

would be provided for the conservation area. The conservation area would be used for the recovery and long-term conservation of the Delhi Sands flower-loving fly. This alternative would result in construction within approximately 60 acres of potential Delhi Sands flower-loving fly habitat. Impacts to the Delhi Sands flower-loving fly would be greater than the proposed project and there would be less benefit to the species.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act and Service regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (40 CFR 1506.6). The Service will evaluate the permit applications, the Habitat Conservation Plan, Environmental Assessment, the associated documents and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act. If we determine that the requirements are met, we will issue permits for the incidental take of the Delhi Sands flower-loving fly. A final decision on permit issuance will be made no sooner than 30 days from the date of this notice.

Dated: July 7, 1999.

Elizabeth H. Stevens,
Deputy Manager, California/Nevada
Operations Office, Fish and Wildlife Service,
Sacramento, California

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-320-1820-00]

Resource Advisory Council Meeting; Northeast California Resource Advisory Council; Susanville, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committees Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (Public Law 94-579), the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's Northeast California Resource Advisory Council will meet Friday, Aug. 13, 1999, at the BLM Eagle Lake Field Office, 2950 Riverside Dr., Susanville, CA.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting begins at 9 a.m. in the conference room of the BLM Eagle Lake Field Office. Agenda items include discussion of off-highway vehicle

management, grass banking, noxious weeds, the recreation fee demonstration project, sage grouse management, and a status report on BLM wilderness study areas in northeastern California and northwestern Nevada. Public comments will be taken at 10 a.m. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak, a time limit could be set. The entire meeting is open to the public as well.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Contact Tim Burke, BLM Alturas Field Manager, at (530) 233-4666.

Joseph J. Fontana,
Public Affairs Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-020-1430-01; N-45098]

Termination of Segregative Effect, and Opening Order for a Portion of Airport Lease N-45098, Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This action terminates a segregative effect on a portion of Airport Lease N-45098, held by Humboldt County. The land will be opened to the operation of the public land laws, including location and entry under the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 21, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Figarella, Realty Specialist, Winnemucca Field Office, 5100 E. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, Nevada 89445, or 775-623-1500.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The segregative effect for Airport Lease N-45098, also known as the Denio Junction Airport, was made on January 15, 1987, then amended on September 23, 1987 and July 21, 1988. The public lands affected by the above segregative actions, are described as follows:

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 47 N., R. 30 E.,
Sec. 9: W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$,
W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 16: NW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$,
W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$,
W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$,
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$,
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,
N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,
N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 17: S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$,
N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Totalling 310 acres more or less in Humboldt County.

The segregation was made pursuant to the Act of May 24, 1928 (49 U.S.C. 211-214) as amended by the Act of August 16, 1941 (55 Stat. 621).

The segregative effect is hereby terminated for all public lands encumbered by Airport Lease N-45098, except the following described lands:

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 47 N., R. 30 E.,

Sec. 9:

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

Sec. 16: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$,

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

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

Totalling 135 acres more or less in Humboldt County.

At 9 a.m. on July 21, 1999, the land encumbered by Airport Lease N-45098, except the lands described above, will be opened to location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. All valid applications received at or prior to 9 a.m. on July 21, 1999, shall be considered as simultaneously filed at that time. Those received thereafter shall be considered in the order of filing. Appropriation of any of the land described in this order under the general mining laws prior to the date and time of restoration is unauthorized. Any such attempted adverse possession under 30 U.S.C. 38 (1988), shall vest no rights against the United States. Acts required to establish a location and to initiate a right of possession are governed by State law where not in conflict with Federal law. The Bureau of Land Management will not intervene in disputes between rival locators over possessory rights since Congress has provided for such determinations in local courts.

Dated: June 30, 1999.

Terry A. Reed,

Field Manager, Winnemucca.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-020-1430-01; N-59006]

Termination of Segregative Effect, and Opening Order for Proposed Exchange, Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This action terminates the land exchange segregation, dated March

26, 1997, for Proposed Exchange N-59006. The land will be opened to the operation of the public land laws, including location and entry under the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 21, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary Figarelle, Realty Specialist, Winnemucca Field Office, 5100 E. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, Nevada 89445, or 775-623-1500.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Upon notation to the public land office records, on March 25, 1997, the public lands described below were segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws including location and entry under the mining laws. On June 21, 1999, the exchange proponent notified the Bureau of Land Management, that he no longer wanted to pursue the proposed exchange. The segregation is hereby terminated on the following described lands:

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

- T. 43 N., R. 32 E.,
 Sec. 4: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 9: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 17: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 18: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 31: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.
 T. 47 N., R. 31 E.,
 Sec. 21: E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{2}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 22: W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 26: S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 27: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 28: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 35: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.
 Totalling 1,280 acres in Humboldt County.

At 9 a.m. on July 21, 1999, the land encumbered by Proposed Exchange N-59006, will be opened to the operation of the public land laws, including location and entry under the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. All valid applications received at or prior to 9 a.m. on July 21, 1999, shall be considered as simultaneously filed at that time. Those received thereafter shall be considered in the order of filing. Appropriation of any of the land described in this order under the general mining laws prior to the date and time of restoration is unauthorized. Any such attempted adverse possession under 30 U.S.C. 38 (1988), shall vest no rights against the United States. Acts required to establish a location and to initiate a right of possession are governed by State law where not in conflict with Federal law. The Bureau of

Land Management will not intervene in disputes between rival locators over possessory rights since Congress has provided for such determinations in local courts.

Dated: June 30, 1999.

Terry A. Reed,

Field Manager, Winnemucca.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Federal Oil and Gas Royalty-in-Kind Pilot Programs

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: This is to give notice that the Minerals Management Service (MMS) intends to adhere to certain practices in exercising the options available to the Secretary of the Interior to take the government's royalty share of production in kind from Federal oil and gas leases. In particular, we would like to set forth the background and a general outline of how we are proceeding and what is expected of lessees and operators in connection with MMS's royalty-in-kind (RIK) projects. The purpose of these projects is to test the feasibility and examine the revenue effects of different ways of taking and disposing of RIK production. We welcome any comments you may have on the information provided in this Notice.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 13, 1999.

ADDRESSES: If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to Bonn Macy, Special Assistant to the Director, Minerals Management Service, 1849 C Street, NW, MS 4230, Washington, DC 20225. You may also comment via the Internet (E-mail) to Bonn.Macy@mms.gov. Please submit Internet comments as a WordPerfect 6.0 or an MS Word 97 document (earlier versions of these formats are acceptable) avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also include your name and return address and phone number in your Internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your Internet message, contact Bonn Macy directly at (202) 208-3827.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Bonn J. Macy, Minerals Management

Service, 1849 C Street, NW, MS 4230, Washington, D.C. 20240-0001; telephone number (202) 208-3827; fax (202) 208-3918; e-mail Bonn.Macy@mms.gov.

COMMENTS: Written comments on this notice should be addressed to Mr. Bonn J. Macy at the address given in the Addresses section of the notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The contents of this Notice will be discussed at a Public meeting held on July 20, 1999, in Houston, Texas. Please refer to the **Federal Register** Notice published July 1, 1999, for further information. We will post public comments after the comment period closes on the Internet at <http://www.rmp.mms.gov>. You may arrange to view paper copies of the comments by contacting Bonn Macy, Special Assistant to the Director, Minerals Management Service, (202) 208-3827, FAX (202) 208-3918.

Background

The Department of the Interior has managed mineral leasing on Federal lands since the Mineral Leasing Act was passed in 1920 (30 U.S.C. 181, *et seq.* (1994) (MLA). Under the terms of standard Federal oil and gas leases, the government is entitled to a share (royalty) of production removed or sold from the lease. The terms "in value" and "in kind" refer to the manner in which a mineral owner (lessor) receives the royalty share from the producer (lessee). Like most other royalty owners, the U.S. Government has, for the most part, historically received its royalty share "in value," that is, in cash as a percentage of the sales proceeds received by the lessee.

For most onshore Federal leases, the MLA provides in relevant part at 30 U.S.C. 192 that all royalty accruing to the United States under any oil or gas lease or permit under this chapter on demand of the Secretary of the Interior shall be paid in oil or gas.

For most offshore leases, the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, as amended (OCSLA) provides in relevant part at 43 U.S.C. 1353(a)(1) (1994) that, with some minor exceptions, all royalties or net profit shares, or both, accruing to the United States under any oil and gas lease issued or maintained in accordance with this subchapter, shall, on demand of the Secretary, be paid in oil or gas.

Section 2 of a typical onshore Federal lease form provides in part that "Lessor reserves the right to specify whether royalty is to be paid in value or in kind." (October 1992, Form BLM-3100-11). By section 6 of the offshore lease form, the lessor reserves "the right to