

our CCAA policy (December 27, 2016; 81 FR 95169) encourage the conservation of at-risk species.

The population of Arctic grayling in the Centennial Valley in Beaverhead County, Montana, is increasing in distribution in and around Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge). However, reduced stream flows, degraded and non-functioning instream and riparian habitats, barriers to Arctic grayling movement, and entrainment of Arctic grayling in irrigation ditches on non-Federal lands surrounding the Refuge are likely inhibiting further increases in distribution and abundance in the Centennial Valley. Thus, the Service and MFWP developed the programmatic Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA) for Arctic Grayling in the Centennial Valley, to encourage landowners to voluntarily implement conservation measures to alleviate these limiting factors on their properties.

A CCAA is an agreement between the Service, partners, and landowners for voluntary management of non-Federal lands to remove or reduce threats to species that may become listed under the ESA. In return for implementing conservation measures in a CCAA, the Service gives participants assurances that, should the covered species become listed, the Service would not impose land, water, or resource use restrictions or conservation requirements beyond those agreed to in the CCAA.

Under the Centennial Valley CCAA, the Service would issue MFWP an Enhancement of Survival Permit (permit) under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA effective for 20 years. MFWP would enroll interested non-Federal landowners under the permit with Certificates of Inclusion (CI) contingent on development of a site-specific conservation plan for the enrolled property. The CI would convey to the enrolled landowner a specified level of authorized take of Arctic grayling that may result from implementation of the conservation measures in the site-specific plan, if and when the species becomes listed.

National Environmental Policy Act Compliance

The proposed issuance of a permit with its associated CCAA is a Federal action that requires us to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). Therefore, we prepared a draft environmental assessment that evaluates the potential impacts of issuing the permit and implementing the Centennial Valley CCAA on the human environment. We are requesting

a 30-day public review and comment on drafts of the EA and CCAA (see **DATES** and **ADDRESSES**).

Public Comments

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

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 (PII) in your comments, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your PII from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Comments and materials we receive, as well as supporting documentation we use in preparing the EA, will be available for public inspection by appointment, during normal business hours, at our Montana Field Office (see **ADDRESSES**).

Next Steps

After reviewing public comments, we will evaluate whether the proposed action in the draft EA is adequate to support a finding of no significant impact under NEPA or we should prepare an environmental impact statement. As part of the basis for that determination, we will conduct an intra-Service consultation under section 7(a)(2) of the ESA to determine whether the proposed permit action and CCAA would jeopardize the continued existence of the Arctic grayling or any other candidate, proposed, or listed species that may be affected. We will then determine whether implementation of the proposed CCAA would meet the requirements for issuance of a section 10(a)(1)(A) permit (50 CFR 17.22(d)(2)). 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 we receive during the public comment period.

Authority

We provide this notice in accordance with the requirements of section 10(c) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and their implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22

and 17.32; 40 CFR 1506.6 and 43 CFR 46, respectively).

Marjorie Nelson,

Chief—Ecological Services, Mountain-Prairie Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Lakewood, Colorado.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Realty Action: Proposed Mesquite, Nevada Airport Lease Renewal/Amendment

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has examined and found suitable for lease to the City of Mesquite, Nevada, for airport purposes under the Act of May 24, 1928, as amended, a parcel of public land located in Mohave County, Arizona, totaling approximately 6.005 acres. The City of Mesquite has applied for a renewal lease and to amend its lease to bring it into Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) safety compliance standards.

DATES: Interested parties may submit written comments regarding the proposed lease renewal and amendment to the existing lease on or before July 13, 2018.

ADDRESSES: Comments concerning this notice should be addressed to Lorraine M. Christian, Field Manager, BLM Arizona Strip Field Office, 345 East Riverside Dr., St. George, UT 84790.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amanda Harrington, Assistant Field Office Manager, at the above address; phone 435–688–3271; or by email at asharrin@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS 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 BLM has examined and found the following described public land in Mohave County, Arizona, suitable for lease under the Act of May 24, 1928, as amended (49 U.S.C. Appendix 211–213), and 43 CFR 2911:

BEING A PORTION OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW¼) OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 16 WEST, GILA AND SALT RIVER MERIDIAN, MOHAVE COUNTY, ARIZONA;

BEGINNING AT MILE POST 311 ON THE ARIZONA NEVADA STATE LINE, SAID MILE POST BEING NORTH 01°40'13" WEST, 4424.95 FEET FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 16 WEST, GILA AND SALT RIVER MERIDIAN;

THENCE CONTINUING ALONG SAID STATE LINE, NORTH 01°40'13" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 100.43 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID LINE, SOUTH 42°12'37" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 194.53 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 71°07'11" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 43.96 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 17°38'46" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 469.15 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 16°43'14" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 126.23 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 12°28'57" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 519.17 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 27°38'58" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 265.39 FEET TO SAID STATE LINE; THENCE NORTH 01°40'13" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 1,368.45 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

HAVING AN AREA OF 261,891 SQUARE FEET, 6.01 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

BASIS OF BEARING

N 01°40'13" W, BEING THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 16 WEST, GILA AND SALT RIVER MERIDIAN, MOHAVE COUNTY, ALSO BEING THE STATE LINE OF NEVADA AND ARIZONA FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 29 TO MILE MARKER 311, AS SHOWN ON THE UNRECORDED DRAWING TITLED *BLM/ AIRPORT LEASED LAND FOR THE CITY OF MESQUITE NEVADA*.

This notice informs the public that the City of Mesquite, in coordination with the FAA, submitted an application to both renew and amend its existing airport lease (AZA-24176) to comply with FAA requirements. The proposal includes relinquishing 0.74 acres of the lease in an area northeast of the airport, referred to as the NAV AID site, which is no longer needed, and leasing an additional 0.76 acres to the north and south of the current lease area in order to move the existing perimeter fence outside of the obstacle-free zone. This would bring the total acreage of the leased area to approximately 6.005 acres.

Issuance of the lease is in accordance with the Arizona Strip Resource Management Plan (RMP), Decision No. MA-LR-06. Individual land use authorizations (rights-of-way, permits, leases, easements) will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis in accordance with other RMP provisions and compliance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act.

This notice segregates the above-described public lands from operation of the public land laws, including the

mining laws. The segregative effect will end upon issuance of the lease or on May 29, 2019, whichever occurs first.

Application Comments: Interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific use proposed in the application or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the lands for an airport lease. The BLM Arizona State Director will review any adverse comments. In the absence of any adverse comments, the decision will become final. The lands will not be offered for lease until a determination of significance and Decision Record have been signed for the completed Environmental Assessment.

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 2911.

Lorraine M. Christian,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Realty Action: Non-Competitive (Direct Sale) and Conveyance of Public Land and Mineral Interests of Public Land in Maricopa and Pinal Counties, Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is proposing a noncompetitive (direct) sale of 3,180.35 acres of public land in Maricopa County, Arizona, and 200.64 acres of public land in Pinal County, Arizona, a total of 3,380.69 acres at no less than the appraised fair market value to the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC). The sale is subject to the provisions of Sections 203 and 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA). Because disposal of these lands is restricted to Federal, State, local, and tribal

governments and agencies, the publication of this notice represents a formal opportunity for any qualified purchasers to express interest in the subject lands. If interest in purchase, at fair market value, is indicated by another qualified party, the BLM will proceed with a modified competitive sale of the lands. If no qualified parties express interest, the BLM will proceed with a noncompetitive sale.

DATES: The BLM is seeking comments from the public and interested parties regarding the noncompetitive (direct) sale and comments must be received by the BLM within 45 days of the date this notice is published in the **Federal Register**. In addition to this opportunity to provide written comments, public meetings will be held in the vicinity of the sale within the 45-day comment period. These meetings will be announced by publication in local newspapers and other media outlets at least 2 weeks prior to being held.

ADDRESSES: Written comments concerning the noncompetitive (direct) sale should be sent to Edward J. Kender, Field Manager, BLM Lower Sonoran Field Office, Phoenix District Office, 21605 North 7th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85027.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lane Cowger, Project Manager, Arizona State Office at 602-417-9612 or by email at lcowger@blm.gov or blm_az_azso_maricopalandsale@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS 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 BLM has received a proposal from the GRIC to purchase the public lands described in this Notice at fair market value. The lands are located in Maricopa and Pinal Counties and are being considered for noncompetitive (direct) sale under the authority of Sections 203 and 209 of FLPMA (90 Stat. 2750, 43 U.S.C. 1713 and 1719), and the regulations at 43 CFR 2710 and 2720.

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona Maricopa County

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Section 1, lots 1-4, S½NE¼,
S½NW¼, SW¼, SE¼;
Section 2, lots 1-4, S½NE¼,
S½NW¼, SW¼, SE¼;
Section 3, lots 1-4, S½NE¼,
S½NW¼, SW¼, SE¼;