

Vegas, Clark County, Nevada was segregated on February 16, 1996 for lease/conveyance under provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*).

N-78565—Clark County proposes a change of use on the following public lands:

**Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada**

T. 21 S., R. 60 E., Sec. 9: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .  
Consisting of 10.00 acres.

This public land was previously classified and segregated for Recreation and Public Purposes under **Federal Register**, Volume 61, No. 33, page 6258, on February 16, 1996. The change of use from a school site to a park site is consistent with the uses authorized under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act. The change of use is consistent with current Bureau planning for this area and would be in the public interest.

Interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed change of use for the public lands to the Field Manager, BLM Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89130 until March 14, 2005.

*Classification Comments:* Given that the public lands were previously classified for Recreation and Public Purposes, comments pertaining to classification will not be accepted.

*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 related to the suitability of the public land for the proposed facilities. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director who may sustain, vacate, or modify this Realty action. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification of the public land described in the Notice will become effective on March 29, 2005. The lands will not be offered for lease/conveyance until after the classification becomes effective.

Dated: December 27, 2004.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Receipt of Application for Conveyance of Mineral Interests, Josephine County, OR [OR 60700]**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of mineral conveyance application.

**SUMMARY:** This action informs the public of the receipt of an application from Stephen E. Evensen of Murphy, Oregon for conveyance of 20 acres of federal mineral estate from lands administered by the BLM in the Medford District.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 28, 2005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Phyllis Gregory, BLM Oregon/  
Washington State Office, P.O. Box 2965,  
Portland, Oregon 97208, 503-808-6188.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 209 of the Act of October 21, 1976 (90 Stat. 2757), Stephen E. Evensen has filed an application to purchase the Federally-owned mineral estate in the land described below:

**Willamette Meridian,**

T. 37 S., R. 05 W.,  
Sec. 09, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described contains 20 acres, more or less, in Josephine County, Oregon. On May 19, 2004, the surface estate was offered to the Evensen family following the processing of a class 1 application for Color-of-Title (OR-57154). Mr. Evensen desires to acquire the mineral estate beneath the 20 acres of BLM administered lands included in the color-of-title application to effectively acquire fee title to the land. The mineral interests being offered for conveyance have no known mineral value.

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the mineral interest described above will be segregated to the extent that it will not be subject to appropriation under the public land laws including the mineral laws. The segregative effect of the application shall terminate either upon issuance of a patent or other document of conveyance to such mineral interests, upon final rejection of the application, or two years from the date of filing of the application, June 30, 2004, whichever comes first.

(Authority: 43 CFR 2720.1-1(b)).

Dated: October 25, 2004.

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*Chief, Branch of Realty and Records Services.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[CO-100-1610-DU]

**Notice of Intent To Amend the Little Snake Resource Management Plan for Acquisition and Management of Emerald Mountain**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** This document provides notice that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will initiate a plan amendment to address acquisition and management of lands in Routt County, Colorado. The lands would be acquired in a proposed land exchange between the State of Colorado (Colorado State Land Board) and the United States (Little Snake Field Office, BLM).

**DATES:** All relevant public meetings will be announced through the local news media, newsletters, and the BLM Web site at: <http://www.co.blm.gov/lra/lraindex.htm>, at least 15 days prior to the event. The minutes and list of attendees from each meeting will be available in the Field Office and at the Web site, and will be open for 30 days after a meeting to any participant who wishes to clarify the views they expressed.

**ADDRESSES:** Please send written comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Little Snake Field Office, Attn: Emerald Mountain Land Use Amendment, 455 Emerson Street, Craig, CO 81625-1129; FAX: (970) 826-5002. Email comments may be sent to [Duane\\_Johnson@co.blm.gov](mailto:Duane_Johnson@co.blm.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information and/or to have your name added to the mailing list, contact Duane Johnson, Team Leader, at the Little Snake Field Office (LSFO) address listed below or by calling (970) 826-5001.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed land exchange involves 129 public land parcels totaling approximately 15,621 acres and one 6,347 acre parcel of State land called Emerald Mountain. The proposed land exchange would result in BLM acquiring new Federal land and disposing of scattered Federal lands.

The parcel to be acquired is currently not under BLM management, and an amendment of the current Resource Management Plan (RMP) is required to address acquisition and future management of the parcel by BLM. As part of the RMP amendment, an Environmental Assessment (EA) will be prepared to analyze and compare the impacts of the management alternatives for the acquired lands. As provided by 43 CFR 1610.5-5, the BLM will prepare the plan amendment and associated EA simultaneously with the processing of the Notice of Exchange Proposal (NOEP). The plan will be amended in conformity with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), and BLM management policies. The BLM will ask state and local governments to be cooperators on the plan amendment. BLM will work with interested parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to local, regional, and national needs. The public scoping process will identify planning issues and planning criteria. The BLM will prepare the land management amendment through coordination with other federal, state and local agencies, and affected users of BLM managed lands. The BLM will hold public meetings during the plan scoping period. Early participation is encouraged and will help determine the future management decisions of the BLM-administered lands involved in this amendment. Comments on issues and concerns can be submitted in writing to the address listed above and will be accepted throughout the creation of the Draft RMP amendment/EA. In addition to the ongoing public participation process, the BLM will provide formal opportunities for public participation by conducting scheduled public meetings and requesting comments upon BLM's publication of the draft RMP amendment/EA. The BLM will notify the Governor of Colorado, the Routt County Commissioners, adjacent landowners, and potentially affected members of the public of the proposed management decisions. The Emerald Mountain Partnership has promoted the exchange. The Emerald Mountain Partnership is a non-profit group dedicated to the conservation of the natural resources of Emerald Mountain and surrounding lands and to the creation of a multi-use model of land use to ensure the compatibility of agriculture, wildlife, recreation, and education. A notice of exchange proposal (NEOP) will be prepared, published in local news media, and mailed to interested parties.

Anyone wishing to obtain a copy of the NOEP may request one from the LSFO contact listed above.

Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the LSFO and Web site at: [http://www.co.blm.gov/lra/emerald\\_mtn/em.html](http://www.co.blm.gov/lra/emerald_mtn/em.html). Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the LSFO during regular business hours (7:45 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.

Preliminary issues and management concerns have been identified by BLM personnel, other agencies, and in meetings with the Emerald Mountain Partnership, the Routt County Commissioners, and user groups. They represent the BLM's knowledge to date on the existing issues and concerns with current management. The preliminary issues include: impacts to users of BLM-administered lands and adjacent private landowners; impacts to wildlife habitat; and impacts to water quality, vegetation, including riparian and wetland areas, soils, and recreation opportunities on Emerald Mountain. 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 the 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 the plan amendment.

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 amendment. 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 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, cultural resources, wildlife and fisheries, lands and realty, hydrology, soils, vegetation, and fire.

(Authority: 43 CFR 1610.2(c) and (f)).

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NM-030-1610-DO]

#### **Notice of Intent To Prepare a Resource Management Plan (RMP) Revision, a Resource Management Plan Amendment (RMPA), and Associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS); and Notice of Public Scoping Meetings.**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to Revise the White Sands RMP, New Mexico and Notice of Intent to Amend the Mimbres RMP, New Mexico, and Notice of Public Scoping Meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The BLM proposes to revise the White Sands RMP and to amend the Mimbres RMP. The revision and amendment and associated environmental analysis will update planning level decisions for public lands in Sierra, Otero, and Dona Ana Counties, which are managed by the Las Cruces Field Office (LCFO), New Mexico. The proposed RMP revision and amendment are intended to address issues that have developed since the previous RMPs were prepared in 1986 and 1994 respectively. This notice initiates the public scoping process to identify specific issues related to the proposed revision and amendment and the NEPA process.

**DATES:** The public scoping period for the proposal will commence with publication of this Notice. Comments about the proposal must be submitted on or before 60 calendar days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes its NOI in the **Federal Register**. The BLM can best utilize your participation, comments and resource information submissions during the 60 day comment period and scheduled public meetings. Public meetings will be held in Truth or