- protester discussed the issue(s) for the record
- —A concise statement as to why the protester believes the BLM State Director is incorrect

Dated: March 10, 1998.

Douglas M. Koza,

Acting State Director, Utah

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management [NV-930-1430-01; N-61417]

Notice of Realty Action: Non-Competitive Sale of Public Lands

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Non-Competitive sale of public lands in White Pine County, Nevada.

SUMMARY: The below listed public land in Newark Valley, White Pine County, Nevada has been examined and found suitable for sale utilizing noncompetitive procedures, at not less than the fair market value. In accordance with Section 7 of the Act of June 28, 1934, as amended, 43 U.S.C. 315f and EO 6910, the described lands are hereby classified as suitable for disposal under the authority of Section 203 and Section 209 of the Act of October 21, 1976; 43 U.S.C. 1761.

DATES: For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments to the Assistant District Manager, Nonrenewable Resources.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to: Bureau of Land Management, Gene L. Drais, Assistant District Manager, Nonrenewable Resources, HC 33, Box 33500, Ely, NV 89301–9408.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael McGinty, Realty Specialist, at the above address or telephone (702) 289–1882.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following described parcel of land, situated in White Pine County is being offered as a direct sale to Mr. Warren Scoppettone.

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 17 N., R. 55 E., Section 18, $S^{1/2}S^{1/2}SE^{1/4}$. Containing 40.00 acres more or less.

This land is not required for any federal purposes. The sale is consistent with current Bureau planning for this area and would be in the public interest.

In the event of a sale, conveyance of the available mineral interests will occur simultaneously with the sale of the land. The mineral interests being offered for conveyance have no known mineral value. Acceptance of a direct sale offer will constitute an application for conveyance of those mineral interests. The applicant will be required to pay a \$50.00 nonreturnable filing fee for the conveyance of the available mineral interests.

The patent, when issued, will contain the following reservations to the United States:

- 1. A right-of-way thereon for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States, Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).
- 2. All the sodium, potassium, oil and gas mineral deposits in the land subject to this conveyance, including without limitation, the disposition of these substances under the mineral leasing laws. Its permittee, licensees and lessees, the right to prospect for, mine and remove the mineral owned by the United States under applicable law and such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe. This reservation includes all necessary and incidental activities conducted in accordance with the provisions of the mineral leasing laws in effect at the time such activities are undertaken, including, without limitation, necessary access and exit rights, all drilling, underground, or surface mining operation, storage and transportation facilities deemed necessary and authorized under law and implementing regulations. Unless otherwise provided by separate agreement with surface owner, permittee, licensees and lessees of the United States shall reclaim disturbed areas to the extent prescribed by regulations issued by the Secretary of the Interior. All cause of action brought to enforce the rights of the surface owner under the regulations above referred to shall be instituted against permittee, licensees and lessees of the United States; and the United States shall not be liable for the acts or omissions of its permittee, licensees and lessees. Upon publication of this notice in the Federal Register, the above described land will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except leasing under the mineral leasing laws. This segregation will terminate upon issuance of a patent or 270 days from the date of this publication, whichever occurs first.

For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may

submit comments regarding this action to the Assistant District Manager, Nonrenewable Resources at the address listed above. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In absence of any adverse comments, this realty action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior. The Bureau of Land Management may accept or reject any or all offers, or withdraw any land or interest in the land from sale, if, in the opinion of the authorized officer, consummation of the sale would not be fully consistent with FLPMA, or other applicable laws. The lands will not be offered for sale until at least 60 days after the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register.

Dated: March 4, 1998.

Gene A. Kolkman,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Intent To Issue a Prospectus for Operation of a Gas Service Station at Yosemite National Park

SUMMARY: The National Park Service will be releasing a concession Prospectus authorizing continued operation of a gas service station adjacent to the west entrance of Yosemite National Park. The operation is located on land administered by the park near the community of El Portal. The operation is considered a full service station and has one service bay for minor car repair and lubrication service. The sales consist of automotive gasoline (three grades), oil, propane, lubricants, batteries, tires and other related automobile supplies. The operation is year round with the peak season during the summer months. The annual gross receipts average between \$424,000 to \$459,000. The new contract will be for eight (8) years and five (5) months expiring December 31, 2006. The new operator will be required to replace four (4) underground storage tanks by December 1998 in accordance with the Federal Law. There is an existing concessioner which has operated satisfactorily under the existing permit and has a right of preference in renewal.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The cost for purchasing a Prospectus is \$30.00. Parties interested in obtaining a copy should send a check (NO CASH) made payable to "National Park Service" to

the following address: National Park Service, Pacific Great Basin Support Office, Office of Concession Program Management, 600 Harrison Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, California 94107-1372. A Tax Identification Number (TIN) OR Social Security Number (SSN) MUST be provided on all checks. The front of the envelope should be marked "Attention: Office of Concession Program Management—Mail Room Do Not Open". Please include in your request a mailing address indicating where to send the Prospectus. Inquiries may be directed to Ms. Teresa Jackson, Office of Concession Program Management at (415) 427-1369.

Dated: March 5, 1998.

Sondra S. Humpries,

Acting Regional Director, Pacific West Region. [FR Doc. 98–6625 Filed 3–13–98; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4310–70–P

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Final Environmental Impact Statement; General Management Plan; National Park of American Samoa; Notice of Availability

SUMMARY: Pursuant to § 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 91-190, as amended), the National Park Service has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the General Management Plan (GMP) for the National Park of American Samoa, Territory of American Samoa. The GMP proposes implementation of management strategies to ensure the long-term protection of the natural, cultural, and subsistence resources of this national park. Also included in the actions proposed is development of a full program to interpret those resources for visitors, and limited construction of facilities needed to provide for visitor enjoyment of this new and, as yet, undeveloped national park. Development within the national park is to be restrained and low-key. Major visitor use facilities are proposed at locations outside of the national park. Villages located near the national park are encouraged to provide visitor services in the traditional Samoan style.

Alternatives and Proposed Action: Four alternatives and corresponding mitigation measures were identified and analyzed. This consisted of No Action (Alternative B); Minimum Requirements (Alternative C, minimal facility development, visitor services and resource management); and Alternative D (same as proposed action, with the

added element of developing a visitor center *within* the national park). The Proposed Action is Alternative A, and is briefly summarized above.

Background: The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) was released for public review for a 75-day period which ended March 15, 1997. Public meetings were held in American Samoa during the review period to hear comments on the draft plan; meetings were also held in each of the nine villages with lands in the national park to hear comments from village council members. Both the DEIS and the FEIS evaluate the same proposed action and three alternatives. The information in the FEIS remains essentially unchanged from the DEIS. The FEIS contains responses to the comments received on the draft and the modifications and clarifications to the text in response to those comments. Modifications and clarifications made were minor and few in number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The noaction period for the FEIS/GMP will extend for 30 days after EPA's listing of the filing of the document in the Federal Register. Requests for information or copies of the final document should be directed to the Superintendent, National Park of American Samoa, Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799; or to Park Planner, Pacific Islands Support Office, 300 Ala Moana Blvd, Box 50165, Honolulu, Hawaii 96850.

Dated: March 1, 1998.

John J. Reynolds,

Regional Director, Pacific West. [FR Doc. 98–6626 Filed 3–13–98; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4310–70–P

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Availability of a Plan of Operations and Environmental Assessment for Duke Energy Field Services Inc.; Padre Island National Seashore Kenedy and Kleberg Counties, TX

The National Park Service has received from Duke Energy Field Services, Inc. a Plan of Operations for the continued operation of an existing natural gas pipeline at Padre Island National Seashore, Kenedy and Kleberg Counties, Texas.

Pursuant to § 9.52(b) of Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 9, Subpart B (36 CFR 9B); the Plan of Operations and Environmental Assessment are available for public review and comment for a period of 30 days from the publication date of this

notice in the Office of the Superintendent, Padre Island National Seashore, 9405 South Padre Island Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas. Copies of the documents are available from the Superintendent, Padre Island National Seashore, 9405 South Padre Island Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas 78418, and will be sent upon request.

Dated: March 5, 1998.

Patrick C. McCrary,

Superintendent, Padre Island National Seashore.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision, General Management Plan/ Final Environmental Impact Statement, Manhatten Sites, New York, NY

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

INTRODUCTION: This Record of Decision (ROD) concludes compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act for decision making to approve a General Management Plan (GMP) for Manhattan Sites. This compliance was initiated upon a Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), published in the Federal Register (FR) March 10, 1992. That notice called for a normal 30-day scoping period during which open houses were held at each of the sites to encourage public input. This period was extended to April 30, 1992 by a subsequent FR notice on April 21. Notices of Availability of the Draft and Final EIS's were published in the FR on June 16, 1996 and February 14, 1997 respectively.

SUMMARY: The ROD is a concise statement of the decisions made, other alternatives considered, the basis for the decision, the environmentally preferable alternative, the mitigating measures, and the public involvement in the decision making process.

making process.
Public Law 965–625, the National
Parks and Recreation Act, requires the preparation and timely revision of GMP's for each unit of the National Park system. The purpose of the GMP for these sites is to guide the overall management, development, resource conservation and use of each site.
Presented are alternatives for the preservation and development of each site and the impacts of implementing each alternative.

Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, (P.L. 910190 as amended), and