

in the National Geologic Mapping Act (Pub. L. 106–148).

We will protect information from respondents considered proprietary under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR part 2), and under regulations at 30 CFR 250.197, “Data and information to be made available to the public or for limited inspection.” Responses are voluntary. No questions of a “sensitive” nature are asked.

Frequency of Collection: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary (necessary to receive benefits).

Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: Approximately 60 University/College Professors or faculty advisors annually.

Annual Burden Hours: 1,100 hours.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping “Hour” Burden: We expected to receive approximately 55 applications taking each applicant approximately 20 hours to complete, totaling 1,100 hours. This includes the time for project conception and development, proposal writing and reviewing, and submitting project narrative through *Grants.gov*. We expect to issue 40 grants per year. The grant recipients are not required to submit final technical reports; therefore there are no additional burden hours for the grant recipient.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping “Non-Hour Cost”: We have not identified any “non-hour cost” burdens associated with this collection of information.

Public Disclosure Statement: The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor and you are not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond.

Comments: Before submitting an ICR to OMB, PRA section 3506(c) (2) (A) (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) requires each agency “ * * * to provide notice * * * and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information * * * ” Agencies must specifically solicit comments. We invite comments concerning this information collection on:

(1) Whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;

(2) the accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information;

(3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

Please note that the comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. 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. While you can ask OMB in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that it will be done. To comply with the public process, we publish this **Federal Register** notice announcing that we will submit this ICR to OMB for approval. The notice provided the required 60 day public comment period.

USGS Information Collection Clearance Officer: Phadrea D. Ponds, 970–226–9445.

Dated: August 19, 2008.

Randall Orndorff,

Assistant Program Coordinator, National Cooperative Geographic Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U.S. Geological Survey

National Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 96–472, the National Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council (NEPEC) will hold a meeting. The meeting location is the Hilton Palm Springs Resort, 400 East Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs, California 92262–6605. The Committee is comprised of members from academia and the Federal Government. The Committee shall advise the Director of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) on proposed earthquake predictions, on the completeness and scientific validity of the available data related to earthquake predictions, and on related matters as assigned by the Director.

The Council will receive a briefing on the Colaboratory for Study of Earthquake Predictability (CSEP), a report on a workshop on Episodic Tremor and Slip held last winter, and short reports and updates on several

other topics. The Council will also discuss the potential need to provide advisory reports on short notice if natural observations suggest an increased earthquake risk, and the form and content of such reports.

Meetings of the National Earthquake Prediction Evaluation Council are open to the public.

DATES: September 10, 2008, commencing at 1 p.m. and adjourning at 4 p.m. on September 11, 2008.

Contact: Dr. William Leith, U.S. Geological Survey, MS 905, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192, (703) 648–6786, wleith@usgs.gov.

Dated: August 20, 2008.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM–210–1430–ES; NMNM 118070]

Notice of Realty Action—Recreation and Public Purpose (R&PP) Act Classification, New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of R&PP lease and or patent of public land in San Juan County; New Mexico.

SUMMARY: The following described public land is determined suitable for classification for leasing and subsequent conveyance to City of Farmington for the Farmington Regional Animal Shelter, under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act, as amended, 43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*, and under Sec. 7 of the Taylor Grazing Act, 43 U.S.C. 315(f), and Executive Order No. 6910.

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 29 N., R. 12 W.,

Sec. 18: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 10 acres more or less.

Comment Dates: Submit comments on or before October 10, 2008. Interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed leasing/conveyance or classification of the lands to the Bureau of Land Management at the following address. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the Bureau of Land Management, Farmington District Manager, 1235 La Plata Highway, Farmington, NM 87401, who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any adverse comments, this realty action becomes

the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Mary Jo Albin, Realty Specialist, at the Bureau of Land Management, Farmington Field Office, at (505) 599-6332. Information related to this action, including the environmental assessment, is available for review at 1235 La Plata Highway, Farmington, NM 87401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Publication of this notice segregates the public land described above from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for leasing and conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws.

The lease, when issued, will be subject to the following terms:

1. The Recreation and Public Purposes Act and to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.
2. The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (RCRA) as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6901-6987 and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) as amended, 42 U.S.C. 9601 and all applicable regulations.
3. Provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
4. Provisions that the lease be operated in compliance with the approved Development Plan.

The patent document, when issued, will be subject to the provisions of the R&PP Act and applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior and will contain the following terms, conditions, and 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, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove such deposits from the lands under applicable law and such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe.
 3. All valid existing rights, e.g., rights-of-way and leases of record.
- Provisions that if the patentee or its successor attempts to transfer title to or control over the land to another or the land is devoted to a use other than that for which the land was conveyed, without the consent of the Secretary of the Interior or his delegate, or prohibits or restricts, directly or indirectly, or permits it agents, employees, contractors, or subcontractors, including without limitation, lessees, sublessees and permittees, to prohibit or restrict,

directly or indirectly, the use of any part of the patented lands or any of the facilities whereon by any person because of such person's race, creed, sex, color, or national origin, title shall revert to the United States.

The lands are not needed for Federal purposes. Leasing and later patenting is consistent with current Bureau of Land Management policies and land use planning. The proposal serves the public interest since it would provide the animal shelter building with attached outdoor kennels, an employee's courtyard and a public "get acquainted" courtyard and any other facilities and related buildings that would meet the needs of the animal shelter. Associated parking would be constructed for the clinic building.

Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the above described public lands will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for patent under the R&PP Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws.

Classification Comments: Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for conveyance. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the land is physically suited for the proposal, whether the use will maximize the future 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.

Conveyance Comments: Interested parties may submit comments regarding the patent and 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 R&PP use.

Confidentiality of Comments: 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. While you can ask in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the Farmington Field Manager, who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification of the land described in this notice will become effective on

October 27, 2008. The land will not be offered for patent until after the classification becomes effective.

(Authority: 43 CFR 2741.5)

Dated: August 18, 2008.

Joel Farrell,

Assistant Field Manager for Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Draft General Management Plan, Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Fort Stanwix National Monument, NY

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Draft General Management Plan, Fort Stanwix National Monument, New York.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(c) the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Draft General Management Plan (GMP) for Fort Stanwix National Monument, located in the city of Rome, New York. Consistent with National Park Service rules, regulations, and policies, and the park's mission, the Draft GMP/EIS describes and analyzes two alternatives to guide the management and development of Fort Stanwix National Monument over the next 15 to 20 years. The alternatives incorporate various management prescriptions to ensure protection and enjoyment of the park's resources. The Draft GMP/EIS evaluates potential environmental consequences of implementing the alternatives. Impact topics include cultural and natural resources, visitor experience, park operations, and the socioeconomic environment.

NPS regional planning staff and staff at Fort Stanwix NM collaborated in the development of the Draft GMP/EIS. The main issues that the Draft GMP/EIS has focused on have included protection of cultural resources, visitor services, partnership opportunities, carrying capacity, and the lack of a properly defined boundary. Alternative 1: No Action focuses on basically maintaining current management, protection, and interpretive practices and interpreting the siege of Fort Stanwix in the Revolutionary War. Alternative 2: Action Alternative seeks to broaden interpretation of Fort Stanwix in the