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Notice of Modified Exchange Proposal
Proposed Exchange of Properties in Rio Grande and Saguache Counties, Colorado
Serial No. COC-68881

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, Bureau of Land Management, San Luis Valley Public Lands Center, 1803 West Highway 160, Monte Vista, Colorado 81144.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) hereby gives Notice that the exchange proposal previously published in the Valley Courier weekly from December 20, 2007, to January 9, 2008, is being modified. The exchange proposal included ten parcels of federal lands totaling approximately 2,693 acres in Rio Grande County to acquire up to 189.8 acre-feet of water annually from the Anderson Ditch. Parcels C, E, H, and I described in the initial Notice of Exchange Proposal will not be considered any further and have been deleted from the exchange. The deleted parcels in Rio Grande County have been replaced by four federal parcels located in Saguache County. The revised exchange proposal totals approximately 2,574 acres in ten parcels.

The federal lands in the revised exchange proposal are listed below by parcel, legal description, and parcel acreage. Parcels A and B have been redescribed to conform to the resurvey plat. The new parcels in Saguache County are Parcels K, L, M, and N.

Parcel A

T. 39 N., R. 6 E., N.M.P.M.,

sec. 12, proposed lots 1, 3, 8, 10, and 11,
containing 94.01 acres, more or less, subject to approval of survey.

Parcel B

T. 39 N., R. 7 E., N.M.P.M.,

sec. 7, proposed lots 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10;
sec. 18, proposed lots 7, 8, 10, 16, 18, and 19, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$,
containing 233.81 acres, more or less, subject to approval of survey.

Parcel D



T. 39 N, R. 4 E., N.M.P.M.,
sec. 3, lots 5, 6, 7, and 8;
T. 40 N., R. 4 E., N.M.P.M.,
sec. 34, $W\frac{1}{2}W\frac{1}{2}$,
containing 249.85 acres.

Parcel F

T. 40 N., R. 4 E., N.M.P.M.,
sec. 32, $S\frac{1}{2}NE\frac{1}{4}$,
containing 80 acres.

Parcel G

T. 40 N., R. 4 E., N.M.P.M.,
sec. 32, $S\frac{1}{2}$,
containing 320 acres.

Parcel J

T. 38 N., R. 7 E., N.M.P.M.,
sec. 10, $N\frac{1}{2}SE\frac{1}{4}$ and $SW\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}$,
containing 120 acres.

Parcel K (2 Tracts)

Parcel K-1 (Saguache West, 156.13 acres)

T. 44 N., R. 7 E., N.M.P.M.,
sec. 2, lots 1, 2, 5, 6, 11, and 12,

Parcel K-2 (Saguache East, 624.21 acres)

T. 44 N., R. 8 E., N.M.P.M.,
sec. 2, lots 3 and 4;
sec. 3, lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, $S\frac{1}{2}NW\frac{1}{4}$, and $SW\frac{1}{4}NE\frac{1}{4}$;
sec. 4, lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, and $SW\frac{1}{4}NW\frac{1}{4}$;
sec. 5, lot 1 and $SE\frac{1}{4}NE\frac{1}{4}$,

containing 780.34 acres.

Parcel L (2 Tracts)

T. 43 N., R. 11 E., N.M.P.M.,
sec. 3, lot 4, $S\frac{1}{2}SW\frac{1}{4}$, and $SW\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}$;
sec. 4, lot 1,
containing 160.01 acres.

Parcel M

T. 45 N., R. 10 E., N.M.P.M.,
sec. 4, lots 2, 3, and 4;
T. 46 N., R. 10 E., N.M.P.M.,
sec. 33, $SW\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}$,
containing 154.45 acres.

Parcel N (3 Tracts)

T. 42 N, R. 9 E., N.M.P.M.,
sec. 1, lots 5, 6, 7, and 8;
sec. 12, lots 1 and 2;
sec. 24, SE¼,
containing 381.79 acres

Parcels K, L, M, and N will be segregated from appropriation under the public land laws for a period of five years upon publication of this Notice. The BLM proposes to convey the above listed federal lands to Sun Peaks Land Company, LLC, subject to valid existing rights.

In exchange for the above-described federal lands, Sun Peaks Land Company, LLC, will convey 189.8 acre-feet of water rights to BLM as described in the original Notice of Exchange Proposal.

The properties in the exchange proposal will be appraised in accordance with federal regulations and federal appraisal standards. The values of the federal and non-federal properties must be equal, or capable of being equalized, in order for the exchange to be approved. Lands may be deleted from the exchange in order to equalize values.

More detailed information concerning the proposed exchange may be obtained from Thomas Malecek, Del Norte Field Office Manager, 13308 W. Highway 160, Del Norte, Colorado, 81132, telephone (719) 657-3321 or Sue Swift-Miller, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, La Jara Field Office, 15571 County Road T-5, La Jara, Colorado 81140, (719) 274-8971.

An environmental analysis and other resource reports will be prepared as required to analyze the exchange. Interested parties may submit comments or concerns about the proposed exchange, including liens, encumbrances, or other claims related to the proposal, to the Interdisciplinary Team Leader at the La Jara Field Office address given above. In order to be considered in the environmental analysis of the proposed exchange, comments must be in writing to the Interdisciplinary Team Leader and received within 45 days of the initial publication of this Notice in the Valley Courier.

Date: July 22, 2008

Sincerely,

/s/ Dan S. Dallas
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