

benefit of multiple animal and plant species to increase their range and populations. The 50-year duration of the SHA and permit is considered to be sufficient to establish and maintain these goals.

The management activities to be implemented pursuant to the SHA directly support recovery actions and conservation objectives outlined in conservation and recovery plans for the covered species (USFWS 1984a, USFWS 1984b, USFWS 1996, USFWS 1998a, USFWS 1998b, USFWS 1998c, USFWS 2004, USFWS 2006, USFWS 2009, Hawaii DLNR 2015, and Fraiola and Rubenstein 2007) including: Protection, management, restoration, and conservation of suitable and known occupied habitat; ungulate control; alien species control; and re-establishment of connectivity of currently fragmented habitats.

#### National Environmental Policy Act Compliance

A decision by the Service to enter into the proposed SHA and to issue the proposed permit are Federal actions that trigger the need for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) (NEPA). We have made a preliminary determination that the proposed SHA and permit actions are eligible for categorical exclusion under NEPA. The basis for our preliminary determination is contained in the EAS, which is available for public review (see **ADDRESSES**).

#### Public Comments

You may submit your comments and materials by one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section. We request data, new information, or comments from the public, other concerned governmental agencies, the scientific community, industry, or any other interested party via this notice on our proposed Federal action. In particular, we request information and comments regarding:

- (1) Whether the implementation of the proposed SHA would provide a net conservation benefit to the covered species;
- (2) Other conservation measures that would lead to a net-conservation benefit for the covered species;
- (3) The length of the proposed term of the permit;
- (4) The direct, indirect, and cumulative effects that implementation of the SHA could have on the human environment;
- (5) Other plans, projects, or information that might be relevant to

evaluating the effects of this proposed action; and

(6) Information regarding the adequacy of the proposed SHA pursuant to the requirement for permits at 50 CFR parts 13 and 17.

#### Public Availability of Comments

All comments and materials we receive become part of the public record associated with this action. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information in your comments, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personally identifiable information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personally identifiable information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety. Comments and materials we receive, as well as supporting documentation we use in preparing the EAS, will be available for public inspection by appointment, during normal business hours, at our Pacific Islands Field Office (see **ADDRESSES**).

#### Next Steps

We will evaluate the permit application, associated documents, and public comments in reaching a final decision on whether the permit application and the EAS meet the requirements of section 10(a) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and NEPA, respectively. The SHA and EAS may change in response to public comments. We will also evaluate whether the proposed permit action complies with section 7 of the ESA by conducting an intra-Service section 7 consultation on the proposed action. We will use the results of this consultation, in combination with our findings on whether the application meets issuance criteria, in our final analysis to determine whether or not to issue the proposed permit. If we determine that all requirements are met, we will sign the proposed SHA and issue the permit under the authority of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA to KS for incidental take of the covered species caused by covered activities that are implemented in accordance with the terms of the permit and the SHA. We will not make our final decision until after the end of the 30-day public comment period, and we will fully consider all comments and information

we receive during the public comment period.

#### Authority

We provide this notice pursuant to: Section 10(c) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22); and NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

**Theresa Rabot,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Realty Action: Classification of Lands for Recreation and Public Purposes Act Lease for the Vulture Mountains Cooperative Recreation Management Area in Maricopa County, Arizona

**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 lease to the Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department (MCPRD) under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*), approximately 1,046.24 acres of public land in Maricopa County, Arizona. The MCPRD proposes to use the land for recreation purposes. Related improvements include picnic and camping facilities, restrooms, trailheads, developed day use facilities, and parking.

**DATES:** Interested parties may submit written comments regarding the proposed classification and lease of public lands on or before December 23, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Rem Hawes, Field Manager, BLM Hassayampa Field Office, 21605 North 7th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85027.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Hillary Conner, Realty Specialist, at the above address; phone 623-580-5649; or by email at [hconner@blm.gov](mailto:hconner@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 to

contact the above individual during normal business hours. The Service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question for the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following described public lands in Maricopa County, Arizona, are being considered for an R&PP lease.

**Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona**

T. 6 N., R. 5 W.,

sec. 6, lot 8;

sec. 7, lot 1, W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>;

sec. 30, lot 4;

sec. 31, lots 1, 2, and 4, and NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.

T. 6 N., R. 6 W.,

sec. 1, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, and NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>;

sec. 12, N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>;

sec. 25, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>.

The areas described contain approximately 1,046 acres, more or less. The MCPRD proposes to use the above described lands for a variety of recreation facilities to be associated with the Vulture Mountains Cooperative Recreation Management Area. This is a cooperatively managed area between the BLM and MCPRD for public lands located south of Wickenburg, Arizona. Related improvements for the proposed lease include picnic and camping facilities, restrooms, trailheads, developed day use facilities, and parking.

Issuance of a lease is in conformance with the Bradshaw Harquahala Resource Management Plan, approved April 2010, through land use authorization decision LR-24, and is in the public's interest. The lands are not needed for any other Federal purpose and the lease will be analyzed in a site-specific environmental analysis.

Upon publication in the **Federal Register**, the lands described above will be segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease under the R&PP Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws. Detailed information concerning this action is available for public review during normal business hours at the address above.

The lease, when issued, will be subject to the provisions of the R&PP Act and will contain the following terms, conditions, and reservations:

1. Provisions of the R&PP Act and all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

2. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine and remove such deposits from the same under

applicable law and such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe.

3. All valid existing rights.

4. An appropriate indemnification clause protecting the United States from claims arising out of the lessee's use, occupancy, or operation of the property. It will also contain any other terms and conditions deemed necessary and appropriate by the Authorized Officer.

5. The lessee shall comply with and shall not violate any of the terms or provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 241), and requirements of the regulations, as modified or amended, of the Secretary of the Interior issued pursuant thereto (43 CFR part 17) for the period that the lands leased herein are used for the purpose for which the grant was made pursuant to the act cited above, or for another purpose involving the provision of similar services or benefits.

*Classification Comments:* Interested parties may submit comments on the suitability of the lands for a developed recreation area. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the lands are physically suited for the proposal, whether the use will maximize the future use or uses of the lands, whether the use is consistent with local planning and zoning, or if the use is consistent with Federal and State programs.

*Application Comments:* Interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific uses proposed in the application and plans 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 lands for recreation purposes. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the BLM State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective on January 9, 2017. The lands will not be offered for lease until after the classification becomes effective.

Before including your address, phone number, email 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 available to the public 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.

**Authority:** 43 CFR 2741.5.

**Rem Hawes,**

*Field Manager.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**National Park Service**

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**Information Collection Request; Visitor Perceptions of Climate Change in National Parks**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We (National Park Service, NPS) have sent an Information Collection Request (ICR) to OMB for review and approval. We summarize the ICR below and describe the nature of the collection and the estimated burden and cost. We may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. However, under OMB regulations, we may continue to conduct or sponsor this information collection while it is pending at OMB.

**DATES:** To ensure that your comments on this ICR are considered, OMB must receive them on or before December 8, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Please direct all written comments on this ICR directly to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior, to *OIRA\_Submission@omb.eop.gov* (email) or 202-395-5806 (fax); and identify your submission as 1024-CCRPSURV. Please also send a copy of your comments to Phadrea Ponds, Information Collection Coordinator, National Park Service, 1201 Oakridge Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80525 (mail); or *phadrea\_ponds@nps.gov* (email). Please reference Information Collection 1024-CCRPSURV in the subject line. You may also access this ICR at *www.reginfo.gov*.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Larry Perez, Communications Coordinator, Climate Change Response Program, National Park Service, 1201 Oakridge Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80525 (mail); or *larry\_perez@nps.gov* (email). Please reference Information Collection 1024-CCRPSURV in the subject line.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**