

DATES: Interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed lease/conveyance or classification of the lands until January 14, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Mail written comments to Pagosa Springs Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 310, Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charlie Higby, BLM Realty Specialist, 15 Burnett Court, Durango, Colorado 81301 or phone (970) 385-1374.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following described public lands in Archuleta County, Colorado have been examined and found suitable for classification for lease and subsequent conveyance under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act, as amended, 43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*, and under Sec. 7 of the Taylor Grazing Act, 43 U.S.C. 315f, and E.O. 6910, and are hereby classified accordingly.

Archuleta County proposes to use the land for: Softball fields, soccer fields, skate-park; outdoor amphitheater; trail system; tennis courts; and associated restroom/concession/storage buildings. The land is approximately three miles northwest of Pagosa Springs, Colorado.

New Mexico Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 35 N., R. 2 W.,

Sec. 4, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains approximately 80 acres.

The land is not required for any Federal purpose. Lease/conveyance of the land is consistent with the BLM San Juan/San Miguel Resource Management Plan dated September 1985, and would be in the public interest. The lease/conveyance of the lands, when issued, will be subject to the provisions of the R&PP Act and applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior and will contain the following terms, conditions, and reservations to the United States:

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

2. All mineral deposits in the lands 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, including all necessary access and exit rights.

3. All valid existing rights

4. A right-of-way, across the above described lands, for access road purposes granted to Williams Family Trust, its successors or assigns, by right-of-way COC-56189, pursuant to the Act of October 21, 1976 (90 Stat. 2776; 43 U.S.C. 1761).

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** the lands will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease/conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, leasing under the mineral leasing laws, and disposals under the mineral material disposal laws.

Classification Comments: Interested persons may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for development for public recreation facilities. 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 persons may submit comments, including notification of any encumbrances or other claim relating to the parcel, and regarding the specific use proposed in the application and plan of development, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision to lease/convey under the R&PP Act, or any other factors not directly related to the suitability of the land for public recreation facilities. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the BLM Colorado State Director, who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action in whole or in part. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective on January 29, 2008.

Only written comments submitted by postal service or overnight mail to the Field Manager, BLM Pagosa Springs Field Office, will be considered properly filed. Electronic mail, facsimile or telephone comments will not be considered properly filed. Documents related to this action are on file at the BLM Pagosa Springs Field Office at the address above and may be reviewed by the public at their request. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. If you wish to have your name or address withheld from public disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state it prominently at the

beginning of your comments. Any determination by the BLM to release or withhold the names and/or addresses of those who comment will be made on a case-by-case basis. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. BLM will make available for public review, in their entirety, all comments submitted by businesses or organizations, including comments by individuals in their capacity as an official or representative of an organization or business.

Authority: 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 2741.5.

Dated: November 19, 2007.

Kevin Khung,

Pagosa Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-040-1610-DQ]

Notice of Availability of the Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Ely Field Office, Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and under the authority of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA, 43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Proposed Resource Management Plan/Final Environmental Impact Statement (PRMP/FEIS) for public lands and resources administered by the Ely Field Office, Nevada.

DATES: The BLM Planning Regulations set forth the provisions applicable to protests (43 CFR 1610.5-2). A person who meets the conditions as described in the regulations cited above, and who wishes to file a protest must file said protest within 30 days of the date this notice is published in the **Federal Register**. Additional information on protests is set forth in the Dear Reader letter of the Ely Proposed RMP and Final EIS and in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice. To ensure compliance with the protest regulations, please consult the BLM's Planning regulations at 43 CFR 1610.5-2.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information and/or to have your name added to the mailing list, contact

Jeff Weeks, RMP Project Manager, 702 North Industrial Way, Ely, Nevada 89301, (775) 289-1825, or correspond by e-mail to elyrmp@blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Ely RMP planning area is located in east-central Nevada in Lincoln, White Pine and a portion of Nye counties. The planning area addressed in the RMP/EIS contains approximately 11,500,000 acres of public lands administered by the BLM Ely Field Office and the Caliente Field Station. The PRMP/FEIS focuses on the principles of multiple use and sustained yield as prescribed by section 202 of the FLPMA. The following entities participated in development of the RMP as cooperating agencies with special expertise: Great Basin National Park; Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest; Nellis Air Force Base; Nevada Department of Transportation; Nevada Division of Minerals; Nevada Department of Wildlife; Nevada State Historic Preservation Office; Lincoln County; Nye County; White Pine County; Duckwater Shoshone Tribe; Ely Shoshone Tribe; Moapa Band of Paiutes; and the Yomba Shoshone Tribe.

The public involvement and collaboration process implemented for this effort included six open houses during scoping; presentations to interested organizations upon their invitation; presentations to and suggestions from the Mojave/Southern Great Basin and the Northeastern Great Basin resource advisory councils; distribution of information via the Ely RMP website and periodic newsletters; six public meetings on the Draft RMP/EIS; and public and agency review and comment on the Draft RMP/EIS. A copy of the PRMP/FEIS will be sent to individuals, groups, and agencies who requested a copy, or as required by regulation or policy.

The PRMP/FEIS considers and analyzes five (5) alternatives, including the BLM's Proposed RMP, the No Action Alternative (continuation of existing management), and alternatives that emphasize restoration of ecological systems, commodity production, and exclusion of permitted discretionary uses. These alternatives were developed based on public input including public scoping comments; numerous meetings with local, county, state, tribal, and federal agencies (cooperating agencies); informal meetings with interested organizations upon their request; and public and agency comments on the Draft RMP/EIS. The alternatives provide for an array of alternative land use allocations and variable levels of commodity production and resource protection and restoration. After any

protests are resolved and any pertinent adjustments are made, an approved RMP and Record of Decision are expected to be available by the end of 2007.

The issues addressed in the formulation of alternatives include maintenance and restoration of resiliency of vegetation within the Great Basin and Mojave Desert, protection and management of habitats for special status species, upland and riparian habitat management, noxious weed control, commercial uses (including livestock grazing, special recreation permits, mineral development, oil and gas leasing, rights-of-way, and communication use areas), designation of areas of critical environmental concern (ACECs), travel management, land disposal, and management of wild horses.

The Proposed RMP would retain three existing ACECs: Beaver Dam Slope ACEC (36,800 acres), Kane Springs ACEC (61,680 acres), Mormon Mesa ACEC (109,680 acres) and would designate 17 new ACECs (114,270 acres) for a total of 322,430 acres, which is less than 3 percent of the planning area. The new ACECs include:

- Baker Archaeological Site ACEC (80 acres).
- Baking Powder Flat ACEC (13,640).
- Blue Mass Scenic Area ACEC (950 acres).
- Condor Canyon ACEC (4,500 acres).
- Hendry's Creek/Rock Animal Corral ACEC (3,650 acres).
- Highland Range ACEC (6,900 acres).
- Honeymoon Hills/City of Rocks ACEC (3,900 acres).
- Lower Meadow Valley Wash ACEC (25,000 acres).
- Mount Irish ACEC (15,100 acres).
- Pahroc Rock Art ACEC (2,400 acres).
- Rose Guano Bat Cave ACEC (40 acres).
- Schlesser Pincushion ACEC (4,930 acres).
- Shooting Gallery ACEC (15,600 acres).
- Shoshone Ponds ACEC (1,240 acres).
- Snake Creek Indian Burial Cave ACEC (40 acres).
- Swamp Cedar ACEC (3,200 acres).
- White River Valley ACEC (13,100 acres).

The following types of resource use limitations would generally apply to these ACECs: (1) Motorized travel would be limited to designated roads and trails; (2) limited collection of plants in ACECs designated for the protection of special status plants; (3) limitations on livestock grazing in ACECs designated for protection of special status plants and animals; (4) limits on land disposal and rights-of-way; and (5) closure or limits on new mineral development (mineral leasing,

locatable minerals and mineral material disposal) to protect unique cultural values, special status plants and animals. For detailed information, see Section 2.4.22 of the PRMP/FEIS.

Documents pertinent to the PRMP/FEIS will be available for public review at the Ely Field Office, 702 North Industrial Way, Ely, Nevada during regular business hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Review copies of the PRMP/FEIS are available at the following locations in and near the planning area:

- BLM Caliente Field Station.
- BLM Elko Field Office.
- BLM Ely Field Office.
- BLM Las Vegas Field Office.
- BLM Nevada State Office.
- Forest Service Ely Ranger District.
- Great Basin National Park.
- Lincoln County Courthouse.
- Lincoln County Public Library.
- Nye County Courthouse.
- Nye County Public Library.
- White Pine County Courthouse.
- White Pine County Public Library.

The PRMP/FEIS may also be viewed and downloaded in PDF format at the Ely RMP Web site at http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/ely_field_office.html.

As noted above, instructions for filing a protest with the Director of the BLM regarding the PRMP/FEIS may be found at 43 CFR 1610.5-2. Electronic mail and facsimile protests will be considered only if the protesting party provides BLM with the original letter by either regular or overnight mail postmarked by the close of the protest period. Under those conditions, the BLM will consider the electronic or facsimile version as an advance copy and it will receive full consideration. If you wish to provide the BLM with such advance notification, please direct faxed protests to the attention of the BLM protest coordinator at (202) 452-5112, and e-mails to Brenda_Hudgens-Williams@blm.gov. All protests must be in writing and mailed to one of the following addresses:

Regular Mail: Director (210), Attention: Brenda Williams, P.O. Box 66538, Washington, DC 20035.

Overnight Mail: Director (210), Attention: Brenda Williams, 1620 L Street, NW., Suite 1075, Washington, DC 20036.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your protest, you should be aware that your entire protest—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your protest to

withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

As provided in 43 CFR 1610.5-2(a)(3), "The Director shall promptly render a decision on the protest. The decision shall be in writing and shall set forth the reasons for the decision. The decision shall be sent to the protesting party by certified mail, return receipt requested. The decision of the Director shall be the final decision of the Department of the Interior."

Ron Wenker,
State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

30-Day Notice of Submission to the Office of Management and Budget; Opportunity for Public Comment

AGENCY: Department of Interior, National Park Service.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507 et seq.) and 5 CFR Part 1320, Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements, the National Park Service (NPS) invites public comments on a revision of a currently approved collection (OMB 1024-0038).

DATES: Public comments on this Information Collection Request (ICR) will be accepted on or before December 31, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments directly to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (OMB #1024-0038), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, by fax at 202/395-6566, or by electronic mail at oir_docket@omb.eop.gov. Please also send a copy of your comments to John W. Renaud, Project Coordinator, Historic Preservation Grants, Heritage Assistance Programs, NPS, 1849 C St., NW. (2256), Washington, DC 20240; or via fax at 202/371-1961; or via e-mail at John_Renaud@nps.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John W. Renaud, Project coordinator, Historic Preservation Grants, Heritage Assistance Programs, NPS, 1849 C St., NW. (2256), Washington, DC 20240; or via fax at 202/371-1961; or via e-mail at John_Renaud@nps.gov, or via telephone at 202/354-2066. You are entitled to a copy of the entire ICR package free-of-charge.

Comments Received on the 60-Day Federal Register Notice: The NPS published a 60-Day Notice to solicit public comment on this ICR in the **Federal Register** on August 1, 2007 (Vol. 72, No. 147, Pages 42106-42108). The comment period closed on October 1, 2007. The NPS received no comments as a result of the publication of this 60-Day **Federal Register** Notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Procedures for State, Tribal, and Local Government Historic Preservation Programs; 36 CFR part 61.

Bureau Form Number(s): None.

OMB Number: 1024-0038.

Expiration Date of Approval: November 30, 2007.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection of information.

Description of Need: This set of information collections has an impact on State, tribal, and local governments that wish to participate formally in the National Historic Preservation Partnership (NHPP) Program, and State and tribal governments that wish to apply for Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) grants. The NPS uses the information collections to ensure compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.) as well as the government-wide grant requirements that OMB has issued and the Department of the Interior implements through 43 CFR part 12. This information collection also produces performance data that NPS uses to assess its progress in meeting goals set in Departmental and NPS strategic plans created pursuant to the 1993 Government Performance and Results Act, as amended. This request for OMB approval includes local government burden for information collections associated with various aspects of the Certified Local Government (CLG) program; State government burden for information collections related to the CLG program, the program-specific aspects of the HPF grants to States, maintenance of a State inventory of historic and prehistoric properties, tracking State Historic preservation Office historic preservation consultation with Federal agencies, reporting on other State historic preservation accomplishments, and the State role in the State Program Review Process; and tribal government burden for information collections related to the program-specific aspects of HPF grants to THPOs.

This request includes information collections related to HPF grants to States and to Tribal Historic Preservation Officers/Offices (THPOs).

NPS is seeking the revision to reflect the increased number of partners participating in the NHPP and consequently in the previously approved information collections. In addition, a revision is needed because some information collections had not been recognized as such during preparation for earlier OMB approvals. Section 101(b) of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, (16 U.S.C. 470a(b)) specifies the role of States in the NHPP program. Section 101(c), section 103(c), and section 301 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 470a(c), 16 U.S.C. 470c(c), and 16 U.S.C. 470w) specify the role of local governments in the NHPP program. Section 101(d) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 470a(d)) specifies the role of tribes in the NHPP program. Section 108 of the Act (16 U.S.C. 470h) created the HPF to support activities that carry out the purposes of the Act. Section 101(e)(1) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 470a(e)) directs the Secretary of the Interior through the NPS to "administer a program of matching grants to the States for the purposes of carrying out" the Act. Similarly, sections 101(d) and 101(e) of the Act direct a program of grants to THPOs for carrying out their responsibilities under the Act. Each year Congress directs NPS to use part of the annual appropriation from the HPF for the State grant program and the tribal grant program. The purpose of both the HPF State grants program and the HPF THPO grants program is to assist States and tribes in carrying out their statutory role in the national historic preservation program. HPF grants to States and THPOs are program grants; i.e., each State/THPO selects its own HPF-eligible activities and projects. Each HPF grant to a State/THPO has two years of fund availability. At the end of the first year, NPS employs a "Use or Lose" policy to ensure efficient and effective use of the grant funds. All 59 States, territories, and the District of Columbia participate in the NHPP program. Almost 1,600 local governments have become Certified Local Governments (CLGs) in order to participate in the NHPP program. Approximately 54 local governments become CLGs each year. Fifty-seven federally-recognized tribes have joined formally the NHPP and have established Tribal Historic Preservation Officers and tribal historic preservation offices. Typically, each year five to seven tribes join the partnership. NPS developed the information collections associated with 36 CFR Part 61 in consultation with State, Tribal, and local government partners. The obligation to respond is required to provide information to