

(3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and

(4) Ways to minimize the information collection burden on those who are required to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (MLA), 30 U.S.C. 191 *et seq.*, gives the Secretary of the Interior responsibility

for oil and gas leasing on approximately 570 million acres of public lands and national forests, and private lands where the mineral rights are reserved by the Federal government. The Act of May 21, 1930 (30 U.S.C. 301–306), authorizes the leasing of oil and gas deposits under railroads and other rights-of-way. The Act of August 7, 1947 (Mineral Leasing Act of Acquired Lands), authorizes the Secretary to lease lands acquired by the United States (30 U.S.C. 341–359). The regulations under 43 CFR part 3000 *et*

al. authorize BLM to manage the oil and gas leasing and exploration activities. Without the information, BLM would not be able to analyze and approve oil and gas leasing and exploration activities.

BLM collects nonform information on oil and gas leasing and exploration activities when the lessee, record title holder, operating rights owner, or operator files any of the following information for BLM to adjudicate:

43 CFR	Information collection requirements	Number of responses	Reporting hours per respondent	Total hours
3100.3–1	Notice of option holdings	30	1	30
3100.3–3	Option statement	50	1	50
3101.2–4(a)	Excess acreage petition	10	1	10
3101.2–6	Showings statement	10	1.5	15
31.1.3–1	Joinder evidence statement	50	1	50
3103.4–1	Waiver, suspension, reduction of rental, etc.	20	2	40
3105.2	Communitization or drilling agreement	150	2	300
3105.3	Operating, drilling, development contracts interest statement	50	2	100
3105.4	Joint operations; transportation of oil applications	20	1	20
3105.5	Subsurface storage application	50	1	50
3106.8–1	Heirs and devisee statement	40	1	40
3106.8–2	Change of name report	60	1	60
3106.8–3	Corporate merger notice	100	2	200
3107.8	Lease renewal application	30	1	30
3108.1	Relinquishments	150	.5	75
3108.2	Reinstatement petition	500	.5	250
3109.1	Leasing under rights-of-way application	20	1	20
3120.1–1(e)	Lands available for leasing	280	2.5	700
3120.1–3	Protests and appeals	90	1.5	135
3152.1	Oil and gas exploration in Alaska application	20	1	20
3152.6	Data collection	20	1	20
3152.7	Completion of operations report	20	1	20
Totals		1,770		2,235

BLM collects the information in the regulations that address oil and gas drainage and no form is required.

Type of drainage analysis	Number of analyses	Hours
Preliminary	1,000	2,000
Detailed	100	2,400
Additional	10	200
Total	1,110	4,600

Based upon our experience managing oil and gas activities, we estimate for the information collection 2,880 responses per year with an annual information burden of 6,835 hours.

BLM will summarize all responses to this notice and include them in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: September 14, 2005.

Ian Senio,
Bureau of Land Management, Information Collection Clearance Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV–025–1232–EA–NV06; Special Recreation Permit # NV–025–05–01]

Notice of Temporary Closure of Public Lands: Pershing, Washoe, & Humboldt Counties, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Winnemucca Field Office, Nevada, Interior.

ACTION: Notice to the public of temporary closures on public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management, Winnemucca Field Office, Nevada.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that certain lands will be temporarily closed to public use in and around the Paragon Astronautics rocket launch site, located in Pershing, Washoe and Humboldt counties, Nevada, from 0700 to 1200 hours, September 27, 2005–September 30, 2005; October 3, 2005–October 7, 2005; and October 11, 2005–October 14, 2005. These closures are being made in the interest of public safety at and around the location of an amateur high-altitude rocket launch site. This event is expected to attract approximately 50 participants. The lands involved are located northeast of Gerlach, Nevada in the Mount Diablo Meridian.

The following Public Lands are closed to public use: Public land areas north of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks, east of State Highway 34 and County Road 200, and west of the Pahute Peak and Black Rock Desert wilderness boundaries within the following legally described areas:

Unsurveyed T33.5N, R24E
 Sec. 25–28, 33–36

Unsurveyed T33N R24E
Sec. 1-5, 8-12, 14-18, 19-22, 29-30

Unsurveyed T33N, R25E
Sec. 3,4

Unsurveyed T34N, R24E
Sec. 1,2, 11,12, 13-15, 22-24, 25-27,
34-36

Unsurveyed T34N, R25E
Sec.1-4, 9-16, 21-28, 33-36

Unsurveyed T34N, R26E
Sec. 1-23, 28-31

Unsurveyed T34N, R27E
Sec. 3-6, 7, 8

Unsurveyed T35.5N, R25E
Sec. 27-29, 32-34

Unsurveyed T35.5N, R26E
Sec. 25-36

Unsurveyed T35N, R24E
Sec. 13, 24-26, 35, 36

Unsurveyed T35N, R25E
Sec. 1-4,9-16, 21-28, 33-36

Unsurveyed T35N, R26E

Unsurveyed T35N R27E

Unsurveyed T36N, R25E
Sec. 1-3, 9-16, 21-28, 32-36

Unsurveyed T36N, R26E

Unsurveyed T36N, R27E
Sec. 4-9, 16-21, 28-33

Unsurveyed T37N, R25E
Sec. 22-27, 34-36

Unsurveyed T37N, R26E
Sec. 19-36

Unsurveyed T37N, R27E
Sec. 19-21, 28-33

To ensure public safety these lands will be closed to public use from 0700-1200 hours during the Paragon Astronautics permit period, with the exception of BLM personnel, law enforcement, emergency medical services, and Paragon Astronautics staff as designated by the BLM authorized officer.

A map showing these temporary closures, restrictions and prohibitions is available from the following BLM offices:

BLM-Winnemucca Field Office, 5100 East Winnemucca Blvd, Winnemucca, Nevada 89445-2921.

BLM-State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd, Reno, Nevada 89520-0006.

DATES: Closure to public use from 0700-1200 hours, September 27-30, 2005; October 3-7, 2005; and October 11-14, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dave Lefevre, National Conservation Area Outdoor Recreation Planner, Bureau of Land Management, Winnemucca Field Office, 5100 E Winnemucca Blvd, Winnemucca, NV 89445, telephone: (775) 623-1500.

Authority: 43 CFR 8364.1.

Penalty: Any person failing to comply with the closure orders may be subject to imprisonment for not more than 12

months, or a fine in accordance with the applicable provisions of 18 U.S.C. 3571, or both.

Gail G. Givens,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-056-1430-EU; N-61362]

Recreation and Public Purposes Act Classification, Nye County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has examined and found suitable for classification for lease or conveyance under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act approximately 82.81 acres of public land in Nye County, Nevada. The Nye County School District proposes to use the land for school site purposes.

DATES: Interested parties may submit written comments to the BLM at the address stated below. Comments must be received by not later than November 4, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Please mail your comments to the Las Vegas Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89130-2301.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shawna Woods, Realty Specialist at the above address or by telephone at (702) 515-5099.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following described public land near Pahrump, Nevada in Nye County has been examined and found suitable for classification for lease or conveyance under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*) and is hereby classified accordingly:

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 21 S., R 53 E.,

Sec. 3, Lots 2 and 3.

Containing 82.82 acres, more or less.

In accordance with the R&PP Act, the Nye County School District has filed a petition/application and Plan of Development for an elementary school campus, bus storage, and maintenance yard. The Plan of Development was subsequently amended to add a middle school and high school. The land is not required for any federal purpose. The lease or conveyance is consistent with

the Las Vegas Resource Management Plan, dated October 5, 1998, and would be in the public interest. The lease or conveyance, when issued, will be subject to the following terms, conditions, and reservations:

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

2. Reservation of a right-of-way thereon for ditches or canals constructed by the authority of the United States, Act of August 30, 1890 (26 Stat. 391, 43 U.S.C. 945).

3. 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 laws and regulations established by the Secretary of the Interior.

And will be subject to:

Valid existing rights of record, including those documented on the official public land records at the time of lease or patent issuance.

These lands were previously identified for exchange and segregated from mineral entry under case file number N-61968FD, with record notation as of October 1, 2002. The exchange is no longer being pursued, the associated segregation, therefore, will terminate upon the date and time of publication of this Notice of Realty Action in the **Federal Register**, and the lands will thereupon be opened to disposal.

(43 CFR 2201.1-2(c)(2))

Detailed information concerning the proposed action, including but not limited to documentation relating to compliance with applicable environmental and cultural resource laws, is available for review at the BLM, 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89130, and telephone: (702) 515-5099.

On September 20, 2005, the above described land will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for leasing or conveyance under the R&PP Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws.

Interested parties may submit written comments regarding the proposed lease or conveyance or classification of the land to the Field Manager at the address stated above in this notice for that purposes. Comments must be received by not later than November 4, 2005.

Classification Comments: Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for an elementary school campus, bus storage,