

November 1, 2001. This supplements that notice with a call for coal resource and other resource information, as required in 43 CFR 3420.1.

DATES: The comment period will commence with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** and end 30 days after its publication.

ADDRESSES: Non-proprietary written comments should be sent to Coal Comments, Bureau of Land Management, Richfield Field Office, 150 East 900 North, Richfield, UT 84701; Fax 435-896-1550. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Richfield Field Office during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays and may be published as part of the Environmental Impact Statement. Proprietary data marked as confidential may be submitted in response to this call, however, all such proprietary data should be submitted only to James Kohler, Chief, Branch of Solid Minerals, Utah State Office, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, UT 84145-0155. Data marked as confidential shall be treated in accordance with the laws and regulations governing confidentiality of such information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Jackson, geologist, BLM Richfield Field Office, 150 East 900 North, Richfield, UT 84701, phone: 435-896-1500, email Michael.Jackson@ut.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this call for coal information is to obtain any available coal resource data and any other resource information pertinent to applying the coal unsuitability criteria, and to identify any areas of interest for possible Federal coal leasing. The Resource Management Plan will identify areas acceptable for further consideration for leasing and estimate the amount of recoverable coal. Only those areas that have development potential may be identified as acceptable for further consideration for leasing. Coal companies, State and local governments and the general public are encouraged to submit information on coal geology, economic data and other development potential considerations. Where such information is determined to indicate developmental potential for an area, the area may be included in the land use planning evaluation for coal leasing. The BLM will use the unsuitability criteria and procedures outlined in 43 CFR part 3461 to assess where there are areas unsuitable for all or certain stipulated methods of mining. Additionally, multiple use decisions

that are not included in the unsuitability criteria may eliminate certain coal deposits from further consideration for leasing to protect other resource values and land uses that are locally, regionally or nationally important or unique. In making these multiple use decisions BLM will place particular emphasis on protecting the following: Air and water quality, wetlands, riparian areas and sole-source aquifers; the Federal lands, which leased, would adversely impact units of the National Park System, National Wildlife Refuge System, the National System of Trails, and the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. Before adopting the resource management plan that makes an assessment of lands acceptable for further consideration for leasing, the BLM will consult with the state Governor and the state agency charged with the responsibility for maintaining the state's coal unsuitability program. Where tribal governments administer areas within or near the boundaries of the land use plan, the bureau shall consult with the appropriate tribal government.

Dated: April 1, 2003.

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State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service proposes to withdraw approximately 2,030 acres in the Inyo National Forest to facilitate the establishment of the McAfee Research Natural Area. This notice closes the land for up to 2 years from mining. The land will remain open to mineral leasing and the Materials Act of 1947.

DATES: Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by July 31, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Forest Supervisor, Inyo National Forest, 879 North Main Street, Bishop, California 93514.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vernon McLean, Inyo National Forest, 760-873-2472.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 13, 2001, the Inyo National Forest, Forest Service, filed an application to withdraw the following described National Forest System land from location and entry under the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. ch. 2), subject to valid existing rights:

Mount Diablo Meridian

All that portion of land within the Inyo National Forest, County of Inyo, State of California, described as follows: All those portions of sections 4, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21 and 22, T. 4 S., R. 34 E., Mount Diablo Meridian, more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a 3¼ inch capped aluminum monument, stamped "McAfee A" which lies on a peak, 13,189 feet in elevation, (Point A, Exhibit A), which is in the NW¼, section 9;

Thence, southwesterly (mostly southerly), approximately 0.88 miles to a 3¼ inch capped aluminum monument, stamped "McAfee B" which lies on a peak, 12,970 feet in elevation, (Point B, Exhibit A), which is in the SE¼, section 8;

Thence, southerly, approximately 1.43 miles to a 3¼ inch capped aluminum monument, stamped "McAfee C" which lies at the northeast corner of the Barcroft Observatory Site, (Point C, Exhibit A), which is in the NE¼, section 20;

Thence, southwesterly (mostly westerly), approximately 0.79 miles to a 3¼ inch capped aluminum monument, stamped "McAfee D" which lies on a peak, 12,205 feet in elevation, (Point D, Exhibit A), which is in the S½, section 21;

Thence, easterly approximately 1.29 miles to a 3¼ inch capped aluminum monument, stamped "McAfee E" which lies on a peak, 11,783 feet in elevation, (Point E, Exhibit A), which is in the E½, section 22;

Thence, northerly approximately 0.80 miles to a 3¼ inch capped aluminum monument, stamped "McAfee F" which lies on a peak, 11,745 feet in elevation, (Point F, Exhibit A), which is in the SE¼, section 15;

Thence, northwesterly (mostly northerly) approximately 1.06 miles to a 3¼ inch capped aluminum monument, stamped "McAfee G" which lies on knoll at the easterly end of a plateau, at approximately 11,880 feet in elevation (Point G, Exhibit A), which is in the south ½, section 10;

Thence, westerly approximately 1.32 miles along the edge of the plateau to a 3¼ inch capped aluminum monument, stamped "McAfee", which is in the S½, section 9;

Thence, northerly approximately 0.66 miles along the edge of the plateau, ascending to a 3¼ inch capped aluminum monument, stamped "McAfee H" which lies on point, approximately 13,091 feet in elevation (Point H, Exhibit A), which is in the SW¼, section 4;

Thence, southwesterly approximately 0.3 miles to the point of beginning.

The area described contains approximately 2,030 acres in Inyo County.

The land proposed for withdrawal is to be designated the McAfee Research