

of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Alaska. At this meeting, topics we plan to discuss include:

- Outdated withdrawals on federal public lands in Alaska.
- A process for accelerating the Alaska land transfer program.
- Status of planning in the National Petroleum Reserve Alaska (NPR-A).
- Other topics the Council may raise.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allotted for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, transportation, or other reasonable accommodations, should contact BLM.

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State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Realty Action and Intent To Amend the Kingman Resource Management Plan

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action and intent to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) to consider amending the Kingman Resource Management Plan (RMP).

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Kingman Field Office (KFO) proposes to amend the Kingman RMP (1995) to allow for classification and disposal of certain public lands (*see A below*), and special designation of certain other public lands (*see B below*), for use as a shooting range and buffer as requested by the Arizona Game & Fish Department (AG&FD). A decision to amend the land use plan would constitute a proposed classification of the land, thirty (30) days after which the land would be classified unless the Secretary exercises jurisdiction pursuant to 43 CFR 2450.5. The lands proposed under A—Shooting Range below are proposed for

classification under section 7 of the Taylor Grazing Act, 43 U.S.C. 315f and Executive Order No. 6910, and disposal under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*):

A—Shooting Range

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Mohave County, Arizona

T. 19 N., R. 21 W.,

Sec. 35, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 36, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Containing approximately 315 acres.

The lands identified under B—Buffer below are being considered through the plan amendment process for special designation for retention and management under a Cooperative Management Plan/Agreement between the AG&FD and the BLM for safety purposes:

B—Buffer

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Mohave County, Arizona

T. 19 N., R. 21 W.,

Sec. 25, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 26, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 35, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 36, N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Containing approximately 470 acres.

Upon publication of this notice, the lands described under “A” above are hereby segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for conveyance under the R&PP Act. The segregative effect applies to the Federal surface but only to the Federally-owned minerals in section 36. The BLM will work collaboratively with interested parties to identify the management decisions that are best suited to local, regional, and national needs and concerns.

DATES: The public is invited to identify issues and concerns to be addressed in the EA to be prepared for the potential RMP amendment. Submissions should be in writing or by e-mail (*see addresses below*). Comments must be postmarked no later than 30 days following the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Future public involvement activities, opportunities and review/comment periods will be announced at least 15 days in advance through other notices, media releases, or mailings. A public open house will be

held on the Mohave Valley Campus of Mohave Community College, Room 210, 3400 Highway 95, Bullhead City, Arizona.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the various aspects of this Notice as identified in the Supplemental Information should be sent to John R. Christensen, Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Kingman Field Office, 2475 Beverly Avenue, Kingman, Arizona 86401. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Kingman Field Office during regular business hours, (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, and may be published as part of the EA. 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 and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joyce Cook, Realty Specialist, Kingman Field Office, 2475 Beverly Avenue, Kingman, Arizona, 86401, telephone (928) 692-4428.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Kingman Resource Management Plan (RMP), approved in 1995, identified land for R&PP uses, *i.e.* churches, schools, parks, fire departments, etc., with a caveat that non-conforming uses may be considered on a case-by-case basis. A shooting range is considered, by most, to be a non-conforming use. A previously proposed location for this action was met with opposition based on its proximity to residential development. Planning criteria include those identified for R&PP in the RMP and project specific criteria developed to aid in location of the shooting range on public land and determine suitability for classification for disposal through R&PP. Other criteria may be developed through public input. The amendment would consider whether restrictions on uses or activities, such as case-by-case approvals, would be needed to ensure public safety within the buffer area. The remainder of public land, not identified above, will continue to be managed as provided for in the approved RMP and actions in the vicinity of the shooting range would be considered on a case-by-