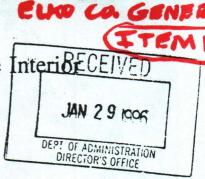
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# United States Department of the

Bureau of Land Management Shoshone Eureka Resource Area 50 Bastian Road P.O. Box 1420 Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820



In Reply Refer To: 4100 (NV-064.09)

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Dear Reader:

The Shoshone-Eureka Resource Area (SERA), Battle Mountain District is continuing to evaluate the monitoring data for grazing allotments this fiscal year to determine if current management practices are meeting the short and long term multiple use objectives established in the Shoshone-Eureka Resource Management Plan (RMP). The Shoshone-Eureka Resource Area Rangeland Program Summary (RPS) describes the livestock, wildlife, and wild horse objectives for each individual grazing allotment.

The evaluation process will result in specific conclusions and technical recommendations which will be incorporated into a signed Grazing Agreement or Multiple Use Decision in the event an agreement among the affected parties cannot be reached. The agreement or multiple use decision will outline the management actions needed to meet the multiple use objectives.

Final multiple use decisions (FMUDs) were issued for the Austin, Cottonwood, and Flynn/Parman Allotments during fiscal year 1995. For the 1995-96 fiscal year we intend to work on the evaluations for the Romano, Black Point, Carico Lake, South Smith Creek, Porter Canyon, and Grass Valley Allotments.

As of August 21, 1995 we are operating under the new Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations (43 CFR). We are in the process of getting these regulations fully implemented. In 43 CFR 4100 "Interested public" means:

An individual, group or organization that has submitted a written request to the authorized officer to be provided an opportunity to be involved in the decision making process for the management of livestock grazing on specific grazing allotments or has submitted written comment to the authorized officer regarding the management of livestock grazing on a specific allotment.

SERA requests those individuals, groups or organizations that are interested in the above allotment to please notify this office. SERA also requests you submit any allotment specific data or allotment specific concerns you may have.

Upon receipt of the allotment specific information from the public, the SERA will complete draft allotment evaluations through the technical recommendations portion of the evaluation format. Approximately one month after the completing of the recommendations portion of the evaluation, the SERA will coordinate the review of the allotment evaluation with the permittee(s) and other interests that requested involvement through an allotment specific response to this inquiry.

The SERA will consider the input received on the evaluations through the coordination process with all previously identified interests and permittee(s), and will prepare the a final evaluation. The final evaluation will be mailed to all on the allotment specific mailing list along with the Management Action Selection Report and the Proposed Agreement or Decision.

If you have any questions please feel free to call Rick Oyler or Bill Lutjens at (702) 635-4000.

Sincerely,

Wayne King Area Manager

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Nevada SAI # 96300114

Project: NORA -- Simplot Land and Cattle Company Land Exchange with BLM

#### **CLEARINGHOUSE NOTES:**

See Other Land Exchange with Simplot Land and Cattle Company -- SAI # 94300072

Enclosed, for your review and comment, is a copy of the above mentioned project. Please evaluate it with respect to its effect on your plans and programs; the importance of its contribution to state and/or local areawide goals and objectives; and its accord with any applicable laws, orders or regulations with which you are familiar.

Please submit your comments no later than <u>March 4, 1996</u>. Use the box below for short comments. If significant comments are provided, please use agency letterhead and include the Nevada SAI number and comment due date for our reference. If you have any questions, please contact either Terri Rodefer, Clearinghouse Environmental Advocate, at 687-4065, or Julie Butler, Clearinghouse Coordinator, 687-6367.

#### THIS SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY REVIEW AGENCY:

No comment on this project	Conference desired (See below)		
Proposal supported as written	Conditional support (See below		
Additional information below	Disapproval (Explain below)		

### **AGENCY COMMENTS:**

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Subject: Shoshone-Eureka Resource Area

Enclosed for your review is a copy of the above-mentioned document. The circulation of this document is for your information only. You are not expected to comment on this document. However, the Clearinghouse Office always welcomes input on pertinent issues. If you have any questions, please contact either Julie Butler, Clearinghouse Coordinator, at 687-6367, or Terri Rodefer, Clearinghouse Environmental Advocate, at 687-4065.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

(NV-930-1430-01; N-57818, N-60555)

Notice of Realty Action: Nevada

AGENCY:

Bureau of Land Management

ACTION: Notice

The following described public lands in Elko County, Nevada, SUMMARY:

administered by the Bureau of Land Management, including the mineral estate with no known value, have been determined to be suitable for disposal by exchange under Section 206 of the Federal Land Policy and

Management Act (FLPMA) of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716).

Mount Diablo Meridian. Nevada

T. 35 N.. R. 68 E..

sec. 2, lots 1-4,  $S_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}}N_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $S_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

T. 36 N., R. 68 E..

sec. 2. lots 1-4.  $S_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}}NE_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{1}{4}}$ ,  $SE_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{1}{4}}NW_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{1}{4}}$ ,  $S_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ;

sec. 8,  $E_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ;

sec. 10, All;

sec. 12. All:

sec. 14.  $NE_{\frac{1}{4}}$ .  $S_{\frac{1}{2}}$ :

sec. 16,  $NW_{4}^{1}NE_{4}^{1}$ ,  $S_{2}^{1}NE_{4}^{1}$ ,  $W_{2}^{1}$ ,  $N_{2}^{1}SE_{4}^{1}$ ,  $SW_{4}^{1}SE_{4}^{1}$ :

sec. 24. All:

sec. 26. All:

sec. 34, All:

sec. 36. All.

T. 37 N.. R. 68 E..

sec. 14, All:

sec. 22. All;

sec. 24, lots 1-4,  $W_{\frac{1}{2}}E_{\frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $W_{\frac{1}{2}}$ :

sec. 26. All:

sec. 28,  $SE_4^1$ ;

sec. 34, lots 1-4,  $N_{\frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $N_{\frac{1}{2}}$ S $_{\frac{1}{2}}$ ;

sec. 36, lots 1-7,  $W_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}}NE_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{1}{4}}$ ,  $NW_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{1}{4}}$ ,  $NW_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{1}{4}}SE_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{1}{4}}$ .

T. 35 N., R. 69 E..

sec. 6, lots 1-7,  $S_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}}NE_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{1}{4}}$ ,  $SE_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{1}{4}}NW_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{1}{4}}$ ,  $E_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}}SW_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{1}{4}}$ ,  $SE_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{1}{4}}$ .

T. 36 N., R. 69 E.,

sec. 2, lots 3, 4,  $S_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}}N_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ;

sec. 6. lots 1-7,  $S_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}}NE_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{1}{4}}$ ,  $SE_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{1}{4}}NW_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{1}{4}}$ ,  $E_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}}SW_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{1}{4}}$ ,  $SE_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{1}{4}}$ ;

sec. 18. lots 1-4,  $E_{\frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $E_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}}W_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ;

sec. 30, lots 1-4,  $E_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $E_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}}W_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

T. 37 N., R. 69 E.,

sec. 18, lots 1, 2, 5-8,  $E_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $E_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

sec. 20. All;

sec. 26, All:

sec. 30. lots 1-4,  $E_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $E_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}}W_{\frac{1}{2}}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ ;

sec. 32. All;

sec. 34,  $N_{\frac{1}{2}}N_{\frac{1}{2}}$ .  $SE_{\frac{1}{4}}NE_{\frac{1}{4}}$ ,  $S_{\frac{1}{2}}SE_{\frac{1}{4}}$ .

Containing 16.626.4 acres. more or less.

In exchange for these lands, the United States will acquire private lands within Elko County from Simplot Land and Cattle Company, located in the following townships:

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 34 N.. R. 68 E.

T. 35 N.. R. 68 E.

T. 34 N., R. 69 E.

T. 35 N., R. 69 E.

T. 36 N., R. 69 E.

T. 37 N., R. 69 E.

T. 35 N., R. 70 E.

T. 36 N., R. 70 E.

T. 37 N., R. 70 E.

A more detailed legal description can be found in the subject case file at the Elko District office. These private offered lands comprise 16,666.389 acres, more or less, and include three existing water rights (certificates 12368, 12641, and 12642) associated with the lands. The mineral estate of the private offered lands, owned by third parties, will not be conveyed under this action.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Further information concerning the exchange, including the environmental assessment, is available for review at the Bureau of Land Management, Elko District Office. 3900 E. Idaho Street, Elko. Nevada.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the exchange is to consolidate the public land ownership pattern in this area to achieve a configuration more conducive to natural resource management by both parties. The resulting pattern of public land ownership will better support the BLM's objective of implementing management on an ecosystem-wide basis, will eliminate or reduce management complexities caused by

intermingled ownership of parcels in the area, and will contribute toward the implementation of the Wells Resource Area Resource Management Plan (RMP) of July, 1985. Consummation of the exchange will serve to acquire private lands which have high values for wildlife, cultural resources, historical, recreation, threatened, endangered, or candidate species, and water resources. The value of the lands to be exchanged is equal.

The patent, when issued, will contain the following reservations to the United States:

- 1. Oil and gas. A more detailed description of this reservation, which will be included in the patent document, is available for review at the Elko District office.
- 2. A right-of-way thereon for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States: Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945). The patent will be subject to:
- 1. An easement for roads and public utilities in favor of Elko County on a strip of land thirty feet in width along the exterior boundary of each parcel.
- 2. The following rights-of-way granted to the right-of-way holders, their successors. or assigns:
  - N-39088. a powerline right-of-way held by Wells Rural Electric Company. granted pursuant to the Act of October 21. 1976;
  - N-41038, a powerline right-of-way held by Raft River Electric Company, granted pursuant to the Act of October 21, 1976:

- N-47793, a telephone line right-of-way held by Beehive Telephone Company, granted pursuant to the Act of October 21, 1976;
- N-52499, an access road right-of-way held by Elko County.
  granted pursuant to the Act of October 21, 1976:
- N-60439, a range improvement fence right-of-way reservation held by the United States, granted pursuant to the Act of October 21, 1976.

The conveyance of public lands in T. 37 N., R. 69 E., sec. 18 will be made under the conditions of a conservation easement in order to protect the integrity of a wildlife improvement project and to preserve habitat characteristics within the section by precluding surface development for a period of thirty years.

The disposal of the above described public land will result in the adjustment of the grazing preference of the following grazing permits:

<u>Permittee</u>	Allotment	Adjustment
Larry Schutte	Big Springs	0 AUMs
H&R Livestock	Leppy Hills	+104 AUMs
Simplot Land & Cattle Co.	Pilot	-697 AUMs

Simplot Land and Cattle Company was notified by letter dated June 1. 1995 that this reduction would be necessary.

The subject public lands have been segregated from all appropriations under the public land laws including the mining law.

For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the <u>Federal Register</u>, interested parties may submit comments to the District Manager, Elko District Office, P.O. Box 831, Elko, NV 89803.

All objections will be reviewed by the State Director, who may sustain. vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of timely filed objections, this realty action shall become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

Dated: January 26, 1996

HELEN HANKINS

District Manager

