

to convey the mineral estate, the mineral interests of the United States are segregated by this notice from appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws for a period of two years from the date of filing the application.

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Chief, Branch of Lands Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-930-1430-EU; N-76239, N-76847, and N-76858]

Notice of Realty Action (NORA) of the Segregation and Competitive Sale of Public Lands in White Pine County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Realty Action (NORA) of the segregation and competitive sale of public lands in White Pine County, Nevada.

SUMMARY: The public lands listed below in White Pine County, Nevada have been examined and found suitable for disposal, at not less than fair market value. In accordance with Section 7 of the Act of June 28, 1934, as amended, 43 U.S.C. 315f and EO 6910, the described lands are hereby classified as suitable for disposal under the authority of Sections 203 and 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976 (90 Stat. 2750; 43 U.S.C. 1713, and 1719). Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the public lands listed below will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, and leasing under the mineral leasing laws.

DATES: Interested parties may submit comments to the Assistant Field Manager, Nonrenewable Resources, on or before July 24, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to: Bureau of Land Management, Jeffrey A. Weeks, Assistant Field Manager, Nonrenewable Resources, HC 33, Box 33500, Ely, NV 89301-9408.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Technical Information: Detailed information concerning the sale, including the reservations, sale procedures and conditions, planning and environmental documents, will be available at the Ely Field Office of the

Bureau of Land Management, 702 North Industrial Way, Ely, Nevada 89301-9408 or by contacting Brenda Linnell, Realty Specialist, at the above address or by telephone (775) 289-1808.

Competitive Land Sale and Segregation: The following described parcels of land, situated in White Pine County are being offered as a competitive sale on August 19, 2003.

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

Parcel 1, casefile N-76239 located at:

T. 14 N., R. 64 E.,

Section 32, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$,

Containing 200.00 acres more or less.

Parcel 2, casefile N-76847 located at:

T. 17 N., R. 55 E.,

Section 6, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, a portion of lot 5 generally described as the E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ (pending redesignation by supplemental plat as lot 13, Section 6),

Containing 10.00 acres more or less.

Parcel 3, casefile N-76858 located at:

T. 10 N., R. 62 E.,

Section 5, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$,

Containing 80.00 acres more or less.

These lands are not required for any federal purposes. The sale is consistent with current Bureau planning for this area and would be in the public interest. The subject lands will be sold for at least fair market value (FMV) as determined by appraisal. In the event of a sale, conveyance of the available mineral interests will occur simultaneously with the sale of the land. The mineral interests being offered for conveyance have no known mineral value. Acceptance of a sale offer will constitute an application for conveyance of those mineral interests. The applicant will be required to pay a \$50.00 non-refundable filing fee in conjunction with the final payment for processing of the conveyance of the locatable mineral interests.

Each parcel will be offered by sealed bid and at oral auction. All sealed bids must be received at the BLM Ely Field Office, HC 33 Box 33500, Ely, Nevada 89301-9408, or hand delivered at the BLM Ely Field Office, 702 North Industrial Way, Ely, Nevada no later than 4:15 PM, PDT, August 15, 2003. Sealed bid envelopes must be marked on the lower front left corner with the parcel number and sale date. Bids must be for not less than the appraised FMV and a separate bid must be submitted for each parcel. Each sealed bid shall be accompanied by a bid deposit of not less than 20 percent of the amount bid and full payment of the \$50.00 non-refundable filing mineral fee in the form of cash, certified check, postal money order, bank draft, cashiers check, or

personal check made payable to "USDI, Bureau of Land Management."

The highest qualified sealed bid for each parcel will become the starting bid for the oral bidding. If no bids are received, oral bidding will begin at the appraised FMV. All parcels will be offered by oral auction at 10 AM, PDT, August 19, 2003, at the BLM Ely Field Office, 702 North Industrial Way, Ely, Nevada. Lands will not be offered for sale until at least 60 days after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

The highest qualifying bid for each parcel, whether sealed or oral, will be declared the high bid. The high bidder, if an oral bidder, must submit the required bid deposit immediately following the close of the sale in the form of cash, personal check, bank draft, cashiers check, money order, or any combination thereof, made payable to the Bureau of Land Management, for not less than 20 percent of the amount bid. If not paid by close of the auction, funds must be delivered no later than 4:15 PM, PDT, the day of the sale to the BLM Ely Field Office. Should the highest bidder default, the next highest bidder will be declared the high bidder.

The remainder of the full bid price, whether sealed or oral, must be paid within 180 calendar days of the date of sale. Failure to pay the full price within the 180 days will disqualify the high bidder and cause the bid deposit to be forfeited to the BLM. If the highest qualified bid is rejected or the bidder released from it, the authorized officer will determine if the parcel shall be reoffered to the next highest bidder.

If the lands are not sold, they may remain available for sale on a continuing basis until sold. Sealed bids will be accepted on every Wednesday (by 4 pm PDT) of each month commencing the first week of September 2003 till the parcel is sold or by January 23, 2004, at no less than the fair market value. Sealed bid envelopes must be marked on the lower front left corner with the parcel number and clearly marked "SEALED BID: NV-430-1430-EU September 2003, for Parcel # as appropriate. Bid amounts must be stated in the bid and signed. All bids shall be accompanied by a bid deposit of 20 percent of the amount bid and full payment of the \$50.00 non-refundable filing mineral fee in the form of cash, certified check, postal money order, bank draft, cashiers check, or personal check made payable to "USDI, Bureau of Land Management. The remainder of the full bid price must be paid within 180 calendar days of the date of sale. Failure to pay the full price within the 180 days will disqualify the apparent