

individuals who submitted it. For these reasons, USGS believes it is no longer necessary to withhold this information, and is seeking comments on this proposed change in its policy.

Dated: October 7, 1999.

P. Patrick Leahy,

Chief Geologist, U.S. Geological Survey.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Digital Earth Interagency Working Group; Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Digital Earth Interagency Working Group, chaired by NASA with representatives from other Federal departments and agencies, will hold an open meeting at the USGS facility in Reston, Virginia, to discuss options for a near-term demonstration of the Digital Earth vision (for details visit www.digitalearth.gov). Throughout Federal, State, and local government, the private sector, and other public sector interests, there exist data, infrastructure, partnerships, and capability to support the exploitation of geospatial information to answer questions of concern to students, researchers, community leaders, and others. The goal of this meeting will be to identify existing and emerging data, infrastructure, and tools that can be brought together to provide an "alpha version" of the Digital Earth vision in a limited number of use contexts (e.g., students asking a question about the effects of pollution on their community). The results of this discussion may lead to subsequent Commerce Business Daily requests for proposals.

DATES: The meeting will be held in the USGS main Auditorium on Monday, October 25, 1999, commencing at 8 a.m. and adjourning at 1 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To reserve a space at the meeting, please contact Mr. Mark Reichardt at (703) 648-5742, or via e-mail at mreichardt@usgs.gov. Although the meeting is open to all interested parties, space is limited and will be allocated on a first come basis. Please limit requests to one member of your organization.

Dated: October 6, 1999.

John A. Kelmelis,

Acting Chief, National Mapping Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-010-1430-01; MTM-88157]

Notice of Closure of Public Land to Certain Uses in Yellowstone County, MT

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior

ACTION: Closure of 765 acres of public land to the use of motorized vehicles and mechanized vehicles, the discharge of firearms, horseback riding, hang gliding, and rock climbing.

SUMMARY: Notice is served that public land located approximately one mile directly east of downtown Billings, Montana, known as the Four Dances Natural Area (formerly known as Sacrifice Cliff or the Larsen property), is closed to the use of off-highway vehicles (OHVs) and mechanized vehicles including mountain bicycles, the discharge of any firearms including pellet guns, horseback riding, hang gliding, and rock climbing. The closure will be in effect beginning on November 1, 1999, and remain in effect until public consultation is completed and an activity plan for the area is approved. OHV use includes all types of motor vehicles except for those authorized for administration operations, law enforcement, and property maintenance or other BLM management programs. This closure is necessary to protect public land and adjacent private property, and for public safety. More detailed information, the legal land description and survey plats of the area are on file at the Billings Field Office.

Also, effective November 1, 1999, the Four Dances Natural Area will be open for restricted use as a walk-in area for hiking, picnicking, cross country skiing, and wildlife viewing. The area will be open daily to the public from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset. Camping will be allowed by permit only. Dogs must be leashed and under the control of the owner. Fires and firewood cutting are prohibited.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandra S. Brooks, Field Manager, BLM, Billings Field Office, P.O. Box 36800, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, MT 59107-6800 or call 406-896-5013.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Authority for this action is outlined in sections 302, 303, and 310 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976, (43 U.S.C. 1716) and Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations Subject 8341 (43 CFR 8341.2) and 8364 (43 CFR 8364.1). Any person who fails to comply with this closure is subject to citation or arrest and a fine up to \$1,000 or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months, or both. This closure applies to all persons except persons authorized by the Bureau of Land Management.

Dated: October 6, 1999.

Sandra S. Brooks,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-930-5410-00-ZBKC; CACA 41100]

Conveyance of Mineral Interests in California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of segregation.

SUMMARY: The private land described in this notice, aggregating 51.00 acres, is segregated and made unavailable for filings under the general mining laws and the mineral leasing laws to determine its suitability for conveyance of the reserved mineral interest pursuant to section 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976. The mineral interests will be conveyed in whole or in part upon favorable mineral examination. The purpose is to allow consolidation of surface and subsurface of minerals ownership where there are no known mineral values or in those instances where the reservation interferes with or precludes appropriate nonmineral development and such development is a more beneficial use of the land than the mineral development.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathy Gary, Bureau of Land Management, California State Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825, (916) 978-4677.

Mount Diablo Meridian

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Sec. 7, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

County—Kern

As Reservation—All coal and other minerals.

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