

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management****[WO-200-00-1020-00]****Science Advisory Board****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces a public meeting of the Science Advisory Board to examine the use of science for improving the management of the Nation's public lands and resources. Topics of discussion will include the Bureau's fire suppression program, the joint fire science research program, the Great Basin restoration initiative, and post-fire rehabilitation and rangeland restoration.

DATES: BLM will hold the public meeting on Wednesday, February 16, 2000, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. local time.

ADDRESSES: BLM will hold the public meeting in the Payette Clear Water Room at the National Interagency Fire Agency's Training Center, 3833 South Development Avenue, Boise, Idaho 83705-5354.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lee Barkow, Bureau of Land Management Denver Federal Center, Building 50, P.O. Box 25047, Denver, CO 80225-0047, (303) 236-6454.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published in accordance with section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (Public Law 92-463).

I. The Agenda for the Public Meeting is as Follows

8:00 a.m.

Welcome, Introductions

Review Minutes of Previous Meeting

8:30 a.m.

Report from BLM Assistant Director

9:00 a.m.

Overview of the BLM Fire

Suppression Program Needs and Opportunities for the Integration of Science

10:00 a.m. The Joint Fire Science

Program: Congressional Origin and Mission; Fire Research Solicitation and Award Process; Summary of Current Research and Preliminary Results; Fire Fuels Photo Series Research Project

12:15 a.m. Working Lunch: A State

Director's View of Fire Suppression and Fire Rehabilitation and A Departmental Perspective of Fire Suppression and Fire Rehabilitation

1:30 p.m. Rehabilitation and Restoration in the Great Basin: Great Basin

Restoration Initiative; Wildfire Rehabilitation: Past and Present; Regional Seed Acquisition and Storage

3:30 p.m. Round Table Discussion

Regarding the Science of Rangeland Restoration and Post Fire Rehabilitation

5:00 p.m. Adjourn

II. Public Comment Procedures

Participation in the public meeting is not a prerequisite for submittal of written comments from all interested parties. Your written comments should be specific and explain the reasons for any recommendation. The BLM appreciates any and all comments, but those most useful and likely to influence decisions on BLM's use of science are those that are either supported by quantitative information or studies, or those that include citations to and analysis of applicable laws and regulations. Except for comments provided in electronic format, commenters should submit two copies of their written comments, where practicable. The BLM will not necessarily consider comments received after the time indicated under the **DATES** section or at locations other than that listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

In the event there is a request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) for a copy of your comments, we intend to make them available in their entirety, including your name and address (or your e-mail address if you file electronically). However, if you do not want us to release your name and address (or e-mail address) in response to a FOIA request, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will honor your wish to the extent allowed by the law. All submissions from organizations or business, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be in their entirety, including names and addresses (or e-mail addresses).

Electronic Access and Filing Address: Commenters may transmit comments electronically via the Internet to: lee_barkow@blm.gov. Please include the identifier "Science4" in the subject of your message and your name and address in the body of your message.

III. Accessibility

The meeting sites are accessible to individuals with disabilities. An individual with a disability who will need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the hearing, such as interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate

format, must notify the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** two weeks before the schedule hearing date. Although BLM will attempt to meet a request received after that date, the requested auxiliary aid or service may not be available because of insufficient time to arrange it.

Dated: January 4, 2000.

Lee Barkow,*Director, National Applied Resource Sciences Center.*

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BILLING CODE 4310-84-M**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management****[NV-930-1430-ES; N-65761]****Notice of Realty Action: Lease/Purchase, for Recreation and Public Purposes in White Pine County, Nevada****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of realty action.

SUMMARY: The following described public land in White Pine County has been identified and examined and will be classified under Section 7 of the Act of June 28, 1934 (48 Stat. 1272), as amended (43 U.S.C. 315f), as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*). The described lands are hereby classified as suitable for lease/purchase under the authority of Section 212 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 Field Manager, Nonrenewable Resources.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brenda Linnell, Realty Specialist, at the above address or telephone (775) 289-1808.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following described parcel of land, situated in White Pine County is being offered for lease/purchase under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act of June 14, 1926, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*).

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 12 N., R. 62 E.,

Section 34, S $\frac{1}{2}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Containing 20 acres more or less.

The lands are hereby classified for public purpose use as school sites and/or other school facilities, 43 CFR 2410, 2430.4 (a) and (c). The White Pine County School District intends to use the land to construct and operate a kindergarten through twelfth grade school for residents in Lund and nearby communities.

The lease and or patent, when finalized, 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:

1. All valid existing rights documented on the official public land records at the time of lease/patent issuance.
2. 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).
3. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals.

The land is not required for any federal purpose. The classification for lease/purchase is consistent with the Bureau's planning area. Detailed information, concerning this action is available for review at the Bureau Land Management, Ely Field Office, Ely, NV 89301.

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the above described land will be segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public lands laws, except for recreation and public purposes.

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 Field 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 the absence of any adverse comments, the classification of the lands described in this Notice will become effective 60 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: November 30, 1999.

Eric K. Luse,

Associate Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-958-1430-01; GP0-0052; OR-52939]

Amendment of Proposed Withdrawal; Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management proposes to amend its withdrawal application dated April 17, 1998, by adding 1.4 acres of recently acquired lands from surface entry and mining to protect the facilities and unique values of the Row River Trail. This notice does not alter or extend the 2 year segregative effect of the original notice other than adding the 1.4 acres of Federal land. The lands have been and will remain open to mineral leasing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by February 9, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Oregon/Washington State Director, BLM, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208-2965.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Charles R. Roy, BLM Oregon/Washington State Office, 503-952-6189.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 17, 1998, a petition/application was approved for consideration by the Assistant Secretary, Lands and Minerals Management, allowing the Bureau of Land Management to study the proposed 196.07 acres of Federal land. A notice of proposed withdrawal was published in the **Federal Register** on May 14, 1998, 63 FR 26824, segregating the public lands from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. Ch. 2 (1994)), but not from leasing under the mineral leasing laws, subject to valid existing rights, for a period of two years from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**. This notice adds the following described lands to the application:

Willamette Meridian

The portions of the following lands as more particularly identified and described by metes and bounds in the official records of the Bureau of Land Management, Oregon/Washington State Office and the Eugene District Office, Eugene, Oregon:

T. 21 S., R. 3 W.,

Sec. 1, lot 4 and Donation Land Claim No. 60.

Sec. 2, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The areas described aggregate approximately 1.4 acres in Lane County.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal would be to protect the facilities and unique recreational values of the approximate 14 miles of improved recreational trail converted from an abandoned railroad right-of-way.

For a period of 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed amendment to the withdrawal application may present their views in writing to the State Director at the address indicated above.

The lands added to the original application will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. The temporary land uses which may be permitted during this segregative period include licenses, permits, rights-of-way, and disposal of vegetative resources other than under the mining laws.

Dated: December 22, 1999.

Robert D. DeViney, Jr.,

Chief, Branch of Realty and Records Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), Request for Information and Interest in a Commercial Sand and Gravel Lease Sale Offshore Northern New Jersey

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Request for Information and Interest (RFII).

SUMMARY: In 1996, the MMS received a request from a private company for a competitive sand and gravel commercial lease sale offshore northern New Jersey. A RFII was published in the **Federal Register** on May 21, 1996 (Vol. 61, No. 99). The MMS deferred further action, that is, preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) after the company advised that they were pursuing other sources of sand and gravel. In 1998, and again in 1999, the company requested that MMS end the deferral of the competitive lease sale process and prepare an EIS. Because a significant amount of time has passed, MMS has decided to issue another RFII and to focus the area being considered to a much smaller one than that identified in the 1996 request. This smaller, more focused area reflects comments received on the earlier RFII