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BLM Seeks Input on Yerington Land Conveyance Environmental Assessment Announcement of Public Workshop

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Carson City District, is seeking input on the *Yerington Land Conveyance Draft Environmental Assessment* (EA). On December 19, 2014, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 (Act) was signed into law. Section 3009 titled the “Northern Nevada Land Conveyances” requires the BLM to convey to the City of Yerington (City) approximately 10,400 acres public lands. The 30-day comment period is from May 11 to June 9, 2015.

The Act requires the BLM to convey the lands to the City within 180 days of enactment; the lands are to be sold at fair market value. The Act requires the BLM to convey all rights, title and interest of the United States in and to the federal land. The conveyance lands are subject to valid existing rights.

The BLM has prepared a Draft EA that analyzes the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects from the conveyance of public lands to the City. Since the enactment of the Act, the BLM has been coordinating with the City to complete a number of pre-conveyance activities including: a cadastral survey, a phase I environmental site assessment, and a mineral potential report.

Concurrently, the BLM has completed an inventory of historic properties and is preparing a Memorandum of Agreement under the National Historic Preservation Act to resolve effects to five sites.

A public workshop will be held on Thursday May 14, 2015, at the Yerington High School multi-purpose room (114 Pearl Street in Yerington, NV). The workshop will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. At 6:45 p.m. a presentation will be conducted. The meeting will be in workshop format and not a hearing. Staff will be available to provide project information and maps will be available for review.

Project information, maps and how to comment can be found on the project website located at: <http://on.doi.gov/JXec8V>.

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