

ADDRESSES: Written comments concerning the environmental impact statement should be submitted to Margaret Jensen, Gila Resource Area Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Safford District Office, 711 14th Avenue, Safford, Arizona 85546.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Phelps Dodge, Inc., is planning to develop the Dos Pobres and San Juan copper ore bodies that are primarily located on private lands owned by Phelps Dodge, Inc. Phelps Dodge seeks to either acquire additional public lands in the vicinity of these ore bodies through the exchange process or utilize them for mining purposes under the General Mining Law of 1872, as amended. To this purpose, Phelps Dodge has proposed an exchange of land and submitted a MPO for the use of these lands to the BLM.

The 17,000 acres of public lands identified for exchange are adjacent to and surround approximately 20,000 acres of Phelps Dodge's private land. These lands have been selected by Phelps Dodge, Inc., to consolidate its land position, provide buffer areas for environmental compliance purposes, and accommodate development of future mining operations at Dos Pobres/San Juan and Lone Star ore bodies.

In exchange, Phelps Dodge, Inc., is offering approximately 5,000 acres of private lands that it owns for public acquisition. These lands possess resource qualities considered to be of significant value to the public, and have been identified for acquisition by the BLM.

The Dos Pobres/San Juan project would involve open pit mining of leachable copper ore and the construction and operation of a solvent extraction/electrowinning (SX/EW) process facility designed to produce about 200 million pounds of high-quality cathode copper per year when fully operational.

The proposed mining would involve conventional drill, blast, load and haul techniques. During project construction, employment is expected to average nearly 600 workers with peak employment reaching about 1,000 full-time jobs. Direct employment by Phelps Dodge during the life of the project is estimated at 300 to 400 full-time employees.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Terry, Project Leader, or Mike McQueen, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, 711 14th Avenue, Safford, Arizona 85546; telephone (520) 428-4040.

Dated: July 16, 1996.
Frank L. Rowley,
Acting District Manager.
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Northwest Colorado Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the next meeting of the Northwest Colorado Resource Advisory Council will be held on August 16, 1996.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 16, 1996 in Hayden, Colorado.

ADDRESSES: For further information, contact Lynda Boody, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Grand Junction District Office, 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, Colorado 81506; Telephone (970) 244-3000; TDD (970) 244-3011.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m.

This meeting will be held at The Nature Conservancy's Carpenter Ranch, 13250 U.S. Hwy. 40 West, Hayden, Colorado 81639.

The agenda for this meeting will focus on general Council business, recently held public meetings on standards and guidelines for grazing, new business, and committee reports.

All Resource Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. Interested persons may make oral statements to the Council, or written statements may be submitted for the Council's consideration. Public comment will be taken throughout the meeting. Depending on the number of persons wishing to make oral statements, a per-person time limit may be established by the Grand Junction/Craig District Manager.

Summary minutes for the Council meeting will be maintained in the Grand Junction and Craig District Offices and will be available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours within thirty (30) days following the meeting.

Dated: July 22, 1996.
Mark Morse,
Grand Junction/Craig District Manager.
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Notice of Realty Action: Conveyance for Recreation and Public Purposes

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Recreation and public purposes conveyance.

SUMMARY: The following described public land near Moapa Valley, Clark County, Nevada, has been examined and found suitable for conveyance for public purposes under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.). The Clark County Department of Public Works proposes to use the land for a solid waste transfer station.

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 15 S., R. 67 E.,
Sec. 16: E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.
Acreage: 160 acres.

The entire amount of land described will not be required for the transfer station, likely no more than a total of 10 acres. The exact location will be determined through survey and the excess parcels removed from classification and segregation. The land is not required for any Federal purpose. The conveyance is consistent with current Bureau planning for this area and would be in the public interest. The patent, when issued will be subject to the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, and will contain the following reservations to the United States:

1. A right-of-way thereon for ditches or canals constructed by the authority of the United States, Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).

2. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine and remove such deposits from the same under applicable law and such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe, and will be subject to: valid existing rights, if any.

Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas District, 4765 W. Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89108. Upon publication of this notice in the Federal Register, the above described land will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except from conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, leasing under the mineral leasing laws and disposals under the mineral material disposal

laws. For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register, interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed conveyance for classification of the lands to the District Manager, Las Vegas District, 4765 W. Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89108.

Classification Comments: Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for a transfer station. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the land is physically suited for the proposal, whether the use will maximize the future use or uses of the land, whether the use is consistent with local planning and zoning, or if the use is consistent with State and Federal programs.

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 directly related to the suitability of the land for a transfer station facility.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director.

In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification of the land described in this Notice will become effective 60 days from the date of publication in the Federal Register. The lands will not be offered for conveyance until after the classification becomes effective.

Dated: July 23, 1996.

Donette Gordon,

Acting Associate District Manager.

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Cancellation of Realty Action

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Cancellation of realty action.

The Notice of Realty Action—Noncompetitive Sale of Federal Lands in Douglas County, Nevada—published in the Federal Register, Vol. 58, No. 67, Pg. 18413, on April 9, 1993, is hereby cancelled in its entirety.

The federal lands had been found suitable for direct sale to accommodate private improvements on them, placed there as the result of an erroneous private survey. However, these lands were later determined to have some level of hazardous contamination, the result of past nearby mining and mineral processing. The transfer of the lands, under these conditions, was

determined not to be in the interest of either the United States or the sale proponent. A private well and pipeline, on these federal lands, were authorized through the issuance of a right-of-way.

Dated: July 24, 1996.

James M. Phillips,

Assistant District Manager, Non-Renewable Resources.

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Notice of Availability of the Challis Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of proposed ACEC designations.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and BLM Planning Regulations (43 CFR part 1600), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Upper Columbia—Salmon Clearwater Districts has prepared a Draft Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (Draft RMP/EIS) for the Challis Resource Area. The Challis Draft RMP/EIS has been published and is available for review and comment by requesting a copy from the address indicated in the "Addresses" section below. In compliance with 43 CFR 1610.7-2(b), this notice of availability of the Challis Draft RMP/EIS also constitutes notice of ACEC designations proposed in the Challis Draft RMP/EIS. More detailed information about the existing and proposed ACECs described in the Challis Draft RMP/EIS is provided in the "Supplementary Information" section of this notice.

The Challis Draft RMP/EIS describes and analyzes five alternative ways of managing approximately 792,657 acres of BLM public lands in the Challis Resource Area, located in Custer and Lemhi counties of east-central Idaho. When implemented, the Challis RMP would replace the three Management Framework Plans currently used by the Challis Resource Area. The Challis RMP may also amend the Little Lost-Birch Creek Management Framework Plan (BLM 1981), if Alternatives 2, 4, or 5 are selected and the Donkey Hills Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) is designated to include 4,714 acres within the Big Butte Resource Area,

managed by the Idaho Falls District—BLM in Butte County, Idaho.

DATES: Written comments on the Challis Draft RMP/EIS must be submitted or postmarked no later than November 21, 1996. Meetings will be held to receive public comments on the Challis Draft RMP/EIS. The dates and locations of public meetings will be announced through the local media and a mailing list, as appropriate.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Challis Draft RMP/EIS may be obtained upon request by contacting the Bureau of Land Management, Salmon Field Office, Route 2, Box 610, Salmon, Idaho 83467; phone (208) 756-5400. Written comments on the Challis Draft RMP/EIS should be sent to Kathe Rhodes, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, Bureau of Land Management, Salmon Field Office, Route 2, Box 610, Salmon, Idaho 83467.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathe Rhodes, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, Bureau of Land Management, Salmon Field Office, Route 2, Box 610, Salmon, Idaho 83467; phone (208) 756-5440. Documents relevant to the Challis Draft RMP/EIS planning process are available at the above address for public viewing during normal office hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Challis Draft RMP/EIS describes and analyzes five alternative land use plans to address the planning issues identified through public involvement and BLM input. Each alternative proposes resource condition objectives, land use allocations, and management actions and direction to guide resource management of the Challis Resource Area on a long term, sustainable basis during the next 15 to 20 years. Alternative 1, the "no action" alternative, describes resource management of the Challis Resource Area as of approximately 1991, when the planning process was initiated. The four "action" alternatives (Alternatives 2, 3, 4, and 5) differ in how much they emphasize three aspects of resource management: (a) the protection, restoration, and enhancement of natural values (e.g., visual quality), (b) traditional commodity production (e.g., timber harvest, livestock grazing, mineral production), and (c) non-commodity resource uses (e.g., recreation).

Four issues and related management concerns were identified during the scoping process for the Challis Draft RMP: