

adjoining land owners to allow controlled access onto private lands. The adjoining land owners have agreed to allow access onto their private land to hunters only if the seasonal closure is placed on the BLM lands. The seasonal closure will close most of the Silver Creek Ridge area to all motorized use, including over-the-snow vehicles from November 15th through January 31st each year. The WYG&F feels that motorized vehicle use can disrupt the daily activity patterns of the elk thus limiting the harvest. By restricting motorized vehicle use, the elk will move more freely in the Silver Creek Ridge area, and remain undisturbed by motorized vehicles. This closure will also help by reducing resource damage that is caused by motorized vehicle use off-road.

This seasonal use closure applies to public lands in Sublette County, Wyoming, located approximately 8 miles east of Boulder, Wyoming. The designation affects all public lands starting at T. 32 N., R. 107 W., Section 24, E¹/₂, Sixth Principle Meridian on the Silver Creek Ridge area. Motorized vehicle use designations apply to all motorized vehicles with the exceptions of: (1) Any fire, military, emergency, or law enforcement vehicle when used for emergency purposes or any combat support vehicle when used for national defense purposes; (2) any vehicle whose use is expressly authorized by the BLM under permit, lease, license, or contract; and (3) any government vehicle on official business.

Authority for closure orders is provided under 43 CFR subpart 8364.1. Violations of this closure are punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

Dated: June 27, 2002.

Priscilla Mecham,

Pinedale Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-930-1310-02; NNMN 102020]

New Mexico: Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease NNMN 102020

Under the provisions of Public Law 97-451, a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease NNMN 102020 for lands in Eddy County, New Mexico, was timely filed and was accompanied by all required rentals and royalties accruing

from March 1, 2002, the date of termination.

No valid lease has been issued affecting the lands. The lessee has agreed to new lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$10.00 per acre or fraction thereof and 16²/₃ percent, respectively. The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and has reimbursed the Bureau of Land Management for the cost of this **Federal Register** notice.

The Lessee has met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in sections 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), and the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate the lease effective March 1, 2002, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gloria S. Baca, BLM, New Mexico State Office, (505) 438-7566.

Dated: July 24, 2002.

Gloria S. Baca,

Land Law Examiner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-920-1430-EU, WYW149160, WYW155131]

Opening of National Forest System Lands; Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice terminates the temporary segregative effect as to 1902.02 acres of Nations Forest System lands which were originally included in the applications for exchanges in the Shoshone and Medicine Bow National Forests.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 3, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jimi Metzger, BLM Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Rd., P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003, 307-775-6250.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the regulations contained in 43 CFR 2091.3-2(b), at 9 a.m. on September 3, 2002, the following described lands will be relieved of the temporary segregative effect of exchange in applications WYW 149160 and WYW 155131.

WYW 149160

T. 46 N., R. 103 W., 6th Principal Meridian, Wyoming Sec. 21, NW¹/₄SE¹/₄, W¹/₂NE¹/₄SE¹/₄.

The area described contains 60.00 acres in Park County, Wyoming.

WYW 155131

T. 28 N., R. 75 W., 6th Principal Meridian, Wyoming

Sec. 1, lots 5, 6, 7, 8;

Sec. 2, lots, 5, 6, 7, 8, NW¹/₄SE¹/₄;

Sec. 3, NW¹/₄SW¹/₄;

Sec. 4, NW¹/₄SE¹/₄;

Sec. 10, W¹/₂NW¹/₄, N¹/₂SE¹/₄;

Sec. 11, S¹/₂NE¹/₄, NW¹/₄NW¹/₄, SE¹/₄NW¹/₄, N¹/₂SW¹/₄;

Sec. 12, S¹/₂N¹/₂, SW¹/₄;

Sec. 20, SW¹/₄NE¹/₄, W¹/₂, W¹/₂SE¹/₄;

Sec. 25, W¹/₂NW¹/₄;

Sec. 27, SW¹/₄SW¹/₄;

Sec. 28, S¹/₂NE¹/₄, NW¹/₄SW¹/₄.

The area described contains 1842.020 acres in Albany County, Wyoming.

At 9 a.m. on September 3, 2002, the lands shall be opened to such forms of disposition as may by law be made of National Forest System lands, including location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. Appropriation of lands described in this order under the general mining laws prior to the date and time of restoration is unauthorized. Any such attempted appropriation, including attempted adverse possession, under 30 U.S.C. 38 (1994), shall vest no rights against the United States. Acts required to establish a location and to initiate a right of possession are governed by State law where not in conflict with Federal law. The BLM will not intervene in disputes between rival locators over possessory rights since Congress has provided for such determination in local courts.

Dated: May 31, 2002.

Mel Schlagel,

Realty Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CAAZRI06106]

Notice of Realty Action; Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act Classification for Conveyance

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action.

SUMMARY: This notice serves to amend the description of lands contained in a Notice of Realty Action published in the **Federal Register** March 6, 1998 (Volume 63, Number 44, Page 11307–11308). The following lands, located adjacent to the Palo Verde Solid Waste Landfill in Imperial County, California, have been examined and found suitable for conveyance to the County of Imperial under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act of June 14, 1926, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*): SBBM, T.9S., R.21E., sec. 15, S¹/₂SW¹/₄SW¹/₄NE¹/₄SW¹/₄, SE¹/₄SE¹/₄SE¹/₄NW¹/₄SW¹/₄, E¹/₂E¹/₂NE¹/₄SW¹/₄SW¹/₄ (4.38 acres, more or less).

Background: The Palo Verde Solid Waste Landfill has been operated by the County of Imperial, Department of Public Works on a 40-acre site leased from the Bureau of Land Management since 1966. Prior to fencing the boundary of the leased land, a portion of a pesticide container cell was inadvertently placed outside the perimeter of the landfill on the lands described above. Subsequent to the 1988 amendment of the R&PP Act of 1926, authorizing the issuance of patents to lands devoted to solid waste disposal, BLM notified the County that public lands would no longer be leased for solid waste disposal. Consequently, the Imperial County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 97–078, initiating the purchase/patent process for those public lands previously leased for this purpose. Because the County has converted the Palo Verde Landfill to a transfer station, the acreage has been reduced from the originally leased 40 acres, to approximately 31.25 acres so that only those lands impacted by previous landfill activities will be patented.

The described lands are not needed for Federal purposes, and conveyance without reversionary interest is consistent with current BLM land use planning. A landfill transfer audit and environmental assessment have been conducted in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as well as other Federal and State laws applicable to the disposal of solid waste and hazardous substances. The patent will be subject to the following terms, conditions, and reservations:

1. Provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

2. A right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States.

3. Those rights granted to North Baja Pipeline, L.L.C. for a natural gas pipeline and related facilities, together with approved ingress and egress thereto, as described in the approved North Baja Pipeline Plan of Development, dated March 2002, by way of right-of-way CACA–42662.

4. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States together with the right to prospect for, mine and remove same under applicable law and regulations as prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior.

5. The patentee shall comply with all Federal and State laws applicable to the disposal, placement, or release of hazardous substances.

6. The patentee shall indemnify and hold harmless the United States against any legal liability or future costs that may arise out of any violation of such laws.

7. No portion of the land covered by such patent shall under any circumstance revert to the United States.

DATES: For a period of 45 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments regarding this suitability determination to the Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, El Centro Field Office, 1661 South 4th Street, El Centro, CA 92243. Objections will be reviewed by the State Director 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 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Linda Self, Realty Specialist, at the above address, telephone (760) 337–4426, or e-mail lsself@ca.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register** segregates the public land to the extent that it will not be subject to appropriation under the public land laws, including locations under the mining laws, except for conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws.

Dated: July 25, 2002.

Greg Thomsen,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM–030–1430–EU; NMMN 96514]

Notice of Realty Action (NORA); Notice of Termination of Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Classification, Opening Order

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice terminates Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Classification NMMN 96514 in its entirety and opens the surface and mineral estate to entry pursuant to sections 203 and 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1713, 1719).

DATES: Termination of the Classification is effective upon publication of this notice. The land will be open to entry at 8 a.m. on October 3, 2002.

ADDRESSES: BLM, Las Cruces Field Office, 1800 Marquess, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lorraine Salas, Realty Specialist at the address above or by calling (505) 525–4388.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The original R&PP lease was issued on February 7, 1997 for a term of 25 years to Las Cruces Public Schools. The lease was terminated on October 10, 2001. The NORA was published in the **Federal Register** on December 2, 1996 (61 FR 63857–63858) announcing the suitability of the land for classification for lease or conveyance to the Las Cruces Public School District under the R&PP Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*). The Las Cruces Public School District proposed to use the land for a Regional Park and Sports Complex. The land is described as follows:

T. 22 S., R. 2 E., NMPM
Sec. 11, lot 2, S¹/₂S¹/₂NE¹/₄, portion of
S¹/₂S¹/₂NW¹/₄, E¹/₂SW¹/₄, NW¹/₄SW¹/₄,
SE¹/₄.

Containing 326.8 acres, more or less.

Amy L. Lueders,
Field Manager, Las Cruces.

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