

other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. Appropriation of any of the lands described in this order under the general mining laws prior to the date and time of restoration is unauthorized. Any such attempted appropriation, including attempted adverse possession under 30 U.S.C. 38 (2000), 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: October 6, 2003.

Rebecca W. Watson,

Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-930-1430-ET; NVN 56315, 3-08808]

Public Land Order No. 7586; Revocation of Public Land Order No. 7142; Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.

SUMMARY: This order revokes a public land order in its entirety as to 40 acres of public land withdrawn for the Bureau of Land Management's Las Vegas Administrative Site. This site was never developed and is no longer needed for the purpose for which it was withdrawn.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 27, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dennis J. Samuelson, BLM Nevada State Office, P.O. Box 12000, Reno, Nevada 89520, 775-861-6532.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The land will remain closed to location and entry under the mining laws, and from operation under the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws, in accordance with the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998.

Order

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (2000), it is ordered as follows:

1. Public Land Order No. 7142 (60 FR 25149, May 11, 1995), which withdrew public land for the Bureau of Land Management's Las Vegas Administrative Site, is hereby revoked in its entirety as to the following described land:

Mount Diablo Meridian

T. 20 S., R. 60 E.,
Sec. 22, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 40 acres in Clark County.

2. The land described in Paragraph 1 is hereby made available for disposition in accordance with Section 4 of the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998, Public Law 105-263, 111 Stat. 2343, *et seq.* The land remains closed to location and entry under the mining laws, and from operation under the mineral leasing and geothermal leasing laws in accordance with the Act.

Dated: September 24, 2003.

Rebecca W. Watson,

Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[140NMNM 103685]

Public Land Order No. 7587; Withdrawal of National Forest System Land for Langmuir Principal Research Site; New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Public land order.

SUMMARY: This order withdraws approximately 852 acres of National Forest System land from location and entry under the United States mining laws for 20 years to protect the Langmuir Principal Research Site.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 27, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lois Bell, BLM Socorro Field Office, 198 Neel Avenue NW., Socorro, New Mexico 87801, 505-835-0412.

Order

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (2000), it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described National Forest System land is hereby withdrawn from location and entry under the United States mining laws, 30 U.S.C. Ch. 2 (2000), to protect the Langmuir Principal Research Site:

Cibola National Forest

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 4 S., R. 3 W.,
Sec. 5, lot 2 and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 6, lots 5 and 6, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,
and SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 7, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 8, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains approximately 852 acres in Socorro County.

2. This withdrawal will expire 20 years from the effective date of this order unless, as a result of a review conducted before the expiration date pursuant to Section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f) (2000), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be extended.

Dated: October 6, 2003.

Rebecca W. Watson,

Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-930-4210-05; N-75747]

Notice of Realty Action: Lease/ Conveyance for Recreation and Public Purposes; Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action.

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.*). The City of Las Vegas proposes to use the land for a public park.

Mount Diablo Meridian

T. 20S., R. 60E.,
Sec. 12, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$,
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NWNW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$,
W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Containing 25 acres, more or less.

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.

The lease/conveyance will also be subject to:

1. All valid and existing rights.
2. Those rights for public utility purposes which have been granted to Nevada Power Company by Permit No.'s. N-75351 & N-74487, Las Vegas Valley Water District by permit No. N-66292-01, and Southwest Gas Corporation by permit No. N-75403, under the Act of October 26, 1978 (FLPMA).

Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 N. Torrey Pines 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 until December 11, 2003, 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 89130.

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 December 26, 2003. The lands will not be offered for lease/conveyance until after the classification becomes effective.

Dated: September 23, 2003.

Sharon DiPinto,

Acting Assistant Field Manager, Division of Lands, Las Vegas, NV.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-060-03-1220-DA]

Fort Stanton Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) Designation of Roads and Trails

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of closure of roads and designation of trails.

SUMMARY: The Roswell Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is closing roads and developing multiuse trails to protect resource values within the Fort Stanton ACEC. The Route Designation Plan (transportation plan) includes road closures, designating off-highway vehicle (OHV) routes, designation of multiuse trails, and closing roads, the use of which is causing damage within the ACEC. The designation is in accordance with the 1997 Roswell Resource Management Plan (RMP) and the Fort Stanton ACEC Final Activity Plan of March 2001. In accordance to the RMP and the ACEC Plan, approximately 24,000 acres will be designated as limited to designated roads and trails for OHV use, to protect soils, cultural resources, and vegetation, including threatened or endangered species. Twenty miles of roads will be closed, and twenty miles will be designated as open to OHV's. Sixty miles of multiuse hike/bike/equestrian trails will be designated. The Route Designation Plan is necessary to reduce the impact from recreationists to biological, archaeological, and scenic qualities of the ACEC, while providing for quality recreation opportunities.

DATES: This notice is effective October 27, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Bureau of Land Management, Roswell Field Office, Attention Paul T. Happel, Natural Resource Specialist, 2909 West Second, Roswell, New Mexico 88201. Internet e-mail: paul_happel@blm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information and/or to have your

name added to our mailing list, contact Paul T. Happel, Natural Resource Specialist, at the address listed above, telephone number (505) 627-0203, during normal business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mountain Time).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Instructions for filing a protest with the Director of the BLM may be found at 43 CFR 4.400. Any party to the case who is adversely affected by a decision of an officer of the BLM or an administrative law judge shall have a right to appeal to the Interior Board of Land Appeals. A person who wishes to appeal to the Interior Board of Land Appeals must file in the office of the officer who made the decision (the Roswell Field Office) a notice that he wishes to appeal. The authority for the proposed activities is under 43 CFR part 8342, which provides for the designation of roads and trails to protect resources of the public lands. This section goes on to require public participation, designation, and identification of designated areas and trails. Public meetings have been completed. Public participants were also involved in the NEPA process and were given an opportunity to comment on the Environmental Assessment for the Route Designation Plan. The RMP constitutes the formal designation process for OHV's. This Notice will serve as a public notice for the official designation and identification of specific roads and trails in the Fort Stanton ACEC. Appropriate informational material will be provided and available to the public at the BLM office. The Fort Stanton ACEC is located approximately 5 miles southeast of the village of Capitan, New Mexico, and approximately 10 miles north east of the village of Ruidoso, New Mexico.

The Roswell RMP designated Fort Stanton as an ACEC in 1997. A collaborative final activity plan was developed for the ACEC in March 2001. The ACEC Plan took approximately 2 years to complete with extensive public scoping and public assessment. The Route Designation Plan/Environmental Assessment was developed over an 18-month period with a collaborative work group. All public meetings were held in the evening, approximately 4 miles from the ACEC in the town of Capitan, New Mexico. This notice will not affect valid existing rights to public land users. Under the 1997 Roswell Resource Management Plan (RMP), the area will remain open to saleable mineral disposal. All public lands in Fort Stanton will remain withdrawn from the general mining laws, closed to the disposal of leaseable minerals, and to the leasing of oil and gas. Major rights-