

**ACTION:** Recreation and Public Purpose Lease/Conveyance—Change of Use.

**SUMMARY:** The following described public land in Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada 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.*) (R&PP). This land was previously segregated for R&PP on March 12, 1992, in the **Federal Register** under (NV-930-92-4212-11; N-55370 *et al.*) on page 3777, for case file N-41565-07. The City of Las Vegas proposes to amend its existing lease, N-37128, to include the land as part of a public park.

**Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada**

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SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ NW  $\frac{1}{2}$

Containing 10 acres, more or less.

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/patent, 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:

1. 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).

2. 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. An easement 25 feet in width along the South boundary and 20 feet in width along the West boundary in favor of the City of Las Vegas for road, sewer, public utilities and flood control purposes.

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

2. Those rights for public utility purposes which have been granted to the Nevada Power Company by Permit No. N-59745, and to the Las Vegas Valley Water District by Permit No. N-56526, and to the City of Las Vegas by Permit No. N-47872 under the Act of October 26, 1976 (FLPMA).

Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the office of the Bureau of Land

Management, Las Vegas Field Office, 4765 W. 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 disposals 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 Field Manager, Las Vegas Field Office, 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: October 26, 2001.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[NV-025-1610-DO]

**Notice of Intent To Prepare a Resource Management Plan for the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area, et al.; Nevada**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Winnemucca (Nevada) and Surprise (California) Field Offices, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare a Resource Management Plan for the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area, (NCA) and associated wilderness, and other contiguous lands in Nevada.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Winnemucca and Surprise Field Offices will jointly prepare a RMP and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the recently designated Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails NCA and associated wilderness areas, designated by the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-554, December 21, 2000). The following contiguous areas also will be addressed in the plan: (1) The Lahontan Cutthroat Trout Instant Study Area (ISA) and a small area of BLM administered public lands located west of the ISA between the ISA and the Summit Lake Indian Reservation, both of which are contiguous to the northern edge of the NCA; and (2) the southern part of the Black Rock Desert Playa (South Playa), which is contiguous to the southern edge of the NCA.

The planning area encompasses approximately 1,217,500 acres of public land, located in Humboldt, Pershing, and Washoe counties in northwestern Nevada. These public lands are jointly managed by the BLM Winnemucca and Surprise Field Offices. The RMP will be based on statutory requirements and will meet the requirements of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976, the Wilderness Act of 1964, the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area Act of 2000, and other applicable provisions of law. The RMP will guide BLM's management actions within the NCA, wilderness, and identified contiguous areas. The BLM will work closely with interested parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to the needs of the public. This collaborative process will take into account local, regional, and

national needs and concerns. This notice initiates the public scoping process to identify planning issues and to develop planning criteria.

**DATES:** In compliance with the enabling legislation (Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-554, December 21, 2000)), the plan must be completed by December 20, 2003. The public is encouraged to participate in the planning process, beginning with the identification of issues and planning criteria. The scoping comment period will commence with the publication of this notice. Formal scoping will end 60 days after publication of this notice. Comments on issues and planning criteria would be most helpful if received on or before the end of the scoping period. Public participation activities, including scoping meetings to identify issues and planning criteria, will be announced at least 15 days before the scheduled meeting in the local news media and in notices sent to persons and parties on the mailing list. In order to ensure local community participation, public meetings will be rotated among locations including, but not necessarily limited to Cedarville, California, and Gerlach, Reno, and Winnemucca, Nevada. In addition to the ongoing public participation process and the scoping meetings, formal opportunities for public participation will be provided through comment on the alternatives and upon publication of the draft RMP/draft EIS. A web site will also be established to display updated information to the public and to provide a means for submission of public comments via e-mail. Persons who would like to be placed on mailing lists, should notify the Winnemucca or Surprise Field Offices at the addresses listed below, or call (775) 623-1500.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to the attention of the NCA Resource Management Plan Project Manager, 5100 East Winnemucca Boulevard, Winnemucca, Nevada 89445, Phone (775) 623-1500. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, may be published as part of the EIS. Individual respondents may require 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 and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of

organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

A map of the planning area is available at the Winnemucca Field Office (address and phone number listed above); the Surprise Field Office, 602 Cressler Street, Cedarville, CA 96104, Phone (530) 279-6101; the Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno, NV 89502, Phone (775) 861-6400; and at the California State Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Suite W-1834, Sacramento, CA 95825-1886, Phone (916) 978-4600.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Terry Reed, Field Office Manager or Roger Farschon, Acting NCA Manager, at the Winnemucca Field Office, Phone (775) 623-1500 or the Acting Surprise Field Office Manager, Phone (530) 279-6101.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The RMP will determine management of approximately 1,217,500 acres of federally administered public lands including: the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails NCA (Approximately 800,100 acres), ten associated wilderness areas (approximately 757,100 acres), the Lahontan Cutthroat Trout ISA (approximately 13,400 acres) and a small area of BLM administered public lands located west of the ISA between the ISA and the Summit Lake Indian Reservation (approximately 2,300 acres), and the southern portion of the Black Rock Desert Playa (South Playa) (approximately 24,100 acres). Approximately 379,500 acres of wilderness are located within the boundaries of the NCA.

The public is asked to assist the BLM with the identification of issues related to management of the planning area, including the NCA and wilderness. Preliminary issues and management concerns have been identified by BLM personnel, other agencies, and in meetings with individuals and user groups. Anticipated issues include, but are not limited to the following: how will natural, cultural, and wilderness resources be protected?; how can visitor use, access and safety best be achieved?; how will NCA management be integrated with other agency and community plans and needs?; and what facilities and infrastructure are needed to provide visitor services and administration of the NCA? After gathering public comments on what issues the plan should address, the suggested issues will be placed in one of three categories: (1) Issues to be resolved in the plan; (2) issues resolved through policy or administrative action;

and (3) issues beyond the scope of the plan. BLM will provide feedback to the public on the final issues to be addressed in the plan. An interdisciplinary approach will be used to develop the plan in order to consider the variety of resource issues and concerns identified. Disciplines involved in the planning process will include specialists with expertise in rangeland management, minerals and geology, forestry, outdoor recreation, archaeology, paleontology, wildlife and fisheries, land and realty, hydrology, soils, sociology, and economics.

Plan development will involve close cooperation with the State of Nevada, tribal, county and municipal governments, federal agencies, and interested groups, agencies, and individuals. The Resource Advisory Councils (RACs) for the planning area, the Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin RAC and the Northeast California RAC, will be used to provide additional public input. Consistent with the enabling legislation, the plan for the NCA and associated wilderness areas will emphasize the protection and enhancement of the NCA's and wilderness areas' resource values while providing the public with opportunities for compatible recreation activities. The plan for the specified contiguous areas will emphasize management consistent with applicable laws and regulations. The concerns and interest of area residents, including the activities of recreation, grazing, hunting, trapping, mining, energy development, and access will be addressed in the plan.

The Plan will incorporate appropriate decisions from existing BLM plans such as current management plans for the area. It also will use information developed and management alternatives proposed in previous studies of the lands within or adjacent to the NCA (including the Draft Sonoma-Gerlach/Paradise Denio Plan Amendment).

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

**[ES-960-1910-BJ-4489] ES-51270, Group 35, Missouri**

### Notice of Filing of Plat of Survey; Missouri

The plat of the dependent resurvey of a portion of the township boundaries and portions of the subdivisional lines