Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4216, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708–0477.

- **Reason Waived:** A waiver was requested and granted to extend the due date for Quechan Housing Authority’s 2017 Indian Housing Plan because of exigent circumstances in order to provide flexibility to address the needs of the Indian Tribe.

  **Contact:** Becky Primeaux, GM Specialist, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 1132 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813, telephone (808) 457–4674.

  **Reason Waived:** DDHL was granted a 30-day extension to the due date to complete the subrecipient monitoring and allow public comment on the APR.

  **Contact:** Claudine Allen, Program Specialist, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 1132 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813, telephone (808) 457–4674.

**Bureau of Land Management**

- **Reason Waived:** This waiver was granted for the FHIC’s fiscal year ending August 29, 2016. The waiver was approved because of circumstances beyond the PHA’s control and to prevent additional administrative burdens for the PHA and field office.

  **Contact:** Becky Primeaux, Housing Voucher Management and Operations Division, Office of Public Housing and Voucher Programs, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4216, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708–0477.

  **Reason Waived:** This waiver was granted for the THA’s fiscal year ending August 29, 2016. The waiver was approved because of circumstances beyond the THA’s control and to prevent additional administrative burdens for the PHA and field office.

  **Contact:** Becky Primeaux, Housing Voucher Management and Operations Division, Office of Public Housing and Voucher Programs, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW., Room 4216, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708–0477.

**SUMMARY:** This order extends the duration of the withdrawal created by Public Land Order No. 7254, as corrected and amended, for an additional 20-year period, which would otherwise expire on April 9, 2017. Public Land Order No. 7254 withdrew 19,686.09 acres of public mineral estate in Toole and Liberty Counties, Montana from location and entry under the United States mining laws, but not from leasing under the mineral leasing laws. This extension is necessary to continue to protect the Sweet Grass Hills Area of Critical Environmental Concern and surrounding areas located in Toole and Liberty Counties, Montana.

**DATES:** This Public Land Order is effective on April 10, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339 to contact either of the above individuals. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose for which the withdrawal was first made requires this extension to continue to protect the unique resources within the Sweet Grass Hills Area of Critical Environmental Concern and surrounding areas. The lands will remain open to the mineral and geothermal leasing laws and mineral materials disposal under the Materials Act.

**Order**

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, it is ordered as follows:

**Public Land Order No. 7254** (62 FR 17633 (1997)), as corrected (62 FR 22964 (1997)), and amended (81 FR 796 (2016)), which withdrew 19,686.09 acres of public mineral estate in Toole and Liberty Counties, Montana from location and entry under the United States mining laws, is hereby extended for an additional 20-year period. The withdrawal extended by this order will expire on April 9, 2037, unless, as a result of a review conducted prior to the expiration date pursuant to Section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be further extended.

Dated: November 21, 2016.

Janice M. Schneider,
Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management.

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