

APPENDIX C

LAND ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL

Acquisition Criteria

General Criteria for Acquisition

1. Facilitate access to areas retained for long term public use.
 2. Enhance congressionally designated areas, rivers or trails.
 3. Facilitate national, state and local BLM priorities or mission statement needs.
 4. Stabilize or enhance local economies or values.
 5. Meet long term public land management goals as opposed to short term.
 6. Be of sufficient size to improve use of adjoining public lands or, if isolated, large enough to allow identified potential public land use.
 7. Enhance the opportunity for new or emerging public land uses or values.
 8. Contribute to a wide spectrum of uses or large number of public land users.
 9. Facilitate management practices, uses, scale of operations or degrees of management intensity that are viable under economic program efficiency standards.
 10. Secure for the public significant water related land interest. These interests will include lake shore, river front, stream, pond or spring sites.
 11. Agricultural lands that would be in the public interest (i.e. management for lure crops).
 12. Riparian areas in I and-M allotments and important wetland areas.
2. Acquisition in response to a federal project need, as in the case of a dam project. Criteria for this type of acquisition would generally include:
 - a. Where development of the federal project would preclude the mineral estate owner from exercising development rights, or
 - b. Where the exercise of the mineral estate owners right of development would materially interfere with the federal project.

Livestock Management

Acquire non-federal holdings in I and M allotments which will enhance manageability and investment opportunity.

Recreation

Acquire land with the following significant values:

1. National values such as congressionally designated areas, rivers, or trails.
2. State values that enhance recreation trails and waterways or the interstate, state, and multi-county use
3. Local values for extensive use, such as hunting, fishing, ORV and snowmobile use.

Wilderness

Acquire in-holdings within the boundaries of Congressionally designated wilderness areas under the BLM administration.

Cultural Resources

Any cultural site to be acquired should meet the following evaluation standards: high research value, moderate scarcity, possess some unique values such as association with an important historic person or high aesthetic value, or contribute significantly to interpretive potential of cultural resources already in public ownership.

Wildlife Habitat Management

Areas for acquisition will be lands with significant wildlife values as defined below. These areas may be of any size.

Program Specific Acquisition Criteria

Minerals

1. Consolidation of mineral estates.

1. Threatened and Endangered Species.
 - a. Federally listed species.
 - b. Federal candidate species.
 - c. State listed species of special concern.
2. Fisheries.
3. Big Game. Important habitat such as crucial winter areas in I and M allotments with native habitat and associated spring/fall transition areas, kidding/fawning/calving/lambing areas, crucial wallow complexes, mineral licks, and security areas.
4. Upland Game Birds, Migratory Birds and Waterfowl. Crucial breeding, nesting, resting, roosting, feeding, and wintering habitat areas or complexes.
5. Raptors. Existing and potential nesting areas for sensitive species or significant nesting complexes for nonsensitive complexes.
6. Nongame. Crucial habitat complexes.

Disposal Criteria

Parcels of BLM land are identified for disposal through exchange under the authority of Section 206 of FLPMA. The management objective is to use the disposal parcels to meet the acquisition goals shown for each alternative. The following criteria were used to identify parcels for disposal:

1. Lands of limited public value.
2. Widely scattered parcels which are difficult for the BLM to manage with anything beyond minimal custodial administration and have no significant values (i.e. category C allotments).

3. Lands with high public values proper for management by other federal agencies, or state or local government.
4. Land which would aid in aggregating or repositioning other public lands or public land resource values in retention areas to facilitate national, state and local objectives.

Each parcel used in an exchange is subject to certain conditions before disposal: hazardous waste, wilderness, wildlife and riparian/wetland evaluations, cultural and mineral clearances and reports. The results of the evaluations and reports are included in an environmental analysis. A notice of realty action is subsequently published. Parcels are removed from the disposal list if the clearances, reports, or environmental analysis show any resource values worth retaining.

Table C.1 identifies the lands that meet the above criteria and the clearances or reports completed for each parcel. The disposal list is organized by Resource Area and the clearances or reports completed. The following codes are used for the conditions.

Cultural Report Status = CUL

C = cultural report completed with no sites reported

S = cultural report completed with sites reported that BLM would dispose of

X = no cultural report completed

Mineral Report Status = MIN

Y = mineral report completed

N = no mineral report completed

Wildlife Clearance Status = WIL

Y = wildlife clearance completed

N = no wildlife clearance completed

**TABLE APPENDIX C.1
Lands Identified for Disposal**

Wildlife and cultural clearances completed.
No mineral report.

<u>PARCEL</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>TWN</u>	<u>RNG</u>	<u>WIL</u>	<u>CUL</u>	<u>MIN</u>
V-037	40	30N	37E	Y	C	N

Wildlife clearance completed. No cultural clearance or mineral report.

<u>PARCEL</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>TWN</u>	<u>RNG</u>	<u>WIL</u>	<u>CUL</u>	<u>MIN</u>
V-026	160	27N	40E	Y	X	N
V-024	200	28N	41E	Y	X	N
V-032	240	29N	37E	Y	X	N
V-020	1285	29N	40E	Y	X	N
V-021	480	29N	40E	Y	X	N
V-023	40	29N	41E	Y	X	N
V-022	505	29N	41E	Y	X	N
V-019	596	33N	39E	Y	X	N
V-018	640	34N	40E	Y	X	N
V-033	600	35N	39E	Y	X	N
V-014	120	35N	39E	Y	X	N
V-015	160	35N	39E	Y	X	N
V-017	320	35N	40E	Y	X	N
V-013	360	35N	42E	Y	X	N
V-027	200	36N	39E	Y	X	N
V-010	136	36N	40E	Y	X	N
V-011	472	36N	40E	Y	X	N
V-009	320	36N	41E	Y	X	N
V-012	360	36N	42E	Y	X	N
V-007	318	36N	42E	Y	X	N
V-008	560	36N	42E	Y	X	N

V-004	440	37N	39E	Y	X	N
V-005	320	37N	41E	Y	X	N
V-003	160	37N	41E	Y	X	N
V-006	640	37N	42E	Y	X	N
V-001	320	37N	42E	Y	X	N
V-002	160	37N	42E	Y	X	N

No clearances completed.

<u>PARCEL</u>	<u>ACRES</u>	<u>TWN</u>	<u>RNG</u>	<u>WIL</u>	<u>CUL</u>	<u>MIN</u>
V-079	151	24N	34E	N	X	N
*V-080	747	Various		N	X	N
V-073	80	26N	40E	N	X	N
V-077	40	28N	34E	N	X	N
V-074	40	28N	38E	N	X	N
V-031	63	29N	37E	N	X	N
V-030	1800	29N	37E	N	X	N
V-029	480	29N	38E	N	X	N
V-028	40	29N	39E	N	X	N
V-041	601	30N	35E	N	X	N
V-042	320	30N	35E	N	X	N
V-076	298	30N	35E	N	X	N
V-040	616	30N	36E	N	X	N
V-039	360	30N	36E	N	X	N
V-034	40	30N	37E	N	X	N
V-047	240	30N	38E	N	X	N
V-048	318	30N	38E	N	X	N
V-046	160	30N	38E	N	X	N
V-078	640	30N	39E	N	X	N
V-075	2880	30N	41E	N	X	N
V-043	648	31N	34E	N	X	N

V-038	558	31N	34E	N	X	N
V-035	162	31N	35E	N	X	N
V-049	320	31N	37E	N	X	N
V-050	280	31N	37E	N	X	N
V-051	640	31N	37E	N	X	N
V-052	200	31N	37E	N	X	N
V-058	1001	32N	35E	N	X	N
V-072	40	32N	35E	N	X	N
V-045	120	32N	35E	N	X	N
V-036	40	32N	35E	N	X	N
V-044	340	32N	35E	N	X	N
V-057	911	32N	36E	N	X	N
V-055	480	32N	36E	N	X	N
V-054	2321	32N	36E	N	X	N
V-053	827	32N	37E	N	X	N
V-061	600	33N	35E	N	X	N
V-059	362	33N	35E	N	X	N
V-060	120	33N	35E	N	X	N
V-056	481	33N	36E	N	X	N
V-064	80	34N	35E	N	X	N
V-066	400	34N	35E	N	X	N
V-065	400	34N	35E	N	X	N
V-067	320	34N	35E	N	X	N
V-070	200	34N	35E	N	X	N
V-071	160	34N	35E	N	X	N
V-063	120	34N	35E	N	X	N
V-062	404	34N	35E	N	X	N
V-016	1100	34N	39E	N	X	N
V-069	40	35N	35E	N	X	N
V-068	440	35N	35E	N	X	N
V-025	470	36N	40E	N	X	N

*Acreage proposed for revocation by BR.