

land is not needed for Federal purposes. Leasing or conveying title to the affected public land is consistent with current BLM land use planning and would be in the public interest.

The lease or patent, when issued, would be subject to the following terms, conditions, and reservations:

1. Provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

2. A right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States.

3. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals.

4. Those rights for water well, water pipeline and road access purposes granted to Veyo Culinary Water Association by right-of-way U-74785.

5. Those rights for road access purposes granted to James Wilson by right-of-way U-71135.

Detailed information concerning this action is available at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, St. George Field Office, 345 E. Riverside Drive, St. George, Utah 84790. Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the land will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for leasing or conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws. For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested persons may submit comments regarding the proposed classification, leasing or conveyance of the land to the Field Office Manager, St. George Field Office.

Classification Comments

Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the lands for a fire station. 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 Northwestern Special Service District's application, 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 fire station

purposes. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective 60 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: January 10, 2003.

James D. Crisp

Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Final Supplementary Rules for the Sand Mountain and the Walker Lake Recreation Areas; Churchill and Mineral Counties, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Final supplementary rules.

SUMMARY: The Carson City Field Office Manager establishes these supplementary rules to provide for the protection of persons, property, and public lands and resources. They consolidate and clarify rules published in previous **Federal Register** notices, establish that Sand Mountain will be subject to a user fee collection and establish additional supplemental rules of conduct for visitors to the Sand Mountain and the Walker Lake Recreation Areas.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 12, 2003.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Background
- II. Discussion of Rule
- III. Responses to Comments
- IV. Procedural Matters

I. Background

BLM published the interim final supplementary rules at 43 CFR part 8365 on August 22, 2002. These supplementary rules were intended to amplify rules that were originally published in 1992. The period for public comment on the interim final rules expired on September 23, 2002. BLM received 36 public comment letters or other communications during this comment period.

The public lands affected by these restrictions are described as follows:

Sand Mountain Recreation Area

Mt. Diablo Meridian

- T. 16 N., R 32 E.,
 - Sec. 4: Lots 1-4 inclusive, SW1/4NE1/4, S1/2NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4, SW1/4SW1/4;
 - Sec. 5: Lots 1-4 inclusive, S1/2N1/2, All public land north of U.S. Route 50;
- T. 17 N., R 32 E.,
 - Sec. 15: S1/2S1/2;
 - Sec. 16: SE1/4SE1/4;
 - Sec. 20: SE1/4;
 - Sec. 21: All
 - Sec. 22: W1/2, NE1/4;
 - Sec. 28: All
 - Sec. 29: All
 - Sec. 32: All
 - Sec. 33: All

Walker Lake Recreation Area

Includes all public land east of U.S. Route 95 to Walker Lake within:

Mt. Diablo Meridian

- T. 10 N., R 29 E.,
 - Sec. 5:
 - Sec. 8:
 - Sec. 17:
 - Sec. 20:
 - Sec. 29:
 - Sec. 32:

II. Discussion of Rules

Certain prohibited activities other than those included in the 1992 supplementary rules were recommended in the Recreation Area Management Plan for the Sand Mountain Recreation Area prepared in 1985. These recommendations subsequently were published as specific prohibited acts in the **Federal Register** on July 1, 1992. The Plan was supplemented in 1993, and these rules require minor modification and clarification.

Certain other supplementary rules are necessary in order to provide for the safety of visitors to the Recreation Areas. Speed limits are needed on access roads and in designated camping areas. Ignition of fireworks is a violation of State law and a danger to both persons and property.

We need to clarify existing rules to protect plant life, wildlife habitat and historic resources, and we are proposing