DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service


AGENCY: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Refuge Improvement Act of 1997, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has published final Comprehensive Conservation Plans and Environmental Assessments for Wyandotte National Wildlife Refuge (NWR); Rydell NWR; and Shiawassee NWR, which includes the Michigan Wetland Management District. These plans are the result of the Service’s efforts to develop comprehensive conservation plans for each refuge within the National Wildlife Refuge System. Comprehensive conservation plans guide management decisions over the course of 15 years. They identify refuge goals and objectives, and public input is the foundation of the planning process. A copy of the Shiawassee NWR Comprehensive Conservation Plan is available for review at the Shiawassee NWR office of the Bureau of Land Management, Saginaw, Michigan, 48601, or by submitting a request electronically to fws3shiawassee@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information on either the Shiawassee NWR or Wyandotte NWR comprehensive conservation plans, contact Doug Spencer, Refuge Manager, at the address above or call the Refuge at 989/777-5930. For additional information related to the Rydell NWR plan, contact Rick Julian, Refuge Manager, at the address listed above or call the Refuge at 218/687-2229. Additional information related to the Michigan Wetland Management District, contact Jim Hudgins, Project Leader, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, 2651 Coolidge Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823, or call 517/351-4230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 1997, Congress mandated that the Service prepare a comprehensive conservation plan for each refuge within the National Wildlife Refuge System. Comprehensive conservation plans guide management decisions over the course of 15 years. They identify refuge goals and objectives as well as strategies for achieving those goals and objectives. Plans will be reviewed and updated at least every 15 years. Public input is the foundation of the planning process, and there were many opportunities for public involvement as plans were developed for Shiawassee, Wyandotte, and Rydell National Wildlife Refuges. The plans provide other agencies and the public with a clear understanding of the desired conditions of each Refuge and how the Service will implement management strategies.


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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Realty Action: Recreation and Public Purposes R&PP Act Classification; New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The following public lands in Taos County, New Mexico have been examined and found suitable for classification for lease or conveyance to Taos County, under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.). Taos County proposes to use the lands for waste transfer sites.

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 24 N., R. 11 E.
Sec. 33, within NENE.

T. 24 N., R. 9 E.
Sec. 8, within SENE.

Containing approximately 2.5 acres.

The lands are not needed for Federal Purposes. Lease or conveyance is consistent with current BLM land use planning and would be in the public interest.

The lease/conveyance, when issued, will be subject to the following terms, conditions and reservations:

1. Provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

2. A right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States.

3. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals.

4. Those rights for a road right-of-way granted to New Mexico State Highway Department by Permit No. NM—027705.

5. Those rights for a road right-of-way granted to New Mexico State Highway Department by Permit No. NMSP—0074775.

6. Those rights for a buried telephone line granted to Valor Telecom of NM LLC by Permit No. NM—068575.

Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, Taos Resource Area, 226 Cruz Alta, Taos, NM 87571.

Upon publication of this notice in the Federal Register, the lands will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease or conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws. For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register, interested persons may submit comments regarding the proposed lease/conveyance or classification of the lands to the Field Office Manager, BLM Taos Office, 226 Cruz Alta Road, Taos, New Mexico 87571.

Classification Comments

Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for waste transfer sites for Taos County. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the land is physically suited for the proposal, whether the use will maximize the future use or uses of the land, whether the use is consistent with local planning and zoning, or if the use is consistent with State and Federal programs.

Application Comments

Interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific use