

Segregation of Lands: An Interim Rule, published in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 23198) on April 26, 2011, amended the BLM regulations found in 43 CFR parts 2090 and 2800 to provide provisions to allow the BLM to temporarily segregate from the operation of the public land laws, by publication of a **Federal Register** notice, public lands included in a pending solar energy generation ROW application in order to promote the orderly administration of the public lands. Upon segregation under the Interim Rule, such lands will not be subject to appropriation under the public land laws, including location under the Mining Law of 1872 (but not the Mineral Leasing Act or the Materials Act), subject to valid existing rights, for a period of up to 2 years.

This segregation is warranted to allow for the orderly administration of the public lands to facilitate the development of valuable renewable resources and to avoid conflicts between renewable energy generation and mining claims. This temporary segregation does not affect valid existing rights in mining claims located before this segregation notice. Licenses, permits, cooperative agreements, or discretionary land use authorizations of a temporary nature which would not impact lands identified in this notice may be allowed with the approval of an authorized officer of the BLM during the segregative period.

The lands segregated under this Notice are legally described as follows:

Mount Diablo Meridian

- T. 26 S., R. 59 E.,
 Sec. 13, Lots 1 to 8, inclusive;
 Sec. 14;
 Sec. 23 E $\frac{1}{2}$;
 Sec. 24, Lots 1 to 16, inclusive;
 Secs. 25 and 26;
 Sec. 27, SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 34, Lot 1, E $\frac{1}{2}$, portion of all public lands east of ROW CC0360 Union Pacific Railroad;
 Secs. 35 and 36.
 T. 27 S., R. 59 E.,
 Sec. 1, Lots 1 to 4, inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$;
 Sec. 2, Lots 1 to 4, inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$;
 Sec. 3, Lot 1, Lot 2, Lot 3, Lot 4, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 9, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, portion of public lands east of ROW CC0360 Union Pacific Railroad;
 Sec. 10, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$;
 Secs. 11 to 15, inclusive;
 Sec. 22, Lots 2 to 13, inclusive, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Secs. 23 and 24;

Sec. 25, N $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 26, Lots 2 to 13, inclusive, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 27, Lots 4 to 6, inclusive.

The area described contains 13,043.20 acres, more or less, in Clark County, Nevada.

The BLM intends to resurvey T. 27 S., R. 59 E., sec. 3, lots 1 through 3. The description will be replaced for those lands upon final approval of the official plat of survey. The segregation of lands identified in this notice will not exceed 2 years from the date of publication. Termination of the segregation, as provided in the Interim Rule, is the date that is the earliest of the following: Upon issuance of a decision by the authorized officer granting, granting with modifications, or denying the application for a ROW; automatically at the end of the 2 year segregation; or upon publication of a **Federal Register** notice of termination of the segregation. Upon termination of segregation of these lands, all lands subject to this segregation will automatically reopen to appropriation under the public land laws.

Authority: 43 CFR 2800 and 2090.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[LLMT922200-11-L13100000-FI0000-P;MTM 98742]

Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease MTM 98742

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Per 30 U.S.C. 188(d), Wilks Ranch Montana, Ltd. timely filed a petition for reinstatement of competitive oil and gas lease MTM 98742, Fergus County, Montana. The lessee paid the required rental accruing from the date of termination.

No leases were issued that affect these lands. The lessee agrees to new lease terms for rentals and royalties of \$20 per acre and 18-2/3 percent. The lessee paid the \$500 administration fee for the reinstatement of the lease and the \$163 cost for publishing this Notice.

The lessee met the requirements for reinstatement of the lease per Sec. 31 (d) and (e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188). We are proposing

to reinstate the lease, effective the date of termination subject to the:

- Original terms and conditions of the lease;
 - Increased rental of \$20 per acre;
 - Increased royalty of 18 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent;
- and
- \$163 cost of publishing this Notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Teri Bakken, Chief, Fluids Adjudication Section, Bureau of Land Management Montana State Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101-4669, 406-896-5091, Teri_Bakken@blm.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Public Land Order No. 7777; Partial Extension of Public Land Order No. 6874; Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.

SUMMARY: This order extends, in part, the duration of the withdrawal created by Public Land Order No. 6874 for an additional 20-year period. The extension is necessary to continue protection of the unique and important forest genetic resources and the expenditure of Federal funds at the Forest Service's Panelli Seed Orchard, which would otherwise expire on August 27, 2011. The withdrawal for the Quartz Evaluation Plantation is no longer needed and that portion of the withdrawal will expire at the end of the original term on August 27, 2011.

DATES: *Effective Date:* August 28, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles R. Roy, Bureau of Land Management, Oregon/Washington State Office, 503-808-6189, or Dianne Torpin, United States Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Region, 503-808-2422. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf