

fauna and flora, in the following categories, which has informed the Secretariat of its desire to be represented at meetings of the Conference by observers, shall be admitted unless at least one-third of the Parties present object:

(a) International agencies or bodies, either governmental or non-governmental, and national governmental agencies and bodies; and

(b) National non-governmental agencies or bodies which have been approved for this purpose by the State in which they are located.

Once admitted, these observers shall have the right to participate but not to vote."

National agencies or organizations within the United States must obtain our approval to participate in COP13, whereas international agencies or organizations must obtain approval directly from the CITES Secretariat. We will publish information in a future **Federal Register** notice on how to request approved observer status. A fact sheet on the process is posted on our Website at: <http://international.fws.gov/pdt/ob.pdf>.

#### Future Actions

The next regular meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP13) is scheduled to be held October 3–14, 2004, in Bangkok, Thailand. We have developed a tentative U.S. schedule to prepare for that meeting. The United States must submit any proposals to amend Appendix I or II, or any draft resolutions, decisions, and/or agenda items for discussion at COP13, to the CITES Secretariat 150 days prior to the start of the meeting. In order to accommodate this deadline, we plan to publish a **Federal Register** notice approximately 10 months prior to COP13 announcing tentative species proposals, draft resolutions, draft decisions, and agenda items to be submitted by the United States, and to solicit further information and comments on them.

Approximately 9 months prior to COP13, we will tentatively hold a public meeting to allow for additional public input. Approximately 4 months prior to COP13, we will post on our Website an announcement of the species proposals, draft resolutions, draft decisions, and agenda items submitted by the United States to the CITES Secretariat for consideration at COP13. The deadline for submission of the proposals, draft resolutions, draft decisions, and agenda items to the Secretariat will be 150 days prior to the start of the meeting (on or around May 6, 2004).

Through a series of additional notices and Website postings in advance of COP13, we will inform you about preliminary negotiating positions on resolutions, decisions, and amendments to the Appendices proposed by other Parties for consideration at COP13, and about how to obtain observer status from us. We will also publish announcements of public meetings tentatively to be held approximately 9 months prior to COP13, and approximately 2 months prior to COP13, to receive public input on our positions regarding COP13 issues.

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**Marshall P. Jones, Jr.,**

*Acting Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NV–050–5853–EU; N–76363]

#### Direct Sale of Public Lands, Clark County, NV

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of realty action.

**SUMMARY:** The following lands have been examined and found suitable for disposal by direct sale utilizing non-competitive procedures, at not less than the approved fair market value at notification of sale. The fair market value of the subject public lands has been determined by appraisal and approved at \$41,600,000.00. The lands have been designated for disposal and are being proposed for sale under the authority of section 4 of Pub L. 105–263, the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998 (SNPLMA) (112 Stat. 2344) and sections 203 and 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) (43 U.S.C. 1713 and 1719).

#### Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

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Sec. 26, Lots 1, 6–13, 16, 18–21 and 23.

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Sec. 34, Lots 12, 13, 15, 17, 24 and 26.  
Sec. 35, Lot 11.

The above described lands consist of 982.44 acres, more or less, located in Clark County, Nevada. This land is not required for any federal purposes and would be offered for direct sale to the Lake at Las Vegas Joint Venture. The sale is consistent with current BLM land use planning. Under the authority of