

Authority

The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533(f).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Indian Affairs****Replacement School Construction Priority List as of FY 2004**

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As required by statute, the Bureau of Indian Affairs is publishing the "Replacement School Construction Priority List" in the **Federal Register**. The current priority list, last published in the **Federal Register** on July 9 and July 18, 2003, is revised by the addition of newly prioritized schools. The Bureau will use this list to determine the order in which Congressional appropriations are requested to fund education replacement construction of core academic and/or dormitory facilities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions regarding the Education Facilities Replacement Construction Priority List should be referred to Andrew Acoya, AIA, Office of Facilities Management and Construction, P.O. Box 1248, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103, (505) 346-6508, Fax (505) 346-6542.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Publication of the Replacement School Construction Priority List (Priority List) in the **Federal Register** is required by 25 U.S.C. 2005(d). In addition, the Conference Report (Report 108-330) which accompanied the Fiscal Year 2004 appropriations for the Department of the Interior directed the Secretary of the Interior to submit a new Priority List to Congress: "The managers direct that the Secretary submit a new priority list by February 15, 2004, containing a sufficient number of schools to continue the replacement school program through fiscal year 2007. The priority list should address the most critical needs based on the Bureau's facility management information system."

The process used to develop the Priority List involved identification by the BIA of schools with critical health and safety concerns. This identification

was conducted by the BIA's Office of Facilities Management and Construction (using the facilities management information system), the BIA's regional facilities program, and the Office of Indian Education Programs' facilities program. The BIA then selected, through a competitive bid process, an independent contractor experienced in facilities construction to conduct a site review of each of the identified schools' core academic and/or dormitory facility. The independent contractor then rated each school based on the following criteria, in order of priority: (1) Health and safety deficiencies, (2) environmental deficiencies, (3) accessibility for persons with disabilities, and (4) condition of existing utilities and site improvements. The Priority List includes 14 schools considered in most need of replacement of their core academic and/or dormitory facilities. Complete replacement of the entire school facility may not be necessary.

The BIA will begin the advance planning and design process for these schools to determine the scope and cost of each replacement project. This list will be more than sufficient to continue the replacement school construction program through FY 2007. Funding and scheduling for these projects is contingent on the budget process. In addition, any school placed on the Priority List is eligible for the Tribal School Construction Demonstration Program. Participation in this program would expedite the funding and scheduling for school replacement projects.

Under Section 1125(a)(5) of the No Child Left Behind Act (Pub. L. 107-110), the Secretary is required to conduct negotiated rulemaking regarding Indian school construction. This negotiated rulemaking may impact future replacement school construction priorities.

Schools placed on the previously published "Education Facilities Replacement Construction Priority List as of FY 2003," published in the **Federal Register** on July 9, 2003 (68 FR 40996) and July 18, 2003 (68 FR 42815) that were not yet fully funded for construction are retained. In accordance with Congressional directives, the projects listed do not provide for the funding of new schools, grade level expansions, and charter schools.

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Replacement School Construction Priority List

1. Dilcon Community School
2. Porcupine Day School
3. Crown Point/T'iists'oozi'bi'olta Community School
4. Muckleshoot Tribal School
5. Dennehotso Boarding School
6. Circle of Life Survival School
7. Keams Canyon Elementary School
8. Rough Rock Community School
9. Crow Creek Elementary/Middle/High School
10. Kaibeto Boarding School
11. Blackfoot Dormitory
12. Beatrice Rafferty School
13. Little Singer Community School
14. Cove Day School

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[NV-050-5853-ES; N-61839]

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

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of recreation and public purpose lease/conveyance.

DATES: 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 until May 10, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robin Yoakum at (702) 515-5087.

SUMMARY: The City of Las Vegas is qualified under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and has filed an application for these lands to be used as a public park. This land will serve citizens in the Northwest sector of the city, where much growth has occurred.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 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

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Government Lots, 18, 19, 20