DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ–310–1060–HI; AZA 33148]

Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Interior proposes to withdraw on behalf of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) approximately 299.70 acres of public land for a period of 20 years to protect the Kingman Regional Wild Horse and Burro Facility in Mohave County, Arizona. This notice segregates the land for up to 2 years from location and entry under the United States mining laws.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before December 5, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the Kingman Field Office Manager, BLM, 2755 Mission Boulevard, Kingman, Arizona 86401.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Elefritz, BLM Kingman Field Office, (928) 718–3720.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The applicant for the above withdrawal is the BLM at the address stated above. The petition/application requests the Secretary of the Interior to withdraw for a period of 20 years the following-described public land from location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights:

Gila and Salt River Meridian

T. 20 N., R. 17 W.

Sec. 6, lots 2, 3, 4, 12, 13, 39, 42, and 44.

The area described contains 299.70 acres in Mohave County.

The BLM petition/application has been approved by the Assistant Secretary of the Interior. Therefore, it constitutes a withdrawal proposal of the Secretary of the Interior (43 CFR 2310.1–3(e)).

The use of a right-of-way or cooperative agreement would not adequately constrain non-discretionary uses and would not provide adequate protection of the Federal investment in the improvements located on the land.

There are no suitable alternative sites with equal or greater benefit to the government.

No water rights would be needed to fulfill the purpose of the requested withdrawal.

The preliminary mineral potential evaluation found the above described lands to have a low potential for locatable minerals.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal would be to protect the proposed Federal investment in the BLM’s Kingman Regional Wild Horse and Burro Facility.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing, by the date specified above, to the BLM Kingman Field Office Manager.

Records relating to the application as well as comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. 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 inspection in their entirety.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the BLM Kingman Field Office Manager.

The withdrawal proposal will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR part 2300.

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register, the land will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. The temporary land uses which may be permitted during this segregative period include licenses, permits, rights-of-ways, and disposal of vegetative resources other than under the mining laws.

(Authority: 43 CFR 2310.3–1)


Michael A. Taylor,
Deputy State Director, Resources.

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Written Comments: Interested parties may submit their written comments on this EA/FONSI until 30 days after the publication of this notice, to the Regional Director, Alaska OCS Region, Attention: Sale 202 EA Coordinator, Minerals Management Service, 3801 Centerpoint Drive, #500, Anchorage, Alaska 99503–5823, or you may provide electronic comments at http://ocsconnect.mms.gov/pcs-public/. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents available for public review. An individual commenter may ask that we withhold their name, home address, or both from the public record, and we will honor such a request to the extent allowable by law. If you submit comments and wish us to withhold such information, you must state so prominently at the beginning of your submission. We will not consider anonymous comments, and we will make available for inspection in their entirety all comments submitted by organizations or businesses by or individuals identifying themselves as representatives of organizations or businesses.

Robert P. LaBelle,
Acting Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for a White-tailed Deer Management Plan, Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Ohio

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), the National Park Service (NPS) is preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the White-tailed Deer Management Plan for Cuyahoga Valley National Park (Cuyahoga). The purpose of the plan/EIS is to develop a deer management plan that supports long-term protection, preservation, and restoration of native species and other park resources. A scoping brochure has been prepared that details the issues identified to date and preliminary alternatives to be considered. Copies of that information may be obtained by mail from Cuyahoga Valley National Park, 15610 Vaughn Road, Brecksville, Ohio 44141, telephone 330–650–5071, extension 1, or the Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) Web site at http://www.parkplanning.nps.gov/cuva. Once on the PEPC site, click on the link titled Cuyahoga Valley National Park Deer Management Plan/EIS.

DATES: To be most helpful to the scoping process, comments should be received within 60 days from the date this notice is published in the Federal Register. In addition, the NPS intends to conduct public scoping open houses at the park. Please check local newspapers; the park’s Web site http://www.nps.gov/cuva; or contact the name listed below to find out when and where these open houses will be held.

ADDRESSES: Information will be available for public review and comment at the park headquarters located at 15610 Vaughn Road, Brecksville, Ohio 44141.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the NPS is preparing an EIS for a White-tailed Deer Management Plan for Cuyahoga Valley National Park. The purpose of this plan and environmental impact statement is to develop a deer management plan that supports long-term protection, preservation, and restoration of native species and other park resources. A deer management plan is needed at this time to ensure that: Deer do not become the dominant force in the ecosystem, adversely impacting forest regeneration, sensitive vegetation and other wildlife; natural distribution, abundance, and diversity of plant and animal species do not continue to be adversely affected by the large number of white-tailed deer in Cuyahoga Valley National Park; declining forest regeneration is addressed and deer browsing does not continue at a level that eliminates or reduces forest regeneration, and that adverse effects of invasive species. A third objective is to maintain a healthy white-tailed deer population within the park while protecting other park resources. In addition, the plan would ensure that deer behavior does not adversely affect the cultural landscape. Finally, the plan would enhance public awareness and understanding of NPS resource management issues, policies, and mandates, as they pertain to deer management; and ensure visitors the opportunity to view healthy deer in the natural environment at population levels that do not adversely impact visitors’ enjoyment of other native species in the natural landscape.

Preliminary alternatives that will be considered to meet the purpose and need include: Landscape management, fencing, reproductive control, direct reduction, and a combination of these management strategies. The continuation of current management (no action alternative) will also be analyzed. If you wish to comment on the scoping brochure or on any other issues associated with the plan, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may submit your comments online through the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) Web site at http://www.parkplanning.nps.gov/cuva. Once on the PEPC Web site, click on the link titled Cuyahoga Valley National Park Deer Management Plan/EIS. Please submit Internet comments as text files, avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please put “Deer Management” in the subject line and include your name and return