

Article XI—Sovereign Immunity

Nothing contained in this Ordinance is intended, nor does it in any way limit, alter, restrict, or waive the sovereign immunity of the Tribe or any of its agencies from unconsented suit or other such action of any kind.

Article XII—Severability, Prior Enactments, Amendment, Compliance With Law, and Effective Date

1. If any provision or application of this Ordinance is determined by an agency or court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining portions of this Ordinance shall remain and be unaffected thereby.

2. All prior tribal laws, ordinances, or resolutions that are or may be determined to be inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent inconsistent with this Ordinance.

3. This Ordinance may be amended by majority vote of the Tribal Council at any time at a duly noticed meeting. Any such amendment shall become effective upon publication by the Secretary of the Interior in the **Federal Register**, unless the applicable law does not require such publication for the amendment to become effective.

4. All provisions of this Ordinance shall comply with 18 U.S.C. 1161.

5. This Ordinance shall be effective on such date as the Secretary of the Interior certifies this Ordinance and publishes the same in the **Federal Register**.

Certification

This is to certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly enacted by the vote of the Tribal Council of Dry Creek Rancheria by a vote of 72 for, 10 against, and 0 abstentions, at a duly held Regular General Meeting of the Tribal Council on Saturday, 21 September 2002, and that this ordinance has not been amended in any manner.

Attest

Elizabeth Elgin DeRouen, Chairperson

Dated: September 21, 2002.

Margie Rojas, Secretary/Treasurer

Dated: September 21, 2002.

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

[NV-930-1430-EU; N-76578]

Notice of Realty Action: Segregation Terminated, Modified Competitive Sale of Public Lands, Nye County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action.

SUMMARY: The following described lands in Amargosa Valley, Nye County, Nevada, have been examined and found suitable for sale utilizing a modified competitive bid sale.

DATES: Comments must be submitted by December 12, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Bureau of Land Management, Tonopah Field Station, 1553 South Main Street, Post Office Box 911, Tonopah, Nevada 89049.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wendy Seley, Realty Specialist, at the above address or at (775) 482-7806.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following described lands are appraised at the fair market value (FMV) of \$480,000.00;

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada,

T. 17 S., R. 49 E., sec. 10, S½

Totaling 320 acres more or less.

The subject lands were segregated for exchange purposes on October 1, 1997 under serial number N-61968. The exchange segregation on the subject lands will be terminated and replaced with a new segregation for sale purposes on October 28, 2003.

Authority for the sale is section 203 and section 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701, 1713, 1719). The above-described lands are hereby classified for disposal in accordance with section 7 of the Taylor Grazing Act, 43 U.S.C. 315f, Act of June 28, 1934, as amended, and Executive Order 6910. The patent, when issued, will contain the following reservations to the United States:

1. A right-of-way thereon for ditches and canals constructed by authority of the United States, Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).

2. Oil, gas, geothermal, mineral materials under the 1947 Materials Act and Public Law 167, and the right to prospect and mine for such minerals.

3. Subject to valid existing rights.

In the event of a sale, any mineral interest not reserved to the United States, will be conveyed simultaneously with the sale of the land. The remaining unreserved mineral interests have no known mineral value. Acceptance of the sale offer will constitute an application for conveyance of those unreserved mineral interests. The purchaser will be required to pay a \$50.00 non-refundable filing fee for conveyance of the available mineral interests. The public lands described in this notice are bounded on three sides by lands owned by the designated bidder, Rockview Farms—Ponderosa Dairy. The existing use of adjacent properties includes wastewater lagoons and agricultural uses including the application of bio-solids. The subject parcels are appropriate for modified competitive bid sale procedures to assure compatibility with existing uses pursuant to 43 CFR

2710.0-6(c)(3)(ii). The designated bidder will be given a preference and will be allowed to meet the highest bid pursuant to 43 CFR 2711.3-2. Sealed bidding is the only acceptable method of bidding. Sealed bids must be received in the Tonopah Field Station, 1553 South Main Street, P.O. Box 911, Tonopah, Nevada, by 4:30 p.m., December 29, 2003. All sealed bids must be accompanied by a payment of not less than 20 percent of the total bid or \$96,000. Minimum bid amount of \$480,000. All bidders must be U.S. citizens, 18 years or older, legally chartered U.S. corporations authorized to own real estate in the State of Nevada, or other legal entity capable of holding title to land. Payment must be in the form of a certified check, money order, or cashier's check made payable to: Department of the Interior—BLM. The apparent high bidder will be allowed 180 days from the date of sale to submit the remainder of the purchase price and the \$50.00 fee to cover the administrative cost of purchasing the available mineral estate. Failure to remit payments within the time allowed will disqualify the apparent high bidder and the deposit will be forfeited. If the apparent high bidder is disqualified the next highest qualified bid will be honored or the land re-offered under competitive procedures.

The purchaser/patentee, by accepting patent, agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold the United States harmless from any costs, damages, claims, causes of action, penalties, fines, liabilities, and judgments of any kind arising from the past, present or future acts of omissions of the patentee, its employees, agents, contractors, or lessees, or any third-party arising out of or in connection with the patentee's use and/or occupancy of the patented real property resulting in: (1) Violations of Federal, State, and local laws and regulations that are now or in the future become, applicable to the real property; (2) Judgments, claims or demands of any kind assessed against the United States; (3) Costs, expenses, or damages of any kind incurred by the United States; (4) Releases or threatened releases of solid or hazardous waste(s) and/or hazardous substance(s), as defined by Federal or State environmental laws, off, on, into or under land, property, and other interests of the United States; (5) Other activities by which solid or hazardous substances or wastes, as defined by Federal and State environmental laws are generated, released, stored, used, or otherwise disposed of on the patented real property, and any cleanup response, remedial action or other

actions related in any manner to said solid or hazardous substances or wastes; or (6) Natural resource damages as defined by Federal and State law. This covenant shall be construed as running with the patented real property and may be enforced by the United States in a court of competent jurisdiction.

No warranty of any kind be given or implied as to the potential use of the land offered for sale. It is the buyer's responsibility to be aware of all applicable local government policies and regulations that would affect the subject lands. It is also the buyer's responsibility to be aware of existing or prospective uses of nearby properties. The sale parcel is currently without legal access. Any land lacking access from a public road or highway is conveyed as such. Future acquisition of access is the responsibility of the buyer.

This parcel of land located in Amargosa Valley, Nevada, is being offered for sale through modified competitive bid sale procedures. The adjacent land uses and general location of the subject parcel make this tract of land difficult and uneconomic to manage as part of the public lands. As such, the sale parcel meets the disposal criteria found under Title 43 CFR 2710.0-3(a)(3). The proposed action is consistent with the objectives, goals, and decisions of the Las Vegas Resource Management Plan. An appraisal report has been prepared by a certified appraiser for the purposes of establishing fair market value. The appraisal report is available for review at the address shown above.

Publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register** segregates the subject lands from all appropriations under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except sale under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. The segregation will terminate upon issuance of the patent or July 26, 2004, whichever ever occurs first. The segregation for exchange purposes is being terminated and replaced by the new segregation in order to allow for sale. For a period until December 12, 2003, interested parties may submit comments to the Tonopah Field Station Manager at the above address. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director, who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action and issue a final determination. In the absence of timely filed objections this realty action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior. The land will not be offered for sale until December 29, 2003.

Dated: September 18, 2003.

William S. Fisher,

Assistant Field Manager, Tonopah.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-930-1430-EU; N-76579]

Notice of Realty Action: Segregation Terminated, Direct Sale of Public Lands, Nye County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action.

SUMMARY: The following described lands in Amargosa Valley, Nye County, Nevada, have been examined and found suitable for sale utilizing direct sale procedures.

DATES: Comments must be submitted by December 12, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Bureau of Land Management, Tonopah Field Station, 1553 South Main Street, Post Office Box 911, Tonopah, Nevada 89049.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Wendy Seley, Realty Specialist, at the above address or at (775) 482-7806.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following described lands are appraised at no less than the fair market value (FMV) of \$144,000.00:

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada,

T. 17 S., R. 49 E., sec. 9, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
sec 10, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Totaling 120 acres more or less.

This land is being offered for direct sale to Rockview Farms, Ponderosa Dairy. The lands are being offered through direct sale, pursuant to 43 CFR 2711.3-3(a)(5), to resolve inadvertent unauthorized use and development.

The subject lands were segregated for exchange purposes on October 1, 1997 under serial number N-61968. The exchange segregation on the subject lands will be terminated and replaced with the segregation for sale described in this notice. The segregation for exchange purposes is being terminated in order to allow for sale. Authority for the sale is Section 203 and Section 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701, 1713, 1719). The above-described lands are hereby classified for disposal in accordance with section 7 of the Taylor Grazing Act, 43 U.S.C. 315f, Act of June 28, 1934, as amended, and Executive Order 6910. The patent, when

issued, will contain the following reservations to the United States:

1. A right-of-way thereon for ditches and canals constructed by authority of the United States, Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).

2. Oil, gas, geothermal, mineral materials under the 1947 Materials Act and Public Law 167, and the right to prospect and mine for such materials.

3. Subject to valid existing rights.

The purchaser/patentee, by accepting patent, agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold the United States harmless from any costs, damages, claims, causes of action, penalties, fines, liabilities, and judgments of any kind arising from the past, present or future acts or omissions of the patentee, its employees, agents, contractors, or lessees, or any third-party arising out of or in connection with the patentee's use and/or occupancy of the patented real property resulting in: (1) Violations of Federal, State, and local laws and regulations that are now or in the future become, applicable to the real property; (2) Judgments, claims or demands of any kind assessed against the United States; (3) Costs, expenses, or damages of any kind incurred by the United States; (4) Releases or threatened releases of solid or hazardous waste(s) and/or hazardous substance(s), as defined by Federal or State environmental laws, off, on, into or under land, property, and other interests of the United States; (5) Other activities by which solid or hazardous substances or wastes, as defined by Federal and State environmental laws are generated, released, stored, used, or otherwise disposed of on the patented real property, and any cleanup response, remedial action or other actions related in any manner to said solid or hazardous substances or wastes; or (6) Natural resource damages as defined by Federal and State laws. This covenant shall be construed as running with the patented real property and may be enforced by the United States in a court of competent jurisdiction.

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