

ACTION: Notice of temporary closure of public lands in Lane County, Oregon.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that approximately 200 acres of certain public lands in Lane County, Oregon are temporarily closed to all public use, with exception to walking, hiking and pedestrian sightseeing. Those uses prohibited from occurring in the area include driving, parking, camping, discharge of firearms, and all equestrian uses. This closure is effective December 1, 2002, through November 30, 2003. The closure is made under the authority of 43 CFR 8364.1.

The public lands affected by this temporary closure include all Federal lands within the City of Eugene Urban Growth Boundary located in Section 29, Township 17 South, Range 4 west of the Willamette Meridian lying east of Greenhill Road, south of Royal Ave., west of Terry street and a line running south from the end of Terry Street to the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks, and north of the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks. Specifically, the lands are identified as follows: Federal lands located in Section 29, Township 17 south, Range 4 west of the Willamette Meridian, Oregon.

The following persons, operating within the scope of their official duties, are exempt from the provisions of this closure order: Bureau, City of Eugene, and Corps of Engineers employees; State, local and Federal law enforcement and fire protection personnel; agents for the Cone wetland mitigation sites; the contractor authorized to construct the Lower Amazon Wetland Restoration Project and its subcontractors; the contractor authorized by the City of Eugene to construct the Fern Ridge Bicycle Path and related recreation facilities and its subcontractors. Access by additional parties may be allowed, but must be approved in advance in writing by the Authorized Officer.

Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this closure order may be subject to the penalties provided in 43 CFR 8360.0-7, which include a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

The public lands temporarily closed to public use under this order will be posted with signs at points of public access.

The purpose of this temporary closure is to provide for public safety, facilitate construction of the Lower Amazon Wetland Restoration Project and Fern Ridge Bicycle Path and related facilities, and protection of property and equipment during the mobilization, construction and de-mobilization

phases of the Lower Amazon Wetland Restoration and Fern Ridge Bicycle Path construction projects.

DATES: This closure is effective from December 1, 2002, through November 30, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the closure order and maps showing the location of the closed lands are available from the Eugene District Office, P.O. Box 10226 (2890 Chad Drive), Eugene, Oregon 97440.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pat Johnston, Wetlands Project Manager, Eugene District Office, at (541) 683-6181.

Dated: October 10, 2003.

Rick Colvin,

Acting Field Manager, Siuslaw Resource Area.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WO-100-03-1820-PG]

Science Advisory Board

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Science Advisory Board will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held January 21, 2003, in Room 7000A at 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC. The public comment period will begin at approximately 4:30 p.m., and the meeting will adjourn at approximately 5 p.m.

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: The Science Advisory Board advises the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of science issues. At this meeting, topics we plan to discuss include:

Introduction and Opening Comments
Review of Last Meeting's Decisions/
Commitments
Director's New Science Issues
Report on BLM Science Activities for
FY 2002

Briefing on the President's Healthy
Forest Initiative
Presentation "Save our Fossils from
Extinction"

Briefing on the BLM/DOE Partnerships
in Science
Presentation and Discussion on the
Science Strategy Implementation and
Staffing/Organization Plan
Discussion on University Curriculum
for the Next Generation BLM
Employee

The agenda is subject to revision.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Board. Each formal Board meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, tour transportation, or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM as provided in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Lee Barkow,

*Director, National Science and Technology
Center.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-930-4210-05; N-63022]

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

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Recreation and Public Purpose lease/conveyance.

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). The City of Las Vegas proposes to use the land for a public park. Portions of these lands were previously segregated and leased under the R&PP Act as serial numbers N-61840, N-41567-31 and N-41567-36 and those leases have been relinquished. The purpose of this action is to combine all of these lands under BLM serial number N-63022.

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 19 S., R. 60 E., sec. 21
E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$,
S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$,
S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Containing 97.5 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 50 feet in width along the east boundary, 30 feet in width along the south boundary, 50 feet in width along the north boundary, and 30 feet in width along the west boundary in favor of the City of Las Vegas for roads, public utilities and flood control purposes.

2. Those rights for public utility purposes which have been granted to Nevada Power Company by Permit Nos. N-38447 and N-66254, the City of Las Vegas by Permit Nos. N-61048 and N-75501, and the Las Vegas Valley Water District by Permit No. N-74511 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 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 24, 2002.

Rex Wells,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID-933-4310-ET; GPO-02-0002; IDI-34179]

Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for a Public Meeting; Idaho

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice notifies the public that the Forest Service proposes to withdraw approximately 150 acres of National Forest System lands in the Panhandle National Forest from nonmetalliferous mining for a period of 20 years. The lands contains gem quality garnet deposits and lies adjacent to the nationally known Emerald Creek garnet deposit. The withdrawal would protect the streams and facilitate planned development of the public garnet collection area. Subject to valid existing rights, this notice segregates the National Forest System lands described below for up to 2 years from location and entry under the United States mining laws. The lands have been and will remain open to such forms of disposition as may by law be made of National Forest System lands and mineral leasing.

DATES: The effective date of the Panhandle National Forest withdrawal

application is December 20, 2002. Comments on the new proposed withdrawal must be received by March 20, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the State Director, Bureau of Land Management, 1387 South Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho 83709.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jackie Simmons, BLM, Idaho State Office, 1387 S. Vinnell Way, Boise, Idaho 83709, 208-373-3867.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 23, 2002, the United States Forest Service, filed an application to withdraw the following described National Forest System lands from location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights:

Boise Meridian

Panhandle National Forest

T. 42 N., R.1 W.,

Sec. 10, NE¹/₄SW¹/₄SE¹/₄SE¹/₄, and S¹/₂SW¹/₄SE¹/₄SE¹/₄, and N¹/₂SE¹/₄SE¹/₄SE¹/₄, and SW¹/₄SE¹/₄SE¹/₄SE¹/₄;

Sec. 11, NW¹/₄SE¹/₄SW¹/₄SW¹/₄, and NE¹/₄NW¹/₄,SE¹/₄SE¹/₄;

Sec. 12, E¹/₂W¹/₂SW¹/₄NE¹/₄, and NE¹/₄SW¹/₄NW¹/₄, and NW¹/₄SW¹/₄SE¹/₄NW¹/₄, and SE¹/₄SW¹/₄SE¹/₄NW¹/₄, and W¹/₂NE¹/₄NE¹/₄SW¹/₄, and NE¹/₄NW¹/₄NE¹/₄SW¹/₄, and SE¹/₄NE¹/₄SW¹/₄, and SE¹/₄SE¹/₄NE¹/₄SE¹/₄, and E¹/₂E¹/₂NW¹/₄SE¹/₄, and E¹/₂NW¹/₄NW¹/₄SE¹/₄, and W¹/₂SW¹/₄NW¹/₄SE¹/₄, and NE¹/₄SE¹/₄SE¹/₄, and W¹/₂SE¹/₄SE¹/₄SE¹/₄;

Sec. 13, NE¹/₄NE¹/₄NE¹/₄, and NE¹/₄SE¹/₄NE¹/₄NE¹/₄, and S¹/₂SE¹/₄SE¹/₄NE¹/₄, and SW¹/₄SE¹/₄SW¹/₄NW¹/₄, and SE¹/₄SW¹/₄SE¹/₄NW¹/₄, and SE¹/₄SW¹/₄SE¹/₄SW¹/₄;

Sec. 14, S¹/₂SW¹/₄SW¹/₄NE¹/₄, and SW¹/₄NE¹/₄NE¹/₄NW¹/₄, and NW¹/₄NW¹/₄NE¹/₄NW¹/₄, and SE¹/₄SW¹/₄SE¹/₄NW¹/₄, and S¹/₂SE¹/₄SE¹/₄NW¹/₄,

Sec. 15, NW¹/₄NW¹/₄NE¹/₄NE¹/₄, and N¹/₂NE¹/₄NW¹/₄NE¹/₄

The area described contains approximately 150.00 acres in Latah County, Idaho.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to the Idaho State Director, Bureau of Land Management, at the address stated above.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for