

701 South 20th Street, Suite 1170, Birmingham, AL 35294, (205) 934-3500. Grant: \$120,000 to fund four students.

10. University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Dr. Diane Miller, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Office of Graduate Studies, 615 McCallie Avenue, Chattanooga, TN 37403, (423) 755-4431. Grant: \$120,000 to fund four students.

11. Auburn University, Dr. Robert Montjoy, Auburn University, 3354 Haley Center, Auburn University, AL 36849, (334) 844-4704. Grant: \$90,000 to fund three students.

12. Florida State University, Dr. Charles Connerly, Florida State University, 2035 East Paul Dirac Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32306, (850) 644-8516. Grant: \$118,500 to fund four students.

Midwest

13. Indiana University-South Bend, Dr. Leda McIntyre Hall, Indiana University, School of Public and Environmental Affairs, P.O. Box 1847, South Bend, IN 47402, (219) 237-4803. Grant: \$109,604 to fund four students.

14. Minnesota State University, Dr. William Bernhagen, Minnesota State University, Urban & Regional Studies Institute, Box 8400, Mankato, MN 56002, (507) 389-6836. Grant: \$118,000 to fund four students.

15. University of Cincinnati, Dr. David Varady, University of Cincinnati, School of Planning, P.O. Box 21067, Cincinnati, OH 45221, (513) 556-0215. Grant: \$97,760 to fund four students.

16. University of Michigan, Dr. Margaret Dewar, University of Michigan, Fleming Administration Building, 503 Thompson Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48109, (734) 763-2528. Grant: \$90,000 to fund three students.

17. University of Illinois-Chicago, Dr. Curtis Winkle, University of Illinois-Chicago, Urban Planning and Policy Program, 809 S. Marshfield Avenue, Chicago, IL 60612, (312) 996-2155. Grant: \$120,000 to fund four students.

Southwest

18. North Central Texas Council of Governments, Mr. R. Michael Eastland, P.O. Box 5888, Arlington, TX 76005, (817) 695-9101. Grant: \$263,388 for three student each at University of North Texas, University of Texas at Arlington, and the University of Texas at Dallas.

19. Southern University, Dr. Damien Ejigiri, Southern University, P.O. Box 9656, Baton Rouge, LA 70813, (504) 771-3092. Grant: \$117,000 to fund four students.

20. Arkansas State University, Dr. Linda Pritchard, Arkansas State University, P.O. Box 1030, State

University, AR 72467, (870) 972-3079. Grant: \$113,920 to fund four students.

21. University of Texas at El Paso, Dr. Paul Maxwell, University of Texas at El Paso, Office of Research and Sponsored Projects, 500 W. University, Administration Building, Room 209, El Paso, TX 79968, (915) 747-5680. Grant: \$120,000 to fund four students.

Great Plains

22. University of Nebraska-Omaha, Dr. Burton Reed, University of Nebraska-Omaha, Department of Public Administration, 60th and Dodge Streets, Omaha, NE 68182, (402) 554-2682. Grant: \$112,408 to fund four students.

23. Kansas State University, Dr. Larry Lawhorn, Kansas State University, 2 Fairchild Hall, Manhattan, KS 66506, (785) 532-2445. Grant: \$118,060 to fund four students.

Rocky Mountains

24. University of Colorado-Denver, Dr. Robert Horn, University of Colorado-Denver, Office of Sponsored Projects, Campus Box 123, P.O. Box 173364, Denver, CO 80217, (303) 620-4666. Grant: \$90,000 to fund three students.

Pacific

25. University of California Berkeley, Dr. Robert Ogilvie, University of California-Berkeley, Sponsored Projects Office, 316 Wurster Hall #1870, Berkeley, CA 94720, (510) 643-1903. Grant: \$120,000 to fund four students.

Dated: May 18, 1999.

Lawrence L. Thompson,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Development and Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-030-1430-01; NMNM24542]

Proposed Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendment for Land Ownership and Boundary Adjustment and Direct Sale of Public Land Within The Organ/Franklin Mountains Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of a proposed RMP amendment and Notice of Realty Action (NORA).

SUMMARY: The BLM, Las Cruces Field Office, announces the availability of a proposed RMP Amendment/Finding of

No Significant Impact (FONSI), supporting Environmental Assessment (EA) and NORA. The Proposed Plan adjusts the boundary of the Organ/Franklin Mountains ACEC to exclude the following public land that has been found suitable for direct sale under Section 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (90 Stat. 2750, 43 U.S.C. 1713), at no less than the estimated fair market value. The land will not be offered for sale until at least 60 days after the date of this notice.

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Containing 320 acres.

This land has been leased by Our Lady's Youth Center since 1975, as part of a youth ranch and retreat known as the Lord's Ranch. The proposed direct sale is for surface rights only. The disposal is consistent with this Proposed RMP Amendment for the Mimbres RMP, State and local government programs, plans, and applicable regulations.

DATES: Protests on the Proposed Plan must be postmarked on or before June 24, 1999.

Comments regarding the proposed direct sale must be postmarked on or before July 9, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Protests on the Proposed Plan should be sent in writing to the Director, BLM, Attn: Brenda Williams, Protests Coordinator, WO-210/LS-1075, Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C. 20240. Only those persons or organizations who participated in the planning process may protest. Comments on the direct sale should be sent to the BLM, Las Cruces Field Office, 1800 Marquess, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marvin M. James at the BLM, Las Cruces Field Office or at (505) 525-4349.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Proposed Plan is to remove the 320 acres from within the boundary of the Organ/Franklin Mountains ACEC and reclassify as suitable for disposal, by direct sale to Our Lady's Youth Center of El Paso, Texas. The land will continue to be used as part of the Lord's Ranch on the adjacent private land. The Proposed Plan was BLM's preferred alternative in the Draft RMP Amendment/EA.

At the end of the 30-day protest period, the Proposed Plan excluding any portions under protest, will become final. A Decision Record will be published following resolution of any protest.

Any person who is on record for participating in the planning process

and has an interest that may be adversely affected may protest approval of the Plan Amendment. Protest should be made to the BLM Director with the following information: (1) Name, mailing address, telephone number, and interest of the person filing the protest; (2) a statement of the concern or concerns being protested; (3) a statement of the part or parts being protested; (4) a copy of all documents addressing the concern or concerns that were submitted during the planning process by the protesting party or an indication of the date the concern or concerns were discussed for the records; and (5) a concise statement explaining why the BLM New Mexico State Director's decision is wrong. At the end of the 30-day protest period, the Proposed Plan, excluding any portions under protest, will become final. Approval will be withheld on any portion of the Plan under protest until final action has been completed on such protest. Individuals not wishing to protest the Plan, but wanting to comment, may send comments to the BLM, Las Cruces Field Office, 1800 Marquess, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005. All comments received will be considered in preparation of the Decision Record.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BLM Las Cruces Field Office, 1800 Marquess, Las Cruces, New Mexico, during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the RMP Amendment/EA. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

The direct sale will be subject to:

1. A reservation to the United States of a right-of-way for ditches or canals constructed by the authority of the United States in accordance with the Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).

2. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals. A more detailed description of this reservation, which will be incorporated in the patent

document or other document of conveyance is available for review at this BLM office. Publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** will segregate the public land from appropriations under the public land laws including the mining laws but not the mineral leasing laws. This segregation will terminate upon the issuance of a patent or other document of conveyance, 270 days from date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** or upon publication of Notice of Termination, whichever occurs first.

Any adverse comments concerning the direct sale will be evaluated by the State Director who may sustain, vacate, or modify the realty action. In the absence of any objections, the realty action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

Dated: May 18, 1999.

Linda S.C. Rundell,

Field Manager, Las Cruces.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Formal Planning and Development of a Soundscape Management Plan for Biscayne National Park, Homestead, FL

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Announcement initiating the planning and development of a Soundscape Management Plan for Biscayne National Park, Florida.

SUMMARY: This May, the National Park Service will begin formal planning and development of a Soundscape Management Plan for Biscayne National Park, Homestead, Florida.

The Park was established as a national monument in 1968. In 1980 it was enlarged to 181,500 acres and re-designated as a national park to protect a rare combination of subtropical terrestrial, marine, and amphibious life. Preservation and restoration of the natural sound environments within Biscayne National Park has become one of the foremost challenges in the protection of park resources. Today, natural ambient sound are threatened and the experience of park visitors is altered, as noises of civilization and technological conveniences increasingly reach even the most remote corners of the park.

Biscayne National Park has sought National Park Service guidance with regard to protecting, restoring and

managing the park soundscape as a resource. As a result, the park has determined a need to evaluate and manage our collective soundscape including natural sounds as well as sounds generated by park operations, visitor activities, aircraft overflights and other human sources. To address this challenge, Biscayne National Park will begin park planning to create a Soundscape Management Plan. The park will be requesting public input and participation during the various stages of the planning process.

DATES: The draft plan is expected to be available for public comment this fall. Refer to local and regional newspapers for further information on public meeting dates, times and locations.

ADDRESSES: Anyone wishing to provide comments or suggestions on the Soundscape Management Plan may send such information to: Superintendent, Biscayne National Park, 9700 SW 328th Street, Homestead, FL 33033-5634, or BSIC__Soundstage@nps.gov.

Dated: May 12, 1999.

Daniel W. Brown,

Regional Director, Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Fort Stanwix National Monument, Oneida County, New York; Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Public Meetings

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 91-109 section 102 (c)), the National Park Service (NPS) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Fort Stanwix National Monument, located in Rome, Oneida County, New York. The purpose of the EIS is to assess the impacts of alternative management strategies which will be described in the General Management Plan (GMP) for Fort Stanwix National Monument. A range of alternatives will be formulated for cultural resource protection, visitor use and interpretation, facilities development, and operations.

The NPS will hold a public meeting on June 9, 1999, 6:30 p.m., at the Rome Historical Society, 200 Church Street, Rome, New York 13440, to provide an opportunity for public input into the scoping for the GMP/EIS. A newsletter will be distributed through the local media, announcing the date, time and