

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

[WY-040-1430-01; WYW-122360]

**Notice of Realty Action; Direct Sale of Public Lands; Wyoming****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of realty action, sale of public lands in Sublette County.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management has determined that the lands described below are suitable for public sale under Section 203 and Section 209 of the Federal Land Management Policy Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1713, 1719.

**Sixth Principal Meridian**

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Section 22, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

These lands contain 160 acres.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Leslie Theiss, Area Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Pinedale Resource Area, P.O. Box 768, Pinedale, Wyoming 82941, 307-367-4358.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Bureau of Land Management proposes to sell the surface and mineral estates, excepting oil and gas, to Sublette County and Teton County, pursuant to Section 203 and Section 209 of the Federal Land Management Policy Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1713, 1719. Sublette County and Teton County wish to acquire the lands for future landfill purposes.

The proposed direct sale to Sublette County and Teton County would be made at fair market value. Additionally, Sublette County and Teton County will be required to submit a nonrefundable application fee of \$50.00 in accordance with 43 CFR Subpart 2720, for conveyance of all unreserved mineral interests in the lands.

The proposed sale is consistent with the Pinedale Resource Area Management Plan and would serve important public objectives which cannot be achieved prudently or feasibly elsewhere. The lands contain no other known public values. The planning document and environmental assessment/land report covering the proposed sale will be available for review at the Bureau of Land Management, Pinedale Resource Area Office, Pinedale, Wyoming.

Conveyance of the above public lands will be subject to:

1. Reservation of a right-of-way for ditches and canals pursuant to the Act of August 30, 1890, 43 U.S.C. 945.

2. Reservation of oil and gas to the United States.

The public lands described above shall be segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. The segregative effect will end upon issuance of the patent or 270 days from the date of the publication, whichever comes first.

For a period of forty-five (45) days from the date of issuance of this notice, interested parties may submit comments to the Bureau of Land Management, District Manager, Rock Springs, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, Wyoming 82901. Any adverse comments will be evaluated by the State Director who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any objections this proposed realty action will become final.

Dated: March 25, 1997.

**Leslie A. Theiss,***Area Manager.*

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

[CO-076-97-1610-00]

**Notice of Intent To Amend the Grand Junction Resource Area, Resource Management Plan****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to amend the Grand Junction Resource Area Resource Management Plan, 1987 (RMP), to address changes proposed in the Gunnison River Bluffs Public Use Plan, 1995, and to designate a road as open for motor vehicle use in a currently closed area in the Town of Palisade watershed.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the National Environmental Policy Act, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Grand Junction Resource Area, is proposing to amend the Grand Junction Resource Area RMP, by adopting those portions of the Gunnison River Bluffs Public Use Plan and the Grand Mesa Slopes Management Plan pertaining to public lands. These plans were developed through collaborative processes that meet the requirements of 43 CFR 1610.5-7.

**DATES:** An Environmental Assessment and draft Finding Of No Significant Impact has been prepared on the proposed amendment and is available for public comment from May 1 to June 2, 1997.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Grand Junction Resource Area RMP, approved in 1987, is being proposed for amendment to incorporate current management plans in the Gunnison River Bluffs and Grand Mesa Slopes areas. Public comments received on the Environmental Assessment will be considered by the BLM State Director in reaching a decision on this proposed amendment. Public notice of the proposed decision will be issued following the comment period. Only those who have participated in this amendment process will have standing to protest the proposed decision.

The Gunnison River Bluffs Public Use Plan was developed with Mesa County, Colorado to address management of about eight square miles of county, private, and BLM administered public lands in the vicinity of the Gunnison River and the Mesa County Landfill. BLM administered public lands in this area had been identified for potential disposal and are now being identified for retention or exchange to meet Gunnison River Bluffs planning objectives. The BLM administered public lands are also being designated as closed to motor vehicle use as part of the Gunnison River Bluffs Public Use Plan.

The Grand Mesa Slopes Management Plan, an 80 square mile "Open Space," has also been developed with Mesa County and numerous other local governmental entities and landowners. Mesa County, the Town of Palisade, and BLM have modified the Grand Mesa Slopes Management Plan in the Palisade watershed to allow for motor vehicle travel on the "Power Line Road" to improve access into the Chalk Mountain area, in an area that had formerly been designated closed to motor vehicle use.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For comments or additional information contact Carlos Sauvage, Realty Specialist, BLM Grand Junction Resource Area, 2815 H. Road, Grand Junction, Colorado, 81506, or phone (970) 244-3022.

Dated: April 11, 1997.

**Mark Morse,***District Manager.*

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