

the Draft EIS for this project in the **Federal Register**. The 60-day public comment period ended on February 16, 2006. Over 60,000 comments were received on the Draft EIS.

The Atlantic Rim FEIS analyzed four alternatives in detail:

1. The Proposed Action Alternative,
2. Alternative A—The No Action Alternative, which means the project as proposed would be rejected by the BLM;
3. Alternative B—See discussion below;
4. Alternative C—Special protection of sensitive resources; and,
5. Alternative D—Natural gas development with disturbance limitations.

*The agency's preferred alternative is Alternative D.*

Based on comments received to the Draft EIS, the potential for long delays in the allowable development and recovery of oil and gas resources held by the leaseholders and the requirement that the BLM allow reasonable access across Federal lands to private and state lands, Alternative B was eliminated from further study in the FEIS.

The Atlantic Rim FEIS includes the analysis of the impacts of the proposed development of 2,000 natural gas wells, Alternative A and the construction of access roads, pipelines, and other ancillary facilities such as a gas processing plant, compressor stations, and water disposal sites. If selected, Alternative B, the no action alternative BLM would reject the proposed action as submitted. To address concerns regarding the potential impacts of the activities as proposed, Alternative C provides for intense mitigation measures or limitations limited where sensitive resource values exist or overlap with the objective of reducing impacts. Examples of sensitive resources include threatened, endangered, and sensitive wildlife, fish and plant species; fragile soils; and unique cultural features. Respondents commenting on Alternative C indicated that the mitigation measures intended to minimize the level of disturbance and restrictions on number of well pad may render the project as technically and economically unfeasible. Alternative D is similar to Alternative A. The Operators would be limited in by the extent of surface disturbance that may occur at any one time and as quantified by a pre-determined percentage of the total project area.

#### How To Submit Comments

The BLM welcomes your comments on the Atlantic Rim FEIS. Comments may be submitted as follows:

1. Comments may be electronically mailed to [atlantic\\_rim\\_eis\\_wymail@blm.gov](mailto:atlantic_rim_eis_wymail@blm.gov). Please submit electronic comments with "Attn: Atlantic Rim Project Manager" in the subject line and avoid using special characters and any form of encryption. Please do not include any attachments, as the BLM e-mail security system will not accept them.

2. Written comments may be mailed or delivered to the BLM at: Atlantic Rim FEIS, Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management Rawlins Field Office, P.O. Box 2407, Rawlins, WY 82301.

The BLM will only accept comments on the Atlantic Rim FEIS if they are submitted using one of the methods described above. To be given consideration by BLM, all FEIS comment submittals must include the commenter's name and street address.

Our practice is to make comments, including the names and mailing addresses of each respondent, available for public review at the BLM office listed above during business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except for Federal holidays. Your comments may be disclosed as part of the EIS process. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold any information from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. We will not consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

August 3, 2006.

**Donald A. Simpson,**

*Acting State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CA-930-5410-00-B216; CACA 48128]

#### Conveyance of Mineral Interests in California

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

**ACTION:** Notice of segregation.

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**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management has received an application has been filed for the conveyance of the Federally owned mineral interest in the tract of land

described below in this notice. Publication of this notice temporarily segregates the mineral interests in the public lands covered by the application from appropriation under the mining and mineral leasing laws while the application is being processed.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Kathy Gary, Bureau of Land Management, California State Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825, (916) 978-4677.

**ADDRESSES:** Your comments are invited. Please submit all comments in writing to Kathy Gary at the address listed above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The tract of land referred to above in this notice consists of 0.26 acres of land, situated in Nevada County, and is described as follows:

**Mount Diablo Meridian, California**

T. 16 N., R. 8 E., Sec. 13, Lot 13.

Under certain conditions, Section 209(b) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1719(b)) authorizes the sale and conveyance of the Federally owned mineral interests in land when the non-mineral, or so called "surface" interest in the land is not Federally owned, provided either one of the following conditions exist: (1) There are no known mineral values in the land; or (2) where continued Federal ownership of the mineral interests interferes with or precludes appropriate non-mineral development and such development is a more beneficial use of the land than mineral development.

In accordance with section 209(b) of the 1976 Act and 43 CFR part 2720, on May 25, 2006, an application was filed for the sale and conveyance of the Federally owned mineral interest in the above-described tract of land.

Publication of this notice segregates, subject to valid existing rights, the Federally owned mineral interests in the public lands referenced above in this notice from appropriation under the general mining and mineral leasing laws, while the application is being processed to determine if either one of the two specified conditions exists and, if so, to otherwise comply with the procedural requirements of 43 CFR part 2720.

The segregative effect shall terminate: (i) Upon issuance of a patent or other document of conveyance as to such mineral interests; (ii) upon final rejection of the application; or (iii) two years from the date of filing the application, whichever occurs first. (Authority: 43 CFR 2720.1-1(b))

Dated: June 26, 2006.

**J. Anthony Danna,**

*Deputy State Director, Natural Resources.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[ES-030-1430-ES; WIES 050211]

#### Notice of Realty Action: Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act Classification and Conveyance; Vilas County, WI

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

**ACTION:** Notice of realty action.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has examined and found suitable for classification for conveyance under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act (R&PP), as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*), 63.67 acres in Vilas County, Wisconsin. The Vilas County Forestry, Recreation and Land Department has filed an application and plans proposing to use the land for recreational purposes.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received by the BLM not later than September 25, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit your written comments to the Field Manager, BLM-ES, Milwaukee Field Office, 626 East Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 200, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202. Comments received in electronic form, such as e-mail or facsimile, will not be considered.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marcia Sieckman, Supervisor, BLM-ES Milwaukee Field Office, at 414-297-4402.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following described land in Vilas County, Wisconsin, has been examined and found suitable for classification for conveyance under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act of 1926, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*), and is hereby classified accordingly:

#### Fourth Principal Meridian

T. 40 N., R.9 E.,  
sec. 4, lots 8 and 9.

The area described contains 63.67 acres in Vilas County, Wisconsin. Prior to 1973, Vilas County Forestry, Recreation and Land Department believed that it owned the land within lots 8 and 9. However, a resurvey of the original meander in 1973 showed the

original survey of June 9, 1864, to be in error. Lots 8 and 9 2343 created as a result of that resurvey. Vilas County wishes to acquire title to lots 8 and 9 in order to consolidate the County's ownership on the northeast side of Pickerel Lake. This action classifies the land for conveyance under the R&PP Act to protect natural resource values and to provide public recreation. The subject land was identified in the BLM's Wisconsin Resource Management Plan Amendment (March 2001), as not needed for Federal purposes and as having potential for disposal in order to eliminate scattered tracts difficult to manager and to improve land ownership patterns.

If and when issued, the patent for the subject land will be issued subject to the following terms, conditions, and reservations:

1. Provisions of the R&PP Act of 1926, as amended and all applicable regulations established by the Secretary of the Interior.

2. Valid existing rights, whether or not of record.

3. Easements for township roads, Pickerel Lake Road and Camp 12 Road.

4. All mineral deposits in the subject lands are reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine and remove such deposits under regulations established by the Secretary of the Interior and applicable laws.

5. Terms and conditions prompted by the site specific environmental analysis.

6. Any other rights or reservations that the authorized officer deems appropriate to ensure public access and proper management of the Federal lands and interests therein.

On August 9, 2006, the land described above will be segregated from all forms of disposal or appropriation under the public land laws, except for conveyance under the R&PP Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws.

Detailed information concerning this action is available for review in the BLM-ES, Milwaukee Field Office, at the address listed above.

*Classification Comments:* Interested persons may submit comments regarding the proposed classification at the address stated above for that purpose. Comments on classification are restricted to four subjects: (1) Whether the land is physically suited for the proposal; (2) whether the use will maximize the future use or uses of the land; (3) whether the use is consistent with local planning and zoning; and (4) whether the use is consistent with State and Federal programs.

*Application Comments:* Interested persons may submit comments

regarding: (1) The specific use to be made of the subject land as proposed in the County's application, plan of development and management plan; (2) whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedure in reaching the decision; or (3) any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land for recreation.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BLM-ES, Milwaukee Field Office at the address listed above during business hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.); Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality with respect to their name, address, and phone number. If you wish to have your name or street address withheld from public review, or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individual identifying themselves as representatives or officials or organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Any adverse comments will be evaluated by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification of the subject land will become effective on October 10, 1006. The land will not be offered for conveyance until after the classification becomes effective.

(Authority: 43 CFR 2471.5)

Dated: July 13, 2006.

**Michael D. Nedd,**

*State Director, Eastern States.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-320-06-5230-PH-1000-241A; 8340]

#### Arizona: Temporary Off-Highway Vehicle Restriction, Bureau of Land Management, Yuma Field Office

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

**ACTION:** Notice of temporary off-highway vehicle restriction.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is to inform the public that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) intends to temporarily restrict all forms of motorized travel within 122.02 acres of