DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has approved the establishment of Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge in Bibb County, Alabama.

DATES: This action was effective on December 23, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dwight Cooley, Project Leader, Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge, c/o Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge, 2700 Refuge Headquarters Road, Decatur, Alabama 35603; telephone: 256/353–7243; fax: 256/340–9728; e-mail: Dwight–Cooley@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has approved the establishment of Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge to (1) conserve, enhance, and restore the native aquatic and terrestrial community characteristics of the Cahaba River; (2) to conserve, enhance, and restore habitat to maintain and assist in the recovery of animals and plants that are listed as threatened or endangered species; (3) to ensure that hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, and environmental education and interpretation are the priority general public uses of the refuge when providing opportunities for compatible fish- and wildlife-oriented recreation; and (4) to encourage the use of volunteers and to facilitate partnerships among the Service, local communities, conservation organizations, and other non-federal entities when promoting public awareness of the refuge’s resources and those of the National Wildlife Refuge System.


Sam D. Hamilton, Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Red River National Wildlife Refuge

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service; Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has approved the establishment of Red River National Wildlife Refuge, located along the Red River Waterway in Caddo, Bossier, Red River, Natchitoches, and De Soto Parishes, Louisiana.

DATES: This action was effective on December 23, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George Chandler, Project Leader, Red River National Wildlife Refuge, c/o North Louisiana Refuges’ Complex, 11372 Highway 143, Farmerville, Louisiana 71241; telephone: 318/726–4222, fax: 318/726–4667, e-mail: George_Chandler@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service has approved the establishment of Red River National Wildlife Refuge to provide for the restoration and conservation of native plant and animal communities on suitable sites in the Red River Valley, including restoration of extirpated species; to provide habitat to more than 350 species of birds (including migratory and resident waterfowl, shorebirds, and neotropical migratory birds), aquatic life, and a wide array of other species associated with river basin ecosystems; and to provide technical to private landowners in the restoration of their lands for the benefit of fish and wildlife.


Sam D. Hamilton, Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV–930–4210–05; N–59080, N–6721]

Notice of Realty Action: Partial Transfer of Patent/Change of Use for Recreation and Public Purposes

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management. ACTION: Recreation and public purpose partial transfer of patent/change of use.

SUMMARY: The following described public land in Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada was patented to the Clark County School District for recreational or public purposes under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 86 et seq.) in Patent #27–73–0067 (N–6721), dated May 11, 1973. The City of Las Vegas, a qualified recreation and public purpose holder, proposes to develop the transferred land as a public park according to the plan of development for case file #N–59080. The school district wishes to transfer a portion of this patented land to the City of Las Vegas. The change of use will be from a public school to a public park.

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 21 S., R. 60 E., sec 2, SW¼NE¼SW¼ Containing 10 acres, more or less.

The land is not required for any federal purpose. The partial transfer of patent/change of use is consistent with current Bureau planning for this area and would be in the public interest. The patent, when transferred, will be subject to the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, and will contain the following reservations to the United States, as detailed in the original patent: and will be subject to:

1. An easement 30 feet in width along the south boundary; and an easement 30 feet in width along the west boundary in favor of the City of Las Vegas for roads, public utilities and flood control purposes.

Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada. For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register, interested parties...