

Valley at an elevation of approximately 3,000 feet. The proposed project area is accessible by the Walker Ridge Road, a BLM maintained road that runs north from its junction with State Highway 20. The proposed wind power development area application encompasses approximately 8,200 acres of public lands. On June 2, 2003, GE Wind Energy received a site testing and monitoring right-of-way grant from BLM to study the wind power potential of the project area for a period of three years. Five meteorological towers with anemometers to measure wind characteristics are currently installed on Walker Ridge. No private lands would be utilized for the project. The legal description of the land proposed for the wind power development project is available from the contact information in this notice.

Tentatively identified issues of concern may include: threatened, endangered, and sensitive species; visual resources; loss of wildlife habitat; land use conflicts; and avian mortality. An interdisciplinary approach will be used to develop the plan amendment in order to consider a variety of resource issues and concerns identified. Disciplines involved will include specialists with expertise in archaeology, wildlife, outdoor recreation, visual resources, biology, soils, and realty. BLM has preliminarily identified the following, possible planning criteria:

- Comply with applicable laws, Executive Orders, and regulations,
- Consider all alternatives in the context of their consistency with the President's National Energy Policy, BLM's Interim Wind Energy Development Policy, and State of California Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards.

The Plan Amendment and EIS will analyze the Proposed Action and the No Action Alternative. Other alternatives may include modifying proposed tower/turbine locations, road and power cable and line locations, rerouting linear electric power line right-of-way locations, as well as applying mitigating measures to reduce or eliminate impacts.

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Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Realty Action: Lease/Conveyance for Recreation and Public Purposes

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Recreation and public purpose lease/conveyance.

SUMMARY: The following described public land in Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada has been examined and found suitable for lease/conveyance for recreational or public purposes under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*) (R&PP). The City of Las Vegas proposes to use the land for a public park.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 20S., R. 60E.,

Section 27,

SW¹/₄NW¹/₄NW¹/₄SW¹/₄, SW¹/₄NW¹/₄SW¹/₄,

S¹/₂SE¹/₄NW¹/₄SW¹/₄,

S¹/₂S¹/₂NE¹/₄SW¹/₄, SW¹/₄NE¹/₄SE¹/₄,

S¹/₂NW¹/₄SE¹/₄,

S¹/₂NW¹/₄NE¹/₄SW¹/₄SE¹/₄,

SW¹/₄NE¹/₄SW¹/₄SE¹/₄,

S¹/₂N¹/₂NW¹/₄SW¹/₄SE¹/₄,

W¹/₂SE¹/₄SW¹/₄SE¹/₄, E¹/₂SE¹/₄SE¹/₄,

Section 28,

N¹/₂SW¹/₄, W¹/₂NE¹/₄SW¹/₄SW¹/₄,

NW¹/₄SE¹/₄SW¹/₄, E¹/₂NE¹/₄SE¹/₄,

W¹/₂NW¹/₄NE¹/₄SE¹/₄,

SE¹/₄NW¹/₄NE¹/₄SE¹/₄, SW¹/₄NE¹/₄SE¹/₄

NW¹/₄SE¹/₄, E¹/₂NW¹/₄SW¹/₄SE¹/₄.

Containing 266.5 acres, more or less.

The land is not required for any federal purpose. The lease/conveyance is consistent with current Bureau planning for this area and would be in the public interest. This lease/conveyance is subject to all valid and existing rights. The lease/patent, when issued, will be subject to the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, and will contain the following reservations to the United States:

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

2. All minerals 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 and will be subject to:

Those rights for public utility purposes which have been granted to

Nevada Power Company by Permit Nos. N-51943, N-61618, N-55965, N-59930 and N-43546, Central Telephone Company by Permit Nos. N-33429, N-42514 and N-31028, the Las Vegas Valley Water District by Permit Nos. N-16999, N-48185, N-53358 and N-51605, the City of Las Vegas by Permit Nos. N-37142, N-38851, N-41255, N-46267, N-58670 and N-73906, under the Act of October 26, 1978 (FLPMA).

Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada. Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the above described land 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.

For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed lease/conveyance for classification of the lands to the Field Manager, Las Vegas Field Office, Las Vegas, Nevada 89130.

Classification Comments: Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for a public park. 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 parties may submit comments regarding the specific use proposed in the application and plan of development, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land for a public park.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director.

In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification of the land described in this Notice will become effective 60 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**. The lands will not be offered for lease/conveyance until after the classification becomes effective.