

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[PO #4820000251; OROR106205169; OROR-069823]

Public Land Order No. 7957; Withdrawal of Public Land for the Protection of Three Recreation Sites; Oregon**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Public land order.

SUMMARY: Subject to valid existing rights, this order withdraws 103.92 acres of Bureau of Land Management (BLM)-administered public lands in Douglas County, Oregon from location and entry under the United States mining laws, but not from leasing under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws, for a period of 20 years to protect the unique recreational values at three public recreation sites. This Public Land Order (PLO) would also withdraw an additional 38.5 acres of non-Federal lands and an additional 21.20 acres of non-Federal subsurface mineral interests in the same manner described in the PLO, should the United States acquire such lands or interests in land in the future.

DATES: This PLO takes effect on January 7, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the withdrawal is to protect the unique recreational values, as well as current and future site improvements, at the BLM's Island Creek Recreation Area, Iron Mountain Recreation Area, and Olalla-Thompson Day Use Recreation Area. Improvements within these site locations range from gravel parking areas and basic signage at the less developed areas, to paved parking, restrooms, picnic tables, grills, fire rings, and trails at the Island Creek Recreation Area.

Order

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by section

204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714, it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described public lands are hereby withdrawn from location and entry under the United States mining laws, but not from leasing under the mineral and geothermal leasing laws, to protect three Bureau of Land Management public recreation sites.

Iron Mountain Recreation Area*Willamette Meridian, Oregon*

T. 31 S., R. 7 W.,

Sec. 4, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, excepting that portion granted to the railroad under the Act of July 25, 1866 (14 Stat. 239).

The area described contains 36.60 acres.

Olalla-Thompson Creek Day Use Area*Willamette Meridian, Oregon*

T. 30 S., R. 7 W.,

Sec. 5, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 25.00 acres.

Island Creek Recreation Area*Willamette Meridian, Oregon*

T. 31 S., R. 7 W.,

Sec. 1, lot 5, excepting that portion of lot 5 granted to the railroad under the Act of July 25, 1866 (14 Stat. 239).

The area described contains 42.32 acres.

2. The following described public lands with non-Federal mineral interests, if mineral rights are acquired by United States, will be subject to the terms and conditions of this withdrawal as described in paragraph 1:

Island Creek Recreation Area*Willamette Meridian, Oregon*

T. 30 S., R. 7 W.,

Sec. 36, those portions of the S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ lying between the ordinary high-water mark of the easterly bank of Cow Creek and the southerly boundary of the Oregon & California Railroad Grant patent dated May 6, 1896.

T. 31 S., R. 7 W.,

Sec. 1, that portion of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ lying between the ordinary high-water mark of the southwesterly bank of Cow Creek and the southerly boundary of the Oregon & California Railroad Grant patent dated May 6, 1896.

The areas described aggregate 21.20 acres.

3. The following described non-Federal lands, if acquired by the United States, will be subject to the terms and conditions of this withdrawal as described in paragraph 1:

Island Creek Special Recreation Site*Willamette Meridian, Oregon*

T. 30 S., R. 7 W.,

Sec. 36, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and

S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, excepting those portions of the S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ lying between the ordinary high-water mark of the easterly bank of Cow Creek and the southerly boundary of the Oregon & California Railroad Grant patent dated May 6, 1896.

T. 31 S., R. 7 W.,

Sec. 1, that portion of lot 5 granted to the railroad under the Act of July 25, 1866 (14 Stat. 239), and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, excepting that portion of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ lying between the ordinary high-water mark of the southwesterly bank of Cow Creek and the southerly boundary of the Oregon & California Railroad Grant patent dated May 6, 1896.

The areas described aggregate 38.50 acres.

The total areas described, including public and non-Federal lands, aggregate 163.62 acres.

4. The withdrawal made by this order does not alter the applicability of those public land laws governing the use of the lands under lease, license, or permit, or governing the disposal of their mineral or vegetative resources other than under the mining laws.

5. This withdrawal will expire 20 years from the effective date of this order, unless, as a result of a review conducted before the expiration date pursuant to section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be extended.

(Authority: 43 U.S.C. 1714)

Robert T. Anderson,
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[PO #4820000251; NM-052394; NM-052395]

Public Land Order No. 7955; Partial Revocation of Withdrawals Created by Secretary Orders Dated December 10 and 22, 1928, for the Avalon Reservoir Carlsbad Project; New Mexico**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Public land order.

SUMMARY: This Public Land Order (Order) partially revokes two withdrawals created by Secretary's orders dated December 10 and 22, 1928, issued pursuant to the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902, section 3, to support the Bureau of Reclamation's (BOR) Avalon Reservoir Carlsbad Project. The BOR has determined that 335.25 acres of withdrawn lands are no longer needed for reclamation purposes and has

requested that the withdrawals be partially revoked. This Order opens the lands to appropriation under the public land laws, subject to valid existing rights.

DATES: This Order takes effect on January 7, 2025.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tessa Telles, BLM, Carlsbad Field Office, at (575) 234-5980 or by email ttelles@blm.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or Tele Braille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BOR has requested a partial withdrawal revocation of 335.25 acres of land originally withdrawn in support of the Avalon Reservoir Carlsbad Project created by two Secretary's orders dated December 10 and 22, 1928, issued pursuant to the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902, section 3. The BOR has determined that the lands are no longer needed for reclamation purposes. The revocation of the withdrawal will open the lands to appropriation and allow the lands to be conveyed out of Federal ownership in a proposed land sale. Any lands not conveyed will be restored to the administration of the Bureau of Land Management.

Order

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714, it is ordered as follows:

1. The withdrawals created by Secretary Orders dated December 10 and 22, 1928, which withdrew public lands for use by the Bureau of Reclamation for the Avalon Reservoir Carlsbad Project, are hereby partially revoked as to the following described lands:

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 21 S., R. 26 E.,

Sec. 14, lot 4;

Sec. 23, lots 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 12, and 13.

The area described contains 335.25 acres.

2. At 8 a.m. Mountain Time (MT) on January 7, 2025, the lands described above will open to the operation of the public land laws, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of

applicable law. All valid applications received at or prior to 8 a.m. MT on January 7, 2025, shall be considered as simultaneously filed at that time. Those received thereafter shall be considered in the order of filing. Applications to appropriate any of the lands referenced in this Order received prior to the date and time stated above shall be rejected. The lands will remain closed to location and entry under the United States mining laws until such time as the lands are conveyed out of Federal ownership or an opening order is issued pursuant to 43 CFR 2091.6.

(Authority: 43 U.S.C. 1714)

Robert T. Anderson,
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

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Assessment of Eligible and Ineligible Lands for Consideration as Wilderness Areas, Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area, Everglades National Park, Gulf Islands National Seashore, Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, Little River Canyon National Preserve, Virgin Islands National Park

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Wilderness Act of 1964, and in accordance with National Park Service (NPS) Management Policies 2006, the NPS intends to evaluate all previously unassessed lands within the following parks for their eligibility for inclusion in the national wilderness preservation system: Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area, Everglades National Park, Gulf Islands National Seashore, Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, Little River Canyon National Preserve, and Virgin Islands National Park.

DATES: Each of the listed parks will begin its wilderness eligibility assessment on January 7, 2025. All assessments are expected to be completed by January 7, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are encouraged to provide written information that may assist the NPS in identifying lands eligible or ineligible for designation as wilderness.

Suggestions and requests for further information should be directed to: National Park Service, Department of the Interior Region 2—South Atlantic Gulf, 100 Alabama St. SW, Atlanta, GA 30303.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: PJ Walker, Regional Wilderness Coordinator, by phone at 404-507-5709, via email at PJ_Walker@nps.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In furtherance of the Wilderness Act of 1964 (16 U.S.C. 1131 *et seq.*), NPS Management Policies 2006 section 6.2.1 provides that all lands administered by the NPS, including new units and additions to existing units since 1964, will be evaluated for their eligibility for inclusion in the national wilderness preservation system. Accordingly, the NPS intends to evaluate all previously unassessed lands within the following parks for wilderness eligibility: Chattahoochee River National Recreation Area (all lands), Everglades National Park (three small, noncontiguous areas not previously assessed), Gulf Islands National Seashore (Cat Island Unit), Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve (Barataria Preserve Unit), Little River Canyon National Preserve (all lands), and Virgin Islands National Park.

For areas determined to be ineligible for wilderness designation, the wilderness preservation provisions in the NPS Management Policies 2006 would not apply (NPS Management Policies 2006 section 6.2.1.3). However, ineligible lands will continue to be managed in accordance with the NPS Organic Act and all other laws, Executive orders, regulations, and policies applicable to units of the national park system.

Lands and waters found to possess the characteristics and values of wilderness, as defined in the Wilderness Act and determined eligible pursuant to the wilderness eligibility assessment, will be formally studied to develop the recommendation to Congress for wilderness designation (NPS Management Policies 2006 section 6.2.2). The wilderness study will include the appropriate level of analyses under the National Environmental Policy Act and the National Historic Preservation Act. Congress alone can designate wilderness areas.

Determinations of eligibility and subsequent future actions will be