

resource management priorities; and assisting the BLM in identifying State or regional standards for ecological health and guidelines for grazing.

Council members will be representative of various industries and interests concerned with the management, protection, and utilization of the public lands. These include: (a) Holders of Federal grazing permits in the Council's jurisdiction, representatives of energy and mining development, the timber industry, transportation interests, rights-of-way interests, off-road vehicle use, commercial recreation, and developed recreation; (b) representatives of environmental and resource conservation organizations, archaeological and historic interests, dispersed recreation activities, and wild horse and burro interest groups; and (c) elected officials of State, county, or local government, representatives from a State agency responsible for natural resources, land, or water, Indian tribes in the Council's jurisdiction, academia involved in the natural sciences, and the public-at-large.

Council membership will include individuals who have expertise, education, training, or practical experience in the planning and management of the public lands and their resources and who have a knowledge of the geographical jurisdiction(s) of the respective Councils.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melanie Wilson, Intergovernmental Affairs Group (640), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street, N.W. (Room 406 LS), Washington, D.C. 20240, telephone (202) 452-0377.

Certification Statement

I hereby certify that the renewal and reestablishment of the Arizona Resource Advisory Council, the Miles City Resource Advisory Council, and the New Mexico Resource Advisory Council is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the Secretary of the Interior's responsibilities to manage the lands, resources, and facilities administered by the Bureau of Land Management.

Date Signed: June 8, 1998.

Bruce Babbitt,

Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Golden Valley Electric Association Northern Intertie Project (EIS #97-47); Alaska

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management; Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Golden Valley Electric Association has applied to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for a Right-of-Way to construct, operate, and maintain a 230 kV transmission line from Healy, Alaska, to Fairbanks, Alaska. Pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, as amended, the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508, the BLM has prepared an EIS. The public comment period on the Draft EIS ended on March 5, 1998. Notice is hereby given on the availability of the Final EIS for public review and comment. Copies of the Final EIS are available by mail by contacting the BLM Northern Field Office, 1150 University Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska, 99709, or by calling (907) 474-2339.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted or postmarked no later than July 13, 1998, or 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register** of the Environmental Protection Agency's Notice of Availability, whichever is later.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Bureau of Land Management, Northern Field Office, Attn: Gary Foreman, 1150 University Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709-3899. Comments can also be entered via the internet at <http://aurora.ak.blm.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Foreman, Project Manager, at 1-800-437-7021 or (907) 474-2339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The preferred alternative identified in the Draft EIS was the Rex/South Route, Option B. Based on public input received during the comment period the preferred alternative was changed. The new preferred alternative identified in the Final EIS is the Rex/South Route, without option B.

Tom Allen,

State Director, Alaska.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Public Land Order No. 7341; Withdrawal of Public Land for the Clay Hills Area of Critical Environmental Concern; Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.

SUMMARY: This order withdraws 1,119.24 acres of public land from surface entry and mining for a period of 50 years for the Bureau of Land Management to protect the federally endangered Arizona cliffrose within the Clay Hills Area of Critical Environmental Concern. The land has been and will remain open to mineral leasing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 16, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Hall, BLM Kingman Field Office, 2475 Beverly Avenue, Kingman, Arizona 86401, 520-692-4412.

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 (1994), it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described public land is hereby withdrawn from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. Ch. 2 (1994)), but not from leasing under the mineral leasing laws, to protect the Bureau of Land Management's Clay Hills Area of Critical Environmental Concern:

Gila and Salt River Meridian

T. 14 N., R. 11 W.,

Sec. 1, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec 2, SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec 11, NE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec 12, N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$.

The area described contains 1,119.24 acres in Mohave County.

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

3. This withdrawal will expire 50 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) (1994), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be extended.