

Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in class III gaming activities on Indian lands. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved the second amendment to the Tribal-State Compact for class III gaming between the Quinault Indian Nation and the State of Washington.

EFFECTIVE DATES: December 9, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

Dated: November 22, 2002

Neal A. McCaleb,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Nation—State Gaming Compact taking effect.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Public Law 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, is publishing the notice that the Nation-State Compact for class III gaming between the Seneca Nation of Indians and the State of New York executed on August 18, 2002, is considered approved. By the terms of IGRA, this compact is considered approved, but only to the extent the compact is consistent with the provisions of IGRA.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 9, 2002.

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Dated: November 18, 2002.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ 020-03-1610-DO-089A]

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the Phoenix Field Office

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Phoenix Field Office.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Phoenix Field Office. These lands are located in Maricopa, Pinal, Pima, and Gila Counties, Arizona.

SUMMARY: This document provides notice that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Phoenix Field Office intends to prepare a RMP for the southern portion of the Phoenix Field Office (referred to as Phoenix South RMP) in association with the Sonoran Desert National Monument RMP (notice published in the **Federal Register** Vol. 67, No. 79, 20158; Wednesday April 24, 2002) with one associated EIS for the two planning efforts. This planning activity encompasses approximately 1 million acres of public land. The plan will fulfill the needs and obligations set forth by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), other laws, regulations, and BLM management policies. The BLM will work closely with interested parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to the needs of the public. This collaborative process will take into account local, regional, and national needs and concerns. The first phase of the planning process is scoping which includes the identification of issues that should be addressed in the planning process and development of planning criteria.

DATES: The scoping comment period commences with the publication of this notice and will continue for at least 60 days. Public meetings will be held in approximately late 2002–early 2003. Public notice will be provided specifying when the meetings will occur and will include notification of when the scoping period will close.

Public Participation: Public meetings will be held throughout the plan scoping and preparation period. In order to ensure local community participation and input, public meeting locations will be rotated among towns in the planning area. Towns in the planning area include the metro-Phoenix area, Tonopah, Buckeye, Gila Bend, Maricopa, Ajo, Sells, Casa Grande, and

Miami-Globe. Early participation by all those interested is encouraged and will help determine the future management of the public lands. At least 15 days public notice will be given for activities where the public is invited to attend. Written comments will be accepted throughout the planning process. Meetings and comment deadlines will be announced through the local news media, newsletters, and the BLM Web site (<http://www.az.blm.gov>). In addition to the ongoing public participation process, formal opportunities for public participation will be provided upon publication of the draft RMP/EIS.

ADDRESSES: Phoenix South—Sonoran Desert NM Planning, Bureau of Land Management, Phoenix Field Office, 21605 N. 7th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85027; Fax 623-580-5580. For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list, contact the Phoenix Field Office, Telephone 623-580-5500.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The planning area is generally bounded by: Interstate 10 and Highway 60 on the north, the Maricopa-Yuma County line on the west, the U.S.-Mexican border on the south, and the eastern Phoenix Field Office boundary on the east. The resulting Phoenix South RMP will replace the Lower Gila South RMP, and parts of the Lower Gila North MFP and the Phoenix RMP. 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 on the existing issues and concerns with current management. Additional issues and modifications to known issues will be identified during public scoping. The major issues that will be addressed in the plan effort include, but are not limited to, management of public land resources including natural resource management; cultural resource management and protection; recreation/visitor use and safety; access and transportation on the public lands; location and management of utility corridors; management of grazing, mining, mineral materials, and other uses; and integration of public land management, local community, tribal, and other agency needs and plans.

After gathering public comments on what issues the plan should address, the suggested issues will be placed in one of three categories:

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

Rationale will be provided in the plan 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. The public is encouraged to help identify these questions and concerns during the scoping phase. An interdisciplinary approach will be used to develop the plan in order to consider the variety of resource issues and concerns identified. Disciplines involved in the planning process will include rangeland, minerals and geology, outdoor recreation, archaeology, wildlife, wilderness, lands and realty, hydrology, soils, sociology, and economics. Where necessary, outside expertise may be used.

Mervin G. Boyd,

Acting Manager, Phoenix Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-310-1820-AE]

Notice of Public Meeting: Northeast California Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Northeast California Resource Advisory Council will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held Thursday and Friday, Jan. 9 and 10, 2003, in the Conference Room of the Bureau of Land Management's Eagle Lake Field Office, 2950 Riverside Dr., Susanville, California. On Oct. 9, the meeting begins at 1 p.m. On Oct. 10, the council will convene at 8 a.m. Time for public comments has been set aside for 10 a.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tim Burke, Field Manager, BLM Alturas Field Office, 708 West 12th St., Alturas, CA, (530) 233-4666; or BLM Public Affairs Officer Joseph J. Fontana, telephone (530) 252-5332.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Northeast California and

Northwest Nevada. At this meeting, agenda topics will include an update on wild horse and burro management, council involvement development of new BLM land use plans and an update on development of a juniper management strategy. The council will also hear status reports from the managers of the BLM's Alturas, Eagle Lake and Surprise field offices.

All meetings are open to the public. Members of the public may present written comments to the council. Each formal council meeting will have time allocated for public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak, and the time available, the time for individual comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation and other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM as provided above.

Dated: December 2, 2002.

Joseph J. Fontana,

Public Affairs Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-670-1430-01; AZA 12865/CAAZRI 06106]

Public Land Order No. 7547; Partial Revocation of Secretarial Order Dated October 16, 1931; California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.

SUMMARY: This order partially revokes a Secretarial Order dated October 16, 1931, insofar as it affects 31.25 acres of land withdrawn for the Bureau of Reclamation's Colorado River Storage and Survey Projects. This order makes the land available for conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 9, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathy Gary, BLM California State Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825-1886, 916-978-4677.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Bureau of Reclamation no longer needs the land and concurs with the partial revocation.

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 (1994), it is ordered as follows:

1. The Secretarial Order dated October 16, 1931, which withdrew land for the Bureau of Reclamation's Colorado River Storage and Survey Projects, is hereby revoked insofar as it affects the following described land:

San Bernardino Meridian

T. 9 S., R. 21 E.,

sec. 15, S¹/₂SW¹/₄SW¹/₄NE¹/₄SW¹/₄,
SE¹/₄SE¹/₄SE¹/₄NW¹/₄SW¹/₄,
E¹/₂E¹/₂NE¹/₄SW¹/₄ SW¹/₄, N¹/₂SE¹/₄SW¹/₄,
NW¹/₄SW¹/₄SE¹/₄SW¹/₄,
N¹/₂NE¹/₄SW¹/₄SE¹/₄SW¹/₄,
SW¹/₄NE¹/₄SW¹/₄SE¹/₄SW¹/₄, and
N¹/₂N¹/₂SE¹/₄SE¹/₄SW¹/₄.

The area described contains 31.25 acres in Imperial County.

2. The land described in Paragraph 1 is hereby made available for conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended, 43 U.S.C. 869 (1994).

Dated: November 20, 2002.

Rebecca W. Watson,

Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-930-1430-ET; COC-28504]

Public Land Order No. 7548; Partial Revocation of Executive Order No. 5672; Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.

SUMMARY: This order partially revokes an Executive Order which withdrew lands in Colorado and Wyoming for Public Water Reserve No. 143. This order only affects lands in Colorado and opens 209.61 acres to the operation of the public land laws and to nonmetalliferous location and entry under the United States mining laws. The lands have been and will remain open to mineral leasing and to metalliferous mining.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 8, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Doris E. Chelius, BLM Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215, 303-239-3706.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lands do not contain a water source and one of the parcels has been identified for disposal.