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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Public Land Order No**. ; Withdrawal of Public Lands, North and Middle Fork of the American River, California

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

**ACTION:** Public Land Order.

**SUMMARY:** This order withdraws 6,737.42 acres of public lands from location and entry under the United States mining laws for 20 years for the Bureau of Land Management to protect and preserve the riparian areas, wildlife habitat, scenic quality, and high recreational values of lands within the North and Middle Fork of the American River and to provide protection of lands associated with the congressionally designated Auburn Dam Reclamation project area pending a decision on future development of the site. The lands, which are located in El Dorado and Placer Counties, California, will remain open to leasing under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws.

**DATES:** *Effective Date***:** [Insert date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER]

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jodi Lawson, Bureau of Land Management Mother Lode Field Office, 916-941-3139, or write: Field Manager, BLM Mother Lode Field Office, 5152 Hillsdale Circle, El Dorado Hills, California 95762. 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 Bureau of Land Management will manage the lands to protect the unique natural, scenic, cultural, and recreational values along the North and Middle Fork of the American River.

**ORDER**

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714, it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described public lands are hereby withdrawn from location and entry under the United States mining laws, but not the mineral or geothermal leasing laws, for the Bureau of Land Management to protect the unique natural, scenic, cultural, and recreational values along the North and Middle Fork of the American River and to provides protection of lands associated with the congressionally designated Auburn Dam Reclamation Project pending a decision on future development of the site:

Mount Diablo Meridian

T. 12 N., R. 8 E.,

sec. 12, S½SW¼;

sec. 25, North Extension of the Wilhelm Lode Mineral Survey No. 6091.

T. 12 N., R. 9 E.,

sec. 1, lots 10 and 11;

sec. 4, lots 12, 13, and 14, and S½NE¼;

**(Legal Land Descriptions Removed to save space in example.)**

The areas described aggregate 6,737.42 acres, more or less, in El Dorado and Placer Counties.

2. The withdrawal made by this order does not alter the applicability of those public land laws governing the use of lands under lease, license, or permit, or governing the disposal of their mineral or vegetative resources other than under the mining laws.

3. This withdrawal will expire 20 years from the effective date of this order, unless, as a result of a review conducted before the expiration date pursuant to Section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be extended.

Janice M. Schneider

Assistant Secretary – Land and Minerals Management

Date