DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Notification of Public Meetings; Oregon

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On behalf of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the United States Forest Service (USFS), the Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management proposes to withdraw, subject to valid existing rights, approximately 5,216.18 acres of BLM-managed public domain and Revested Oregon California Railroad lands (O&C) and 95,805.53 acres of National Forest System lands for 5 years to preserve the status quo while Congress considers legislation to permanently withdraw those areas.

Public Domain Lands

Willamette Meridian

T. 36 S., R. 13 W.
Sec. 2, lots 1 to 7, inclusive, S\%\%NE\%\%; N\%\%SW\%\%; SE\%\%SW\%\%; and SW\%\%

Sec. 1, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, S\%\%N\%\%, N\%\%SW\%\%, SE\%\%SW\%\%, and SE\%

Sec. 2, lots 1 and 2, S\%\%NE\%\%, and E\%\%SE\%

Sec. 11, E\%

Sec. 12, E\%\%W\%\%, NE\%\%SW\%\%, and S\%\%W\%

Sec. 13, N\%\%N\%\% and SE\%

Sec. 14, NE\%\%NE\%\% and SE\%\%W\%\%

Sec. 23, SE\%\%SE\%

Sec. 24, NE\%\%NE\%\%, S\%\%NE\%\%, NW\%\%NW\%\%, S\%\%NW\%\%, and S\%

T. 40 S., R. 8 W.
Sec. 18, SW\%\%NE\%\%W\%\%; W\%\%N\%\%; SE\%\%NE\%\%; W\%\%; and W\%\%SE\%

Sec. 19, NW\%\%E\%

Sec. 20, NW\%\%W\%

T. 41 S., R. 9 W.
Sec. 3, lots 2, 3, and 4, and S\%\%NW\%

Sec. 9.

Revested Oregon California Railroad Grant Lands (O&C)

Willamette Meridian

T. 39 S., R. 8 W.
Sec. 31, un-numbered lots in the W\%\%SW\%\% and W\%\%SW\%\%; E\%\%NW\%\%, and NE\%\%SW\%\%

T. 40 S., R. 8 W.
Sec. 7, lots 1 and 2, E\%\%SW\%\%, SW\%\%SW\%\%, and SW\%\%SE\%

Sec. 17, W\%\%NE\%\%; SE\%\%NE\%\%; W\%\%; and NW\%\%SE\%

The areas described aggregate approximately 5,216.18 acres, more or less, in Curry and Josephine Counties.

Siskiyou National Forest

Willamette Meridian

T. 36 S., R. 13 W.
Sec. 19, lots 2 to 6, 12, 13, 15, and 16, inclusive;

Sec. 20, SW\%\%E\%\%; NW\%\%, and SW\%\%SE\%

Sec. 21, E\%\% and SE\%\%SW\%

Sec. 29, NW\%

Sec. 30 and 31;

Protraction Blocks 43 to 46, inclusive.

T. 37 S., R. 13 W.
Secs. 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, 20, 21, 28, and 29;

Protraction Blocks 39 thru 51, inclusive.

T. 38 S., R. 13 W.
Sec. 5, SW\%

Sec. 6, lots 1 to 7, inclusive, S\%\%NE\%\%; SE\%\%NW\%\%; E\%\%SW\%\%; and SE\%

Sec. 7, lots 1, 2, 3, and 5, NE\%\%; E\%\%NW\%\%; NE\%\%SW\%\%; NE\%\%SW\%\%; NE\%\%SW\%\%; SE\%\%NW\%\%; SE\%\%SW\%\%; and SE\%\%SE\%\%

Sec. 8, N\%

T. 39 S., R. 9 W.
Sec 19;

Sec. 20, SW\%\%NE\%\%; NW\%\%; SW\%\%; and W\%\%SE\%

Sec. 29 to 32, inclusive;

Sec. 35, NE\%\%NE\%\%, S\%\%NE\%\%, SW\%\%, and SE\%

T. 39 S., R. 10 W.
Protraction Block 46.

T. 40 S., R. 9 W.
Sec. 1, un-numbered lots in the N\%\%NE\%\% and N\%\%NW\%\%; SW\%\%NE\%\%; S\%\%NW\%\%; SW\%\%; and W\%\%SE\%

Sec. 2, lots 1 to 7, inclusive, SW\%\%NE\%\%; S\%\%NW\%\%; SW\%\%; and W\%\%SE\%

Sec. 3, lots 1 and 2, S\%\%NE\%\%; S\%\%NW\%\%; and S\%

Sec. 4, S\%\%NE\%\%, S\%\%NW\%\%, and S\%

Congress considers legislation to permanently withdraw those areas. Such legislation is currently pending in the 114th Congress as S. 346 and H.R. 682 and identified as the “Southwestern Oregon Watershed and Salmon Protection Act of 2015.” Subject to valid existing rights, this notice segregates the lands described below for 2 years from settlement, sale, location, and entry under the public land laws, location and entry under the United States mining laws, and operation of the mineral and geothermal leasing laws. This notice gives the public an opportunity to comment on the application and also provides notification of future public meetings.

DATES: Comments must be made by September 28, 2015. A notice of public meetings will be announced at a later date as described in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to the Bureau of Land Management, Oregon State Office, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208-2965.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael L. Barnes, Barnes, Oregon State Office, Bureau of Land Management, at 503–808–6155 or by email mnbarnes@blm.gov or Candice Polisky, USFS Pacific Northwest Region, at 503–808–2479. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to reach either of the above individuals. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The applicant is the Bureau of Land Management and its petition/ application requests the Secretary to withdraw, subject to valid existing rights, the following described public domain, O&C, and National Forest System lands from settlement, sale, location, and entry under the public land laws, location and entry under the United States mining laws, and operation of the mineral and geothermal leasing laws for 5 years to preserve the status quo while Congress considers legislation to permanently withdraw those areas:

Oregon

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Any party claiming a property interest in the lands affected by the decision may appeal the decision in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4 within the following time limits:

1. Unknown parties, parties unable to be located after reasonable efforts have been expended to locate, parties who fail or refuse to sign their return receipt, and parties who receive a copy of the decision by regular mail which is not certified, return receipt requested, shall have until July 29, 2015 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4 shall be deemed to have waived their rights. Notices of appeal transmitted by electronic means, such as facsimile or email, will not be accepted as timely filed.

Richard Thwaites,
Land Transfer Resolution Specialist, Division of Lands and Cadastral.
Notice is hereby given that there will be several public meetings held in connection with the proposed withdrawal. A notice of the times and places of the public meetings will be announced at least 30 days in advance in advance in the Federal Register and through local media, newspapers, and the BLM and the USFS Web sites.

For a period until June 29, 2017, subject to valid existing rights, the public and National Forest System lands described in this notice will be segregated from settlement, sale, location, and entry under the public land laws, location and entry under the United States mining laws, and operation of the mineral and geothermal leasing laws, unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date.

Licenses, permits, cooperative agreements, or discretionary land use authorizations of a temporary nature that will not significantly impact the values to be protected by the withdrawal may be allowed with the approval of the authorized officer of the BLM or the USFS during the temporary segregation period.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR part 2200.