

partially on private lands under applicable State and Federal laws (the Proposed Action and action alternatives). The Final Supplemental EIS summarizes cumulative impacts from the land exchange on all resources and land uses, including an evaluation of potential impacts to Native American traditional values. The Final Supplemental EIS also addresses any significant new information or circumstances that are relevant to analyzing the impacts of the land exchange or RMP amendments.

The Proposed Action (Agency Preferred Alternative) is to complete the Ray Land Exchange between the BLM and ASARCO. The Selected Lands consist of public lands that total 8,196 acres of full estate and 2,780 acres of subsurface mineral estate only in Pinal and Gila Counties in Arizona. The Offered Lands consist of ASARCO owned lands that total 6,944 acres of full estate and 360 acres of surface estate only located in Pinal and Mohave Counties in Arizona. The Offered Lands are private inholdings within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Tucson and Kingman Field Offices of the BLM.

The Final Supplemental EIS also includes a No Action Alternative under which no land exchange would occur nor would the Phoenix, Lower Sonoran, or Safford District RMPs need to be amended. Two additional action alternatives are also analyzed. The Buckeye Land Exchange Alternative involves reducing the total acreages disposed of and acquired in the land exchange. The amount of the Selected Lands under this alternative is reduced to approximately 10,176 acres from approximately 10,976 acres by excluding about 800 acres in the Copper Butte area, and removing 640 acres of the McCracken Mountains Parcels from the Offered Lands. The Copper Butte Land Exchange Alternative also involves a reduced acreage exchange. The Copper Butte Land Exchange Alternative would reduce the total acreage of the Selected Lands to approximately 9,161 acres from approximately 10,976 acres by excluding acres in the Copper Butte area, and removing 1,703 acres of the McCracken Mountains Parcels from the Offered Lands.

RMP amendments to the Phoenix, Lower Sonoran, and Safford RMPs are required, as most of the Selected Lands have not been designated for disposal through previous BLM planning processes. The BLM's selected RMP Amendments decisions will change certain land tenure designations from "retention" to "disposal" of 10,976

acres for the Phoenix, Lower Sonoran, and Safford RMPs:

1. Approximately 9,906 acres designated in the Phoenix RMP as part of the White Canyon Resource Conservation Area to be changed from retention to disposal; and

2. Approximately 637 acres designated in the Lower Sonoran RMP to be changed from retention to disposal; and

3. Approximately 433 acres designated in the Safford District RMP as part of the former Safford District Long-Term Management Area to be changed from retention to disposal.

The Proposed Action and alternatives presented and analyzed in the Final Supplemental EIS are the same as those presented and analyzed in the Final EIS. However, since updated appraisals revealed in 2018 that the value of the Selected Lands had increased, omitting some of these lands will be necessary to comply with the statutory requirement that the Federal and private lands to be exchanged be in equal value, with no more than a 25 percent cash equalization payment included.

Therefore, the BLM's final decision will require a modification of the Proposed Action presented in the Final Supplemental EIS. Based on the 2018 appraisals, BLM likely would dispose of only 9,339 acres (7,196 acres of full estate and 2,143 acres of subsurface mineral estate only, the surface of which is owned by ASARCO). ASARCO would be required to make up the difference in value with a cash equalization payment.

The BLM was not required to conduct scoping for the Supplemental EIS. However, the agency has conducted public outreach activities to inform the public and answer questions regarding the proposed land exchange. The efforts included conducting four public meetings, contacting persons on an updated mailing list persons via postcard and newsletter, providing a detailed project website, and interviewing key stakeholders to present the land exchange details and answer questions.

The formal 90-day public comment period for the Draft Supplemental EIS began on November 17, 2017, with the publication of a Notice of Availability by the Environmental Protection Agency in the **Federal Register** (82 FR 54408), and ended on February 16, 2018. Public comments were used to inform this Final Supplemental EIS and proposed plan amendments. Public comments resulted in the addition of clarifying text, but did not significantly change the environmental analysis or proposed plan amendment decisions. The BLM has responded to substantive comments

and made appropriate revisions to the Final Supplemental EIS, or explained why a comment did not warrant a change.

All protests on the land tenure designation changes from "retention" to "disposal" must be in writing and submitted, as set forth in the **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** sections.

The BLM Director will render a written decision on each land use plan protest. The decision will be mailed to the protesting party. The decision of the BLM Director shall be the final decision of the Department of the Interior on each land use plan protest. Responses to land use plan protest issues will be compiled and formalized in a Director's Protest Resolution Report made available following issuance of the decisions.

Upon resolution of all land use plan protests, the BLM will issue a Record of Decision, which will include information on any further opportunities for public involvement. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your protest, you should be aware that your entire protest—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your protest to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1506.6, 40 CFR 1506.10, 43 CFR 1610.2, 43 CFR 1610.5)

**A. Scott Feldhausen,**  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Realty Action: Non-Competitive (Direct) Sale of Public Lands in Big Horn County, WY (Merit, 10.53 Acres)

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

**ACTION:** Notice of realty action.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes a non-competitive (direct) sale of 10.53 acres of public land in Big Horn County, Wyoming, to Merit Energy Company for the purpose of resolving an inadvertent unauthorized use of public lands. The

sale will be subject to the applicable provisions of the Federal Land Policy Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), and BLM regulations. The appraised fair market value (FMV) for the sale parcel is \$7,100.

**DATES:** Submit written comments regarding the sale parcel and associated Environmental Assessment until August 26, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail written comments concerning this direct sale to Field Manager, BLM, Cody Field Office, 1002 Blackburn Street, Cody, WY 82414.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cara Blank, Realty Specialist, BLM, Cody Field Office, at the above address or telephone 307-578-5912. 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 following public lands have been examined and found suitable for sale in accordance with the criteria in Section 203 of the FLPMA:

**Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming**

T. 56 N, R. 97 W,  
sec. 19, lot 7.

The area described contains 10.53 acres.

The sale is in conformance with the BLM Cody Field Office Approved Resource Management Plan (September 18, 2015), which identifies this parcel of public lands as suitable for disposal on page 105 and management action 6011. FLPMA Section 203 allows for the disposal of public lands if they meet the following disposal criteria: (1) Such tract, because of its location or other characteristics, is difficult and uneconomic to manage as part of the public lands and is not suitable for management by another Federal department or agency. The subject parcel meets this criteria because the lands are difficult or expensive to manage, or needed for community expansion.

A parcel-specific Environmental Assessment (EA) document numbered DOI-BLM-WY-R020-2019-0006-EA was prepared in connection with this sale. A copy of the EA, Finding of No Significant Impact and Decision Record are available online at: <https://eplanning.blm.gov/epl-front-office/eplanning/projectSummary.do?methodName=renderDefaultProjectSummary&projectId=116762>.

Regulations at 43 CFR 2711.3-3(a) allow the direct sales of public lands when a competitive sale is not appropriate and the public interest would best be served by a direct sale. In this case, a competitive sale is not appropriate because the subject lands contain improvements that directly support the oil and gas activity in the area, rendering the land unusable by the public. The public's interest is best served by resolving the inadvertent unauthorized use and receiving payment at FMV for the public lands.

Upon publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**, the above-described lands will be segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public lands laws, including the mining laws, except the sale provision of the FLPMA.

The temporary segregation will terminate upon: (1) issuance of a conveyance document, (2) publication in the **Federal Register** of a termination of the segregation, or (3) on Monday, July 12, 2021, unless extended by the BLM Wyoming State Director in accordance with 43 CFR 2711.1-2(d). Upon publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**, the BLM is no longer accepting land use applications affecting the identified public lands, except applications for the amendment of previously-filed rights-of-way applications or existing authorizations to increase the term of the grants in accordance with 43 CFR 2807.15 and 2886.15.

The conveyance document, if issued, will be subject to the following terms, conditions, and reservations:

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 mineral deposits in the lands so conveyed and to it, or persons authorized by it, the right to prospect for, mine and remove such deposits from the same under applicable law and regulations to be established by the Secretary of the Interior, together with all necessary access and exit rights.
3. All valid existing rights issued prior to conveyance.

The BLM will publish this Notice in the Lovell Chronicle newspaper once each week for three consecutive weeks. Only written comments submitted by postal service or overnight mail will be considered as properly filed. Electronic mail, facsimile, or telephone comments will not be considered.

Any adverse comments regarding the sale will be reviewed by the BLM Wyoming State Director or other authorized official of the Department of the Interior, who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action, in whole or in

part. In the absence of any timely filed objections, this realty action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

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 publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BLM Cody Field Office during regular business hours, except holidays.

**Authority:** 43 CFR 2711.

**Mary Jo Rugwell,**

*State Director, Wyoming.*

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[USITC SE-19-027]

### Sunshine Act Meetings

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** United States International Trade Commission.

**TIME AND DATE:** July 19, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** Room 101, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, Telephone: (202) 205-2000.

**STATUS:** Open to the public.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

1. *Agendas for future meetings:* None.
2. Minutes.
3. Ratification List.
4. Vote on Inv. Nos. 701-TA-626 and 731-TA-1452-1454 (Preliminary) (Certain Collated Steel Staples from China, Korea, and Taiwan). The Commission is currently scheduled to complete and file its determinations on July 22, 2019; views of the Commission are currently scheduled to be completed and filed on July 29, 2019.

5. *Outstanding action jackets:* None. In accordance with Commission policy, subject matter listed above, not disposed of at the scheduled meeting, may be carried over to the agenda of the following meeting.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: July 9, 2019.

**William Bishop,**

*Supervisory Hearings and Information Officer.*

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