sale, including the reservations, sale procedures and conditions, and planning and environmental documents, is available at the Bureau of Land Management, Ridgecrest Resource Area office, 300 S. Richmond Road, Ridgecrest, CA 93555.

For a period of 45 days from the date of this Notice in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments to the Area Manager, at the above address. In the absence of timely objections, this proposal shall become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

Lee Delaney,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-050-1430-00; GP8-0059]

Notice of Realty Action; Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act Classification

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Prineville District, Oregon.

ACTION: Notice to authorize the continued use of public lands for recreation purposes.

SUMMARY: The following public lands in Klamath County, Oregon have been examined and found suitable for classification for lease to the La Pine Rodeo Association under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*). The La Pine Rodeo Association proposes to use the lands for a community rodeo grounds. This proposal would allow for the continued use that has been occurring for ten years under a similar lease. The lands involve about 20 acres and are described as:

Willamette Meridian, Oregon

T. 23 S., R. 10 E.,

Sec. 3, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$; (that portion lying north of the county road),

The lands are not needed for Federal purposes. The renewal of this lease is consistent with current BLM land use planning and would be in the public interest.

The lease, when issued, will be subject to the following:

1. The provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.
2. State and local planning and zoning ordinances.
3. The Management Plan approved by BLM.

Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, Prineville District, 3050 NE Third, Prineville, Oregon, 97754.

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 lease 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 in the **Federal Register**, interested persons may submit comments regarding the proposed lease or classification of the lands to the District Manager, Prineville District Office, P.O. Box 550, Prineville, Oregon 97754.

CLASSIFICATION COMMENTS: Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for a community rodeo grounds. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the use will maximize the future use 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 BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land for a community rodeo grounds.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective February 17, 1998.

Dated: December 10, 1997.

Donald L. Smith,

Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

[Docket No. NM-952-07-1420-00]

Notice of Filing of Plat of Survey; New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The plats of survey described below will be officially filed in the New Mexico States Office, Bureau of Land Management, Santa Fe, New Mexico, on January 10, 1998.

New Mexico Principal Meridian, New Mexico.

Tps. 30-31 N., R. 16 W., accepted October 30, 1997, for Group 922 NM; T. 31 N., R. 18 W., accepted October 30, 1997, for Group 922 NM; T. 23 N., Rs. 10 and 11 W., accepted November 7, 1997, for Group 909 NM; T. 25 S., R. 3E., accepted November 7, 1997, for Group 949 NM.

If a protest against a survey, as shown on any of the above plats is received prior to the date of official filing, the filing will be stayed pending consideration of the protest. A plat will not be officially filed until the day after all protests have been dismissed and become final or appeals from the dismissal affirmed.

A person or party who wishes to protest against any of these surveys must file a written protest with the NM State Director, Bureau of Land Management, stating that they wish to protest.

A statement of reasons for a protest may be filed with the notice of protest to the State Director, or the statement of reasons must be filed with the State Director within thirty (30) days after the protest is filled.

The above-listed plats represent dependent resurveys, surveys, and subdivisions.

These plats will be in the New Mexico State Office, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-0115. Copies may be obtained from this office upon payment of \$1.10 per sheet.

Dated: December 9, 1997.

John P. Bennett,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor, For New Mexico.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-930-4214-010; COC-61331]

Proposed Withdrawal: Opportunity for Public Meeting; Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, proposes to withdraw approximately 450 acres of National Forest System lands for 10 years to allow management alternatives for the Forest Service. This notice closes these lands to location and entry under the mining laws for up to two years. The lands remain open to mineral leasing.

DATES: Comments on this proposed withdrawal or requests for public meeting must be received on or before March 19, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments and requests for a meeting should be sent to the Colorado State Director, BLM, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215-7076.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doris E. Chelius, 303-239-3706.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 24, 1997, the Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, filed an application to withdraw the following described National Forest System lands from location and entry under the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. Ch 2):

Uncompahgre National Forest New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 44 N, R. 7 W.,

Sec. 31, W $\frac{1}{2}$.

T. 44 N, R. 8 W.,

Sec. 35, E $\frac{1}{2}$.

The areas described exclude any patented lands within the application and contain approximately 450 acres of National Forest System lands in Ouray County.