

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management****[NV-056-1430-ES; N-60920]****Notice of Realty Action: Segregation Terminated, Lease/Conveyance for Recreation and Public Purposes****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.**ACTION:** Segregation terminated, recreation and public purpose lease/conveyance.

**SUMMARY:** The following described public lands in Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada, were segregated for exchange purposes: N-56458 segregated on November 16, 1992, N-57773 segregated on April 18, 1994, N-60073 segregated on October 19, 1995, and N-61855 segregated on July 23, 1997. The exchange segregation on the subject lands will be terminated upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. The land has been examined and found suitable for lease/conveyance for recreational or public purposes under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*). Clark County proposes to use the lands for a public park.

**Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada**

T. 20 S., R. 60 E.,

Sec. 5, Lot 1 excepting 2.5 acres in SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

Containing 37.5 acres, more or less, located at Lone Mountain Road and Durango Road.

The land is not required for any Federal purpose. The lease/conveyance is consistent with current Bureau planning for this area and would be in the public interest. The lease/patents, when issued, will be subject to the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, and will contain the following reservations to the United States:

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

b. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine and remove such deposits from the same under applicable law and such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe and will be subject to:

1. Easements in accordance with the Clark County Transportation Plan.

2. Those rights for telephone purposes which have been granted to Sprint

Central Telephone Nevada by right-of-way N-7353 under the Act of February 15, 1901 (43 U.S.C. 959).

3. Those rights for gas pipe line purposes which have been granted to Southwest Gas Corporation by right-of-way N-55952 under the Act of February 25, 1920 (30 U.S.C. 185 sec. 28).

4. Those rights for power and telephone line purposes which have been granted to Nevada Power Company and Sprint Central Telephone by right-of-way N-59081 under the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761).

5. Those rights for power and telephone line purposes which have been granted to Nevada Power Company and Sprint Central Telephone by right-of-way N-60635 under the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761).

6. Those rights for roadway purposes which have been granted to Clark County by right-of-way N-60727 under the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761).

7. Those rights for roadway purposes which have been granted to Clark County by right-of-way N-61169 under the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761).

8. Those rights for roadway purposes which have been granted to City of Las Vegas by right-of-way N-62866 under the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761).

9. Those rights for power line purposes which have been granted to Nevada Power Company by right-of-way N-63037 under the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761).

Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, 4765 Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada.

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 for lease/conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, leasing under the mineral leasing laws and disposal under the mineral material disposal laws.

For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed lease/conveyance for classification of the lands to the Las Vegas Field Office Manager, Las Vegas Field Office, 4765 Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89108.

**Classification Comments**

Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of

the land for a public park. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the land is physically suited for the proposal, whether the use will maximize the future use or uses 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 public park.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification of the land described in this Notice will become effective 60 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**. The lands will not be offered for lease/conveyance until after the classification becomes effective.

Dated: December 2, 1999.

**Rex Wells,**

Assistant Field Office Manager, Las Vegas, NV.

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**BILLING CODE 1430-HC-P****DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management****[OR-025-00-1430-EU: G-0041]****Realty Action: Sale of Public Land in Harney County, Oregon****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM), DOI.**ACTION:** Notice of realty action, sale of public land.

**SUMMARY:** The following described public land in Harney County, Oregon, has been examined and found suitable for sale under sections 203 and 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (90 Stat. 2750, 43 U.S.C. 1713 and 1719), at not less than the appraised market value. All parcels being offered are identified for disposal in the Three Rivers Resource Management Plan.

All of the land described is within the Willamette Meridian.

Parcel No.	Legal description	Acres	Minimum acceptable bid	Bidding procedures	Designated bidders
OR-53952 .....	T.27S., R.33E., sec.1, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; sec. 2, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .	360	\$52,200	Unsold Competitive .....	None.
OR-54923 .....	T.21S., R.31E., sec. 29, lot 6 .....	42.61	2,800	Competitive .....	None.
OR-54924 .....	T.21S., R.31E., sec. 30, lots 19, 20; sec. 31, lots 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20.	399.19	26,000	Competitive .....	None.
OR-54926 .....	T.26S., R.33E., sec. 27, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .....	160	10,400	Competitive .....	None.
OR-54927 .....	T.24S., R.33E., sec. 30, lots 1, 2, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; .....	157	15,700	Competitive .....	None.
OR-54928 .....	T.24S., R.33E., sec. 33, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .....	80	8,000	Competitive .....	None.
OR-54929 .....	T.22S., R.32E., sec. 12, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .	160	10,400	Competitive .....	None.
OR-54930 .....	T.22S., R.32 $\frac{1}{2}$ E., sec. 7, lots 2, 3, 4, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; sec. 18, lot 7.	246.88	16,000	Competitive .....	None.
OR-55277 .....	T.22S., R.32 $\frac{1}{2}$ E., sec. 18, lot 10 .....	10.3	400	Modified Competitive .....	Fort Harney Ranch Timothy K. Smith and Holly Swift.

The following rights, reservations, and conditions will be included on the patents conveying the land:

All Parcels—A reservation for a right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed thereon by the authority of the United States.

OR-54927, OR-54928—A reservation to the United States of all geothermal steam and associated geothermal resources.

OR-54927—A reservation to the United States of a right-of-way for administrative road access purposes.

OR-54923, OR-54927, OR-54928—A wetland restrictive covenant pursuant to Executive Order 11990. The patent will be subject to a covenant that the portions of the land containing wetland habitat must be managed to protect and maintain the wetland.

OR-54927—A floodplain restrictive covenant pursuant Executive Order 11988. The patent will be subject to a covenant that the land may be used only for agricultural purposes, livestock grazing or for park and nonintensive open space recreation purposes, but not for dwellings or buildings.

OR-53952—Patent will be subject to a right-of-way for road purposes granted to Tom Davies.

OR-53952, OR-54924, OR-54930—Patents will be subject to a right-of-way for electric power transmission and distribution purposes granted to Harney Electric Cooperative, Oregon Trail Electric Cooperative, Pacific Power and Light, and Utah Power and Light.

OR-54927, OR-54930—Patents will be subject to road rights-of-way in conjunction with the Harney County road system.

OR-54928—Patent will be subject to a geothermal lease held by Geo-Culture, Inc.

Access will not be guaranteed to any of the parcels being offered for sale, nor any warranty made as to the use of the property in violation of applicable land use laws and regulations. Before submitting a bid, prospective purchasers should check with the appropriate city or county planning department to verify approved uses.

All persons, other than the successful bidders, claiming to own unauthorized improvements on the land are allowed 60 days from the date of sale to remove the improvements.

All land described is hereby segregated from appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, pending disposition of this action, or 270 days from the date of publication of this notice, whichever occurs first.

#### Bidding Procedures

##### Competitive Procedures

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act and its implementing regulations (43 CFR 2710) provide that competitive bidding will be the general method of selling land supported by factors such as competitive interest, accessibility, and usability of the parcel, regardless of adjacent ownership.

Under competitive procedures the land will be sold to any qualified bidder submitting the highest bid. Bidding will be by sealed bid followed by an oral auction to be held at 2:00 p.m. PST on Wednesday, March 8, 2000, at the Burns District Office, Bureau of Land Management, Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon. To qualify for the oral auction bidders must submit a sealed bid meeting the requirements as stated below. The highest valid sealed bid will become the starting bid for the oral auction. Bidding in the oral auction will be in minimum increments of \$100. The

highest bidder from the oral auction will be declared the prospective purchaser.

If no bids are received, the parcel will be declared unsold and offered by unsold competitive procedures on a continuing basis until sold or withdrawn from sale.

#### Modified Competitive Procedures

Modified competitive procedures are allowed by the regulations (43 CFR 2710.0-6(c)(3)(ii) to provide exceptions to competitive bidding to assure compatibility with existing and potential land uses.

Under modified competitive procedures the designated bidders identified in the table above will be given the opportunity to match or exceed the apparent high bid. The apparent high bid will be established by the highest valid sealed bid received in an initial round of public bidding. If two or more valid sealed bids of the same amount are received for the same parcel, that amount shall be determined to be the apparent high bid. **The designated bidders are required to submit a valid bid in the initial round of public bidding to maintain their preference consideration.** The bid deposit for the apparent high bid(s) and the designated bidders will be retained and all others will be returned.

The designated bidders will be notified by certified mail of the apparent high bid. Where there are two or more designated bidders for a single parcel, they will be allowed 30 days to provide the authorized officer with an agreement as to the division of the property or, if agreement cannot be reached, sealed bids for not less than the apparent high bid. Failure to submit an agreement or a bid shall be considered a waiver of the option to divide the property equitably and forfeiture of the preference consideration. Failure to act by all of the designated bidders will result in the

parcel being offered to the apparent high bidder or declared unsold, if no bids were received in the initial round of bidding.

### Unsold Competitive Procedures

Unsold competitive procedures will be used after a parcel has been unsuccessfully offered for sale by competitive or modified competitive procedures.

Unsold parcels will be offered competitively on a continuous basis until sold. Under competitive procedures for unsold parcels the highest valid bid received during the preceding month will be declared the purchaser. Sealed bids will be accepted and held until the second Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. PST when they will be opened. Openings will take place every month until the parcels are sold or withdrawn from sale.

All sealed bids must be submitted to the Burns District Office, no later than 2:00 p.m. PST on Wednesday, March 8, 2000, the time of the bid opening and oral auction. The outside of bid envelopes must be clearly marked with "BLM Land Sale," the parcel number and the bid opening date. Bids must be for not less than the appraised market value (minimum bid). Separate bids must be submitted for each parcel. Each sealed bid shall be accompanied by a certified check, postal money order, bank draft, or cashier's check made payable to the Department of the Interior-BLM for not less than 20 percent of the amount bid. The bid envelope must also contain a statement showing the total amount bid and the name, mailing address and phone number of the entity making the bid. A successful bidder for competitive parcels shall make an additional deposit at the close of the auction to bring the total bid deposit up to the required 20 percent of the high bid. Personal checks or cash will be acceptable for this additional deposit only.

Federal law requires that public land may be sold only to either, (1) citizens of the United States 18 years of age or older; (2) corporations subject to the laws of any state or the United States; (3) other entities such as associations and partnerships capable of holding land or interests therein under the laws of the state within which the land is located; or (4) states, state instrumentalities or political subdivisions authorized to hold property. Certifications and evidence to this effect will be required of the purchaser prior to issuance of conveyance documents.

Prospective purchasers will be allowed 180 days to submit the balance

of the purchase price. Failure to meet this timeframe shall cause the deposit to be forfeited to the BLM. The parcel will then be offered to the next lowest qualified bidder, or if no other bids were received, the parcel will be declared unsold.

A successful bid on a parcel constitutes an application for conveyance of those mineral interests offered under the authority of section 209(b) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. In addition to the full purchase price, a nonrefundable fee of \$50 will be required for the prospective purchaser for purchase of the mineral interests to be conveyed simultaneously with the sale of the land. Note that in the case of Parcels OR-54927 and OR-54928 only partial mineral interests are being offered. All minerals will be conveyed with the remainder of the parcels.

**DATES:** On or before January 24, 2000, interested persons may submit comments regarding the proposed sale to the Three Rivers Resource Area Field Manager at the address described below. Comments or protests must reference a specific parcel and be identified with the appropriate serial number. In the absence of any objections, this proposal will become the determination of the Department of the Interior.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, bids, and inquiries should be submitted to the Three Rivers Resource Area Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, HC 74-12533, Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Detailed information concerning this public land sale is available from Craig M. Hansen, Field Manager or Skip Renchler, Realty Specialist, Three Rivers Resource Area at the above address, phone (541) 573-4400.

Dated: November 30, 1999.

**Craig M. Hansen,**

*Three Rivers Resource Area Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[MT-070-99-1430-EQ; Designation Order MT-070-0001]

### Off-Road Vehicle Designation, Butte Field Office, Montana

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Off-Road Vehicle Designation Decision.

**SUMMARY:** Final notice is hereby given that effective immediately all public lands in the Mount Belmont area, within the boundaries of the Great Divide Ski Area (895.91 acres) in:

### Principal Meridian, Montana

T. 12 N., R. 6 W.,

Sec. 26, 27, 34, and 35, and

T. 11 N., R. 6 W.,

Sec. 2 and 3

are permanently closed to all yearlong motorized vehicle uses with the exception that a seasonal closure will be established on the Whippoorwill and Gloster Roads from December 2 through May 15. The area is located about 25 miles northwest of Helena, Montana. The purpose of this closure is to prevent soil erosion, inhibit the spread of noxious weeds, minimize visitor safety risks, and reduce user conflicts.

A public meeting and comment period were provided in conjunction with the Great Divide Ski Area expansion lease, and all responses received were considered prior to making this designation.

This decision is consistent with the Headwaters Resource Management Plan and is authorized in 43 CFR 8342. This designation will remain in effect until rescinded or modified by the authorized official. An appeal of this decision may be filed within 30 days of this notice with the Interior Board of Land Appeals.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Steve Hartmann, Assistant Field Manager, P.O. Box 3388, Butte, Montana 59702, 406-494-5059.

Dated: November 19, 1999.

**Merle Good,**

*Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

### Outer Continental Shelf: Operations (OCS), Annual List of Notices to Lessees and Operators (NTLs)

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice informs the public, industry, and other Government agencies of NTLs that are in effect as of December 9, 1999. It also officially rescinds several Letters to Lessees and Operators (LTLs).

**ADDRESSES:** You may obtain copies of NTLs through our website at "www.mms.gov/eod/library.htm" or by contacting the MMS National Office or the OCS Region that issued the NTL at the following addresses: