

state and local agencies and other individuals or organizations who may be interested in or affected by the Bureau's decision on the Leeville Project Plan of Operations are invited to participate in the scoping process with respect to this EIS. These entities and individuals are also invited to submit comments on the DEIS. It is important that those interested in the Leeville Project Plan of Operations participate in the scoping and commenting process. Comments should be as specific as possible. The tentative project schedule is as follows:

Public Comment Period—August 1 through September 2, 1997.

Issuance of Draft Environmental Impact Statement—Spring of 1998.

File Final Environmental Impact Statement—Autumn of 1998.

Record of Decision—Autumn of 1998.
Begin Permitted Operation—Winter of 1998/1999.

The Bureau of Land Management's scoping process for the EIS will include: (1) Identification of issues to be addressed; (2) Identification of viable alternatives; (3) Notification of interested groups, individuals and agencies so that additional information concerning these issues, or other additional issues, can be obtained.

Dated: July 24, 1997.

David Stout,

Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-060-07-1210-00]

Meeting of the California Desert District Advisory Council

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Public Laws 92-463 and 94-579, that the California Desert District Advisory Council to the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior, will participate in a field tour of BLM-administered public lands near Ridgecrest, California on Thursday, September 25, 1997, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and meet in formal session on Friday, September 26 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, September 27 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. The Friday and Saturday public meetings will be held in the conference room at the Carriage Inn, located at 901 North China Lake Boulevard, Ridgecrest, California.

Council members will assemble for the Thursday field tour at the Carriage Inn parking lot at 7:15 a.m., and depart

at 7:30 a.m. The public is welcome to participate in the field tour, but should dress appropriately and plan on providing their own transportation, food, and beverage. Anyone interested in participating in the field tour should contact BLM at (909) 697-5215 for more information.

The Friday meeting will begin at 8 a.m. All Desert District Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. Time for public comment may be made available by the Council Chairman during the presentation of various agenda items, and is scheduled at the end of the meeting for topics not on the agenda.

Written comments may be filed in advance of the meeting for the California Desert District Advisory Council, c/o Bureau of Land Management, Public Affairs Office, 6221 Box Springs Boulevard, Riverside, California 92507-0714. Written comments also are accepted at the time of the meeting and, if copies are provided to the recorder, will be incorporated into the minutes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doran Sanchez, BLM California Desert District Public Affairs at (909) 697-5215.

Dated: July 28, 1997.

Henri R. Bisson,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-930-1430-01; N-61382]

Notice of Realty Action; Recreation and Public Purposes Act Classification; Washoe County, Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The following described land, comprising 26.56 acres, has been examined and is determined to be suitable for classification for lease or conveyance pursuant to the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.):

Mt. Diablo Meridian, Nevada

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(containing 26.56 acres \pm)

DATES AND ADDRESSES: The land will become segregated upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Comments will be accepted on or before September 15, 1997. The land will not be offered for lease until September 30, 1997. Interested persons may submit comments regarding the proposed Recreation and Public Purposes lease/conveyance or classification to the Assistant District Manager, Carson City District Office, Bureau of Land Management, 1535 Hot Springs Road, Suite 300, Carson City, Nevada 89706. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the above address during regular business hours. 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 made available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chuck Pope, Carson City District Office, Bureau of Land Management, 1535 Hot Springs Road, Suite 300, Carson City, Nevada 89706, (702) 885-6000. Detailed information pertaining to this action is also available for review at the BLM Carson City District Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Washoe County School District has submitted an application for a lease with an option to purchase the 26.56 acre parcel of land in Sun Valley, Washoe County, Nevada, for construction of an elementary school including classrooms, multi-purpose room, a school library, computer room, and miscellaneous administrative offices, parking and bus loading/unloading areas, and a fenced playground area. Lease/conveyance is consistent with the current BLM land use planning and would be in the public interest. The lease/conveyance, when issued, will be subject to the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and all applicable regulations of the Secretary of Interior, and the following reservations to the United States:

1. A right-of-way thereon for ditches and canals constructed by the authority

of the United States, Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).

2. All mineral deposits in the land so patented, and to it, or persons authorized by it, the right to prospect for, mine and remove such deposits from the same under applicable law and regulations to be established by the Secretary of Interior.

And will be subject to:

Those rights for a buried water line granted to Sun Valley Water and Sanitary District, its successors or assigns, by right-of-way N-56939 pursuant to the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761).

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws but not the mineral leasing laws, the mineral disposal laws, or the Geothermal Steam Act. The segregation shall terminate upon issuance of a conveyance document or publication in the **Federal Register** of an order specifying the date and time of opening. For a period of 45 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed lease/conveyance or classification to the Assistant District Manager, Nonrenewable Resources, Bureau of Land Management, Carson City District.

Classification Comments

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

Comments on the application should address the proposed use in the application and plan or development, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor not directly related to the land for an elementary school site. Objections will be reviewed by the Carson City District Manager who may sustain, vacate or modify this realty action. In the absence of any objections, this realty action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

Dated this 25th day of July, 1997.

Clifford D. Ligons,

Assistant District Manager, Nonrenewable Resources, Carson City District.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Inventory Completion for Native American Remains and Associated Funerary Objects from Kiana, AK, in the Control of the Alaska State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Anchorage, AK

AGENCY: National Park Service

ACTION: Notice

Notice is hereby given in accordance with provisions of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3003 (d), of the completion of an inventory of human remains and associated funerary objects from Kiana, AK in the control of the Alaska State Office, Bureau of Land Management.

A detailed assessment of the human remains and associated funerary objects was made by Bureau of Land Management professional staff and University of Alaska Museum professional staff in consultation with representatives of the Native Village of Kiana.

During 1941, human remains representing one individual was recovered from a burial at the Ekseavik site in the vicinity of Kiana, AK by J. Louis Giddings under unclear circumstances. The remains were subsequently accessioned to the University Museum in Fairbanks, Alaska. No known individual was identified. The 130 associated funerary objects recovered include a sandstone lamp, 123 glass trade beads, 4 metal bracelets, a large metal ulu blade, with shaped bone handle, and a pyrite nodule, worn smooth on one face.

During 1947, human remains representing one individual were recovered from the Kavet Creek site in the vicinity of Kiana, AK by J. Louis Giddings under unclear circumstances. The remains were subsequently accessioned to the University Museum in Fairbanks, Alaska. No known individuals were identified. The 106 associated funerary objects recovered include a broken coal labret, a polished elliptical jade blade, a jade adze head, a jade ulu blade, an antler arrowhead and net sinker, a chert arrowhead, several sandstone saw and whetstone pieces, and various stone ulu, adze head, chisel, and other worked stone fragments.

The geographic locations of the two sets of remains and associated funerary objects listed above indicate that they are most probably associated with residents of the Native Village of Kiana.

The remains from 1941 are undated but the presence of glass trade beads suggests they are from the 18th or 19th century. The remains from 1947, while undated, were thought by the excavator to date perhaps back to the 17th century. This would be a time when the ancestors of people now living in Kiana were in this area. Native Elders of Kiana recognize the areas where the human remains were recovered as traditionally associated with their village. They also report that the burial practices associated with the Kavet Creek remains involve the burning of a house which is consistent with practices performed in the region, including at Kiana, into the 20th century.

Based on the above mentioned information, officials of the Bureau of Land Management have determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (d)(1), the human remains listed above represent the physical remains of two individuals of Native American ancestry. Officials of the Bureau of Land Management have also determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (3)(A), the 236 objects listed above are reasonably believed to have been placed with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony. Lastly, officials of the Bureau of Land Management have also determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (2), there is a relationship of shared group identity which can be reasonably traced between these Native American human remains and the Native Village of Kiana.

This notice has been sent to officials of the Native Village of Kiana. Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with these human remains and associated funerary objects should contact Dr. Robert E. King, Alaska State NAGPRA Coordinator, Bureau of Land Management, 222 W. 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599; telephone (907) 271-5510, before September 2, 1997. Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects to the Native Village of Kiana may begin after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

Dated: July 25, 1997.

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