

Monument objects and values identified in Proclamations 9558, as modified by Proclamation 9681. The BENM is jointly administered by the BLM and USFS under the Monticello Resource Management Plan (BLM 2008), as amended, and the Manti-La Sal Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP), as amended (USFS 1986).

Each agency will continue to manage their lands within the Monument pursuant to their respective applicable legal authorities. The responsible official for the BLM is the Utah State Director; the responsible official for the USFS is the Manti-La Sal Forest Supervisor. These MMPs would amend the existing Monticello Resource Management Plan (RMP) to remove the BENM from the Monticello RMP decision area, and would replace the management from the Monticello RMP for the BLM-administered lands within the Monument. The USFS would use the information in the MMPs/EIS to amend the existing Manti-La Sal LRMP to guide future management of USFS-administered lands within the BENM. The USFS will use the BLM's administrative review procedures, as provided by the USFS 2012 Planning Rule, at 36 CFR 219.59(b).

The BLM and USFS have reviewed public scoping comments to identify planning issues that directed the formulation of alternatives and framed the scope of analysis in the Draft MMPs/EIS. Issues identified include management of cultural resources, including protection of American Indian sacred sites, traditional cultural properties, and access by members of Indian tribes for traditional cultural and customary uses; recreation and access; livestock grazing; and wildlife, water, vegetation, and soil resources. This planning effort also considers the management of lands with wilderness characteristics.

The formal public scoping process for the MMPs and EIS began on January 16, 2018, with the publication of a Notice of Intent in the **Federal Register** (83 FR 2181) and ended on April 11, 2018. The BLM held public scoping meetings in Blanding and Bluff, Utah, in March 2018. The Notice of Availability for the Draft MMPs/EIS was published on August 17, 2018 (83FR 41111), and the BLM accepted public comments on the range of alternatives, effects analysis and draft MMPs for 90 days, ending on November 15, 2018. During the public comment period, the BLM and USFS hosted public meetings in Blanding, Bluff, and Montezuma Creek, Utah.

The Draft MMPs/EIS evaluated four alternatives in detail. Alternative A is the No Action alternative, which is a

continuation of existing decisions in the Monticello RMP, as amended, and the Manti-La Sal Forest Plan, as amended, to the extent that those decisions are compatible with the proclamations. Alternative B emphasizes resource protection and conservation. This alternative imposes the greatest restrictions on recreation and other uses to ensure the proper care and management of objects and values. Alternative C represents a balance among levels of restriction on recreation and other uses and emphasizes adaptive management to protect the long-term sustainability of Monument objects and values while providing for other multiple uses. Alternative D applies the least restrictive management prescriptions and allows for more discretion for multiple uses and review of proposed actions on a case-by-case basis. Comments on the Draft MMPs/EIS received from the public, the Bears Ears Monument Advisory Committee, cooperating agencies and tribes, and internal BLM review were considered and incorporated as appropriate into the Proposed MMPs/Final EIS. Public comments resulted in the addition of clarifying text, but did not significantly change the range of alternatives considered. Alternative E was developed in response to comments received on the Draft MMPs/EIS and includes elements of Alternatives A, B, C, and D. Alternatives B, C, D, and E were developed using input from the public, stakeholders, and cooperating agencies. The BLM and USFS have identified Alternative E as the agencies' Proposed MMPs. Identification of this alternative, however, does not represent final agency direction.

In the Proposed MMPs, the BLM proposes that recreational target shooting (referred to as "target shooting" in the MMPs) shall not be allowed on certain lands managed by the BLM in both the Indian Creek and Shash Jaa units of BENM. As proposed, target shooting would generally be allowed, but would be prohibited at campgrounds, developed recreation sites, petroglyph sites, and structural cultural sites. The proposed closure would help protect the cultural objects and values for which the BENM was designated, and provide for public safety at campgrounds and developed recreation sites. The proposed closure would ensure that irreplaceable petroglyphs and structural cultural sites would not inadvertently, or purposefully, be damaged by target shooting activities in the Monument. In addition, the proposed closure would enhance the safety of the public visiting

campgrounds and developed recreation sites in the BENM, which would improve their experience. The proposed closure does not apply to the USFS-managed land in the BENM.

In accordance with John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act of 2019 (Dingell Act, Pub. L. 116–9, Section 4103), the BLM is announcing the opening of a 60-day public comment period on the proposed target shooting closure. As such, the BLM is only accepting comments on the proposed target shooting closure. All comments must be received by the date set forth in the **DATES** section earlier and must be submitted using one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section earlier. All protests must be in writing and submitted, as set forth in the **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** sections earlier.

The BLM Director will render a written decision on each protest. The decision will be mailed to the protesting party. The decision of the BLM Director shall be the final decision of the Department of the Interior on each protest. Responses to protest issues will be compiled and formalized in a Director's Protest Resolution Report made available following issuance of the decisions.

Upon resolution of all protests, the BLM and USFS will issue Records of Decision and Approved MMPs (BLM), and an approved LRMP (USFS). Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your protest, please be aware that your entire protest—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority: 40 CFR 1506.6 40 CFR 1506.10 43 CFR 1610.2 and 36 CFR 219.59.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Realty Action: Recreation and Public Purposes Act
Classification: Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has examined these public lands in Clark County, Nevada, and has found them suitable for classification for lease or conveyance to Clark County School District under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act, as amended; Sec. 7 of the Taylor Grazing Act; and Executive Order No. 6910. Clark County School District proposes to use the land to develop a middle school. The area described contains 30 acres in the southwest portion of the Las Vegas Valley, Clark County, Nevada.

DATES: Submit written comments regarding this classification (serialized N-96476) on or before September 9, 2019. Comments may be mailed or hand delivered to the BLM office address below, or faxed to 702-515-5010. The BLM will not consider comments received via telephone calls or email.

ADDRESSES: Mail written comments to the BLM Las Vegas Field Office, Assistant Field Manager, Division of Lands, 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130. Detailed information including, but not limited to, a development and management plan and documentation relating to compliance with applicable environmental and cultural resource laws, is available for review during business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Pacific Time, Monday through Friday, except during Federal holidays, at the BLM Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89130.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sheryl May, Realty Specialist, by telephone at 702-515-5196. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to leave a message or question for the above individual. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Clark County School District proposes to use the land for development of a middle school. Clark County School District has not applied for more than the 6,400-acre limitation for recreation uses in a year, nor more than 640 acres for each of the programs involving public resources other than recreation. Clark County School District has submitted a statement in compliance with the regulations at 43 CFR 2741.4(b), describing a definitely proposed project for the use of these 30 acres. The lands

for lease or conveyance under the R&PP Act are legally described as:

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 22 S, R. 60 E,

Sec. 34, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$,
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and
W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 30 acres.

The Clark County School District filed an application to develop a school consisting of five school buildings, sixth to eighth grade classrooms, and sixth, seventh, and eighth grade learning centers. There will be fine arts and technology centers, as well as a student's presentation center, areas for a botanical learning center, basketball courts, ball fields, bike racks, shaded rest areas, turf play area, playgrounds, and a tetherball court area.

Additionally, there would be parking for the public, school staff, and school buses to pick up and drop off students, as well as a fire department access road.

Lease or conveyance of these public lands are consistent with the BLM Las Vegas Resource Management Plan dated October 5, 1998. The lands are not needed for any other Federal purposes.

All interested parties will receive a copy of this Notice once it is published in the **Federal Register**. Additionally, a copy of the Notice will be published in the newspaper of local circulation once a week for three consecutive weeks. The regulations at 43 CFR Subpart 2741 addressing requirements and procedures for conveyances under the R&PP Act do not require a public meeting.

Upon publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including locations under the mining laws, except for lease or conveyance under the R&PP Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws.

The lease or conveyance of the land, when issued, will be subject to the following terms, conditions, and reservations:

1. A right-of-way thereon for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States Act of August 30, 1890 (26 Stat. 391; 43 U.S.C. 945).

2. Provisions of the R&PP Act and to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

3. All mineral deposits in the land leased or patented, and the right to prospect for, mine, and remove such deposits from the same under applicable law and regulations as established by the Secretary of the Interior are reserved to the United States, together with all necessary access and exit rights.

4. Lease or conveyance of the parcel is subject to valid existing rights.

5. An appropriate indemnification clause protecting the United States from claims arising out of the lessee's/patentee's use, occupancy, or occupations on the leased/patented lands.

6. Any other reservations that the authorized officer determines appropriate to ensure public access and proper management of Federal lands and interests therein.

Classification Comments: Interested persons may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for development of a middle school. 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, and if the use is consistent with State and Federal programs.

Application Comments: Interested persons may submit comments regarding the specific use in the application and plan of development and management, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the lands for a middle school.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the BLM Nevada State Director or other authorized official of the Department of the Interior, who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective on September 24, 2019. The lands will not be offered for conveyance until after the classification becomes effective.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in any comment, be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority: 43 CFR 2741.5.

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