

of the Draft RMP amendment/EA. All public meetings will be announced through the local news media and newsletters at least 15 days prior to the event. The minutes and list of attendees for each meeting will be available to the public and open for 30 days to any participant who wishes to clarify the views they expressed.

Public Participation: The BLM will hold public meetings during the plan scoping period. Early participation is encouraged and will help determine the future travel management of the BLM-administered lands involved in this amendment. In addition to the ongoing public participation process, the BLM will provide formal opportunities for public participation by requesting comments upon the BLM's publication of the BLM draft RMP amendment, the EA, and an (unsigned) Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

ADDRESSES: Please send written comments to the Bureau of Land Management, San Luis Valley Public Land Center (SLVPLC), Attn: San Luis Valley TMP, 1803 W. Hwy 160, Monte Vista, CO 81144; Fax 719-852-6250. Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the SLVPLC. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the SLVPLC during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the EA.

Individual respondents may request 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 or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact Mark Swinney, Team Leader, at the SLVPLC address listed above or by calling (719) 852-6260.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The use of roads and trails for motorized and non-motorized recreation and other land use activities are important uses of BLM-administered lands. In response to recommendations made by the Front Range Resource Advisory Council, the BLM proposes developing a travel management plan and establishing a

travel management system of designated roads and trails.

Preliminary issues and management concerns have been identified by BLM personnel, other agencies, and in meetings with individuals and user groups. They represent the BLM's knowledge to date about the existing issues and concerns with current management. The preliminary issues include: Impacts to public land users and adjacent private landowners; impacts to wildlife habitat; and impacts to water quality, vegetation, including riparian and wetland areas, and soils. These issues, along with others that may be identified through public participation, will be considered in the planning process. After gathering public comments on what issues the plan amendment should address, the suggested issues will be placed in one of three categories:

1. Issues to be resolved in the plan amendment;
2. Issues resolved through policy or administrative action; or
3. Issues beyond the scope of this plan amendment.

The plan will provide rationale for each issue placed in category two or three. In addition to these major issues, a number of management questions and concerns will be addressed in the plan amendment. The public is encouraged to help identify these questions and concerns during the scoping phase. The BLM will use an interdisciplinary approach to develop the plan amendment 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, law enforcement, archaeology, wildlife and fisheries, lands and realty, hydrology, soils, vegetation, and fire.

Mark Swinney,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-930-04-1920-FM; AZA-31875]

Notice of Termination of Segregation and Opening Order

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of termination and opening order.

SUMMARY: Termination of a classification of lands for State Selection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill Ruddick, Project Manager, Arizona State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 222 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85004.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the provisions of Sections 2275 and 2276 of the Revised Statutes, (43 U.S.C. Sections 851, 852) the State of Arizona filed application AZA-32028 to acquire public lands in lieu of certain school lands that were encumbered by other rights or reservations before the State's title could attach (In Lieu Land). Pursuant to the provisions of 43 CFR 2091.3-1(b) the lands described below were segregated for a period of 2 years from the date the application was filed. The lands described below were not utilized in the State's application for In Lieu Land. At 9 a.m., Mountain Standard Time, on April 29, 2004, the segregation affecting these lands is hereby terminated. The lands are opened only to an exchange with the State of Arizona, pursuant to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (Pub. L. 106-65, 113 Stat. 877, 878) and, Section 206 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716), as amended.

Group I

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona

Surface Estate

T. 10 N., R. 29 E.

Sec. 18, E $\frac{1}{2}$.

T. 11 N., R. 28 E.

Sec. 14, E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 12 N., R. 28 E.

Sec. 12, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 12 N., R. 31 E.

Sec. 15, Lots 1-4, inclusive, W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$.

Containing 1265.82 acres, more or less.

Sub Surface Estate

T. 10 N., R. 30 E.

Sec. 14, All;

Sec. 23, All;

Sec. 25, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Containing 1480.00 acres, more or less.

Pursuant to the provisions of 43 CFR 2091.3-1(b) the lands described below were segregated for a period of 2 years from the date the application was filed. The lands were not utilized in the State's application for In Lieu Land. At 9 a.m., Mountain Standard Time, on April 29, 2004, the segregation affecting these lands is hereby terminated. The lands are now open to public land laws, including the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations

of record, and the requirements of applicable law.

Group II

Surface and Subsurface Estate

T. 12 N., R. 28 E.

Sec. 10, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Containing 40.00 acres, more or less.

The lands described below were segregated from appropriation under the public land laws and mineral laws for an exchange with the State of Arizona, pursuant to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (Pub. L. 106-65, 113 Stat. 877, 878) and, Section 206 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716), as amended. The lands have subsequently been dropped from the exchange. At 9 a.m., Mountain Standard Time, on April 29, 2004, the segregation affecting these lands is hereby terminated. The lands are now open to public land laws, including the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law.

Group III

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona

Subsurface Estate

T. 12 N., R. 28 E.

Sec. 14, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 12 N., R. 30 E.

Sec. 12, NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 12 N., R. 31 E.

Sec. 22, Lots 1-4, inclusive, W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$.

Containing 1063.10 acres, more or less.

Surface Estate

T. 11 N., R. 28 E.

Sec. 27, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 12 N., R. 29 E.

Sec. 4, Lots 4, 5, 12, & 13, SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Containing 352.94 acres, more or less.

Appropriation of lands described in Groups II & III 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. Sec. 38, 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 because Congress has provided for such determinations in local courts.

All valid applications under the public land laws received at or prior to 9 a.m., Mountain Standard Time, on April 29, 2004, shall be considered as simultaneously filed at that time. Those

received thereafter shall be considered in the order of filing.

Dated: February 3, 2004.

Michael A. Taylor,

Deputy State Director for Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-610-1430-ER]

Notice of Realty Action—Riverside County, CA, Competitive Bidding for a Preference Right to Apply for a Right-of-way To Construct Wind-Energy Testing and/or Generating Facilities on Public Lands

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action.

Authority: 43 CFR 2803.1-3(c).

SUMMARY: Beginning June 1, 2004, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will accept written bids to award a preference right to apply for a right-of-way to construct, operate and maintain wind-energy testing and/or generating facilities on approximately 285 acres of public lands described as a portion of section 28, T.3S., R.4E., San Bernardino Meridian.

DATES: Written bids will be accepted for a 45-day period beginning Tuesday June 1, 2004 and ending 3 p.m., Thursday July 15, 2004. The bidding period may be extended.

ADDRESSES: Initial written bids must be submitted to the Bureau of Land Management, Palm Springs—South Coast Field Office, 690 West Garnet Ave., P.O. Box 581260, North Palm Springs, CA 92258-1260.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Claude Kirby at the Palm Springs—South Coast Field Office, phone number (760) 251-4850.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The competitive bid process is described in greater detail in an Invitation For Bids (IFB) available from the Palm Springs South Coast Field Office at the address listed above. Bidding will end at 3 p.m., July 15, 2004, but may be extended as provided in the Invitation For Bids. The minimum initial bid is \$5,000 and must be submitted on the bid form provided in the IFB. After submitting these items, qualified bidders will be assigned a bid number and may increase their bid in increments of \$500 in writing or by facsimile to the Palm Springs—South Coast Field Office at (760) 251-4899, with no additional bid deposit required.

BLM will notify the selected qualified bidder and award a right to apply for a right-of-way to construct, operate and maintain wind-energy testing and/or generating facilities on the public lands described above. The selected qualified bidder will be obligated to pay the difference between the high bid and the initial bid deposit within 15 days of notification by BLM. The winning bid will be deposited with the U.S. Treasury and will not be returned. After the close of bidding, with the exception of the selected qualified bidder's deposit, all other bid deposits will be returned.

The right must be exercised within 60 days by submitting a right-of-way application, SF 299, with a plan of development to BLM for consideration. Detailed terms and conditions of any right-of-way grant will be determined through the environmental review process and are expected to include requirements for cost reimbursement, bonding, and habitat compensation. BLM provides no assurance that after consideration of any right-of-way application it will issue a favorable decision and grant a right-of-way on public lands. Bid forms and a complete description of the bid process are contained in an Invitation For Bids that will be available at the BLM Web site www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings/.

Dated: March 2, 2004.

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Deputy State Director, Natural Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-056-1220-AA-GP-03-0127]

Final Special Rules for Public Lands Along the Deschutes Wild & Scenic River Corridor, Deschutes Resource Area, Prineville District, OR

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Final special rules.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Deschutes Resource Area is revising its special rules for the Lower Deschutes National Wild and Scenic River corridor in Oregon. The special rules are necessary to protect the river's natural resources and the public health and safety. The revisions in the special rules are needed to resolve inconsistencies between them and rules of the State of Oregon.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 29, 2004.