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 Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals Management proposes to withdraw, subject to valid existing rights, on behalf of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) 3,123 acres of public lands located in Trinity County, California, from location and entry under the United States mining laws, but not from mineral material sales or mineral or geothermal leasing, to protect the cultural, recreational, and biological resources within and along the recreational segments of the Trinity Wild and Scenic River (TRWSR). This notice temporarily segregates the lands for up to 2 years from location and entry under the United States mining laws and gives the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed withdrawal application and to request a public meeting.

DATE: The BLM must receive comments and requests for a public meeting by [insert date 90 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESS: Comments and meeting requests should be sent to Jake Folks, Field Manager, Redding Field Office, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), 355 Hemsted Drive, Redding, California 96002.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jillian Gromel, Northern California District Office, BLM, 530-224-2000. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLM filed an application requesting the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management to withdraw, subject to valid existing rights, the following described lands located in Trinity County, California, from location and entry under the United States mining laws, but not from leasing under the mineral or geothermal leasing laws, or disposal under the Materials Act of 1947, to protect the cultural, recreational, and biological resources within the TRWSR:

Mount Diablo Meridian (NOTE – Some Legal Descriptions were removed to save example space.)

T. 33 N., R. 8 W.,

sec. 18, lot 4, W¹/₂SE¹/₄SW¹/₄, SE¹/₄SE¹/₄SW¹/₄SW¹/₄NW¹/₄SE¹/₄, and SW¹/₄SW¹/₄SE¹/₄;

sec. 19, N¹/₂NE¹/₄NW¹/₄, N¹/₂SW¹/₄NE¹/₄NW¹/₄, and N¹/₂SE¹/₄NE¹/₄NW¹/₄. T. 32 N., R. 9 W.,

sec. 4, lots 15 and 16;

sec. 5, lot 5;

sec. 6, lots 1, 6, 13, 17, and 21 to 26, inclusive, and SE¹/₄NE¹/₄;

The areas described aggregate 3,123 acres, more or less, in Trinity County.

The Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management approved the BLM's petition/application. Therefore, the petition/application constitutes a withdrawal proposal of the Secretary of the Interior (43 CFR 2310.1-3(e)).

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to protect the cultural, recreational, and biological resources within the TRWSR.

The use of a right-of-way, interagency agreement, or cooperative agreement would not adequately constrain non-discretionary uses and would not provide adequate protection of the Federal investment in the improvements located on the lands.

There are no suitable alternative sites as the described lands contain the resource values to be protected.

No additional water rights will be needed to fulfill the purpose of the requested withdrawal.

Records relating to the application may be examined by contacting the BLM at the above address and phone number.

For a period until [insert date 90 days from the date of publication of this notice in the <u>FEDERAL REGISTER</u>], all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to the Field Manager, BLM Redding Field Office, 355 Hemsted Drive, Redding, California 96002. Information regarding the proposed withdrawal will be available for public review at the BLM's Redding Field Office, during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment including your personal identifying information - may be made publicly available at any time. Individuals that submit written comments may request confidentiality by asking us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, however, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Notice is hereby given that the opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested parties who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the Field Manager, BLM Redding Field Office, BLM at the address indicated above by [insert date 90 days from the date of publication of this notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER]. If the BLM authorized officer determines that the BLM will hold a public meeting, the BLM will publish a notice of the time and place in the FEDERAL REGISTER and a local newspaper at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

For a period until [insert date 2 years from date of publication of this notice in the <u>FEDERAL REGISTER</u>], the public lands described in this notice will be segregated from location and entry under the United States mining laws, but not from leasing under the mineral or geothermal leasing laws, unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date.

Licenses, permits, cooperative agreement, or discretionary land use authorizations of a temporary nature that will not significantly impact the values to be protected by the withdrawal may be allowed with the approval of the authorized officer of the BLM during the temporary segregation period.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in

43 CFR 2300.

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