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BLM REQUESTS COMMENTS ON PROPOSED FALL LAND SALE

Ten parcels comprising approximately 1500 acres of BLM-administered public lands in Elko, Lander and Eureka Counties are proposed to be sold this fall. The parcels range in size from 40 acres to 320 acres.

BLM Elko Field Office began meeting with local governments more than a year ago to discuss plans for land sales. Now the BLM is seeking public comment concerning the proposed land sales.

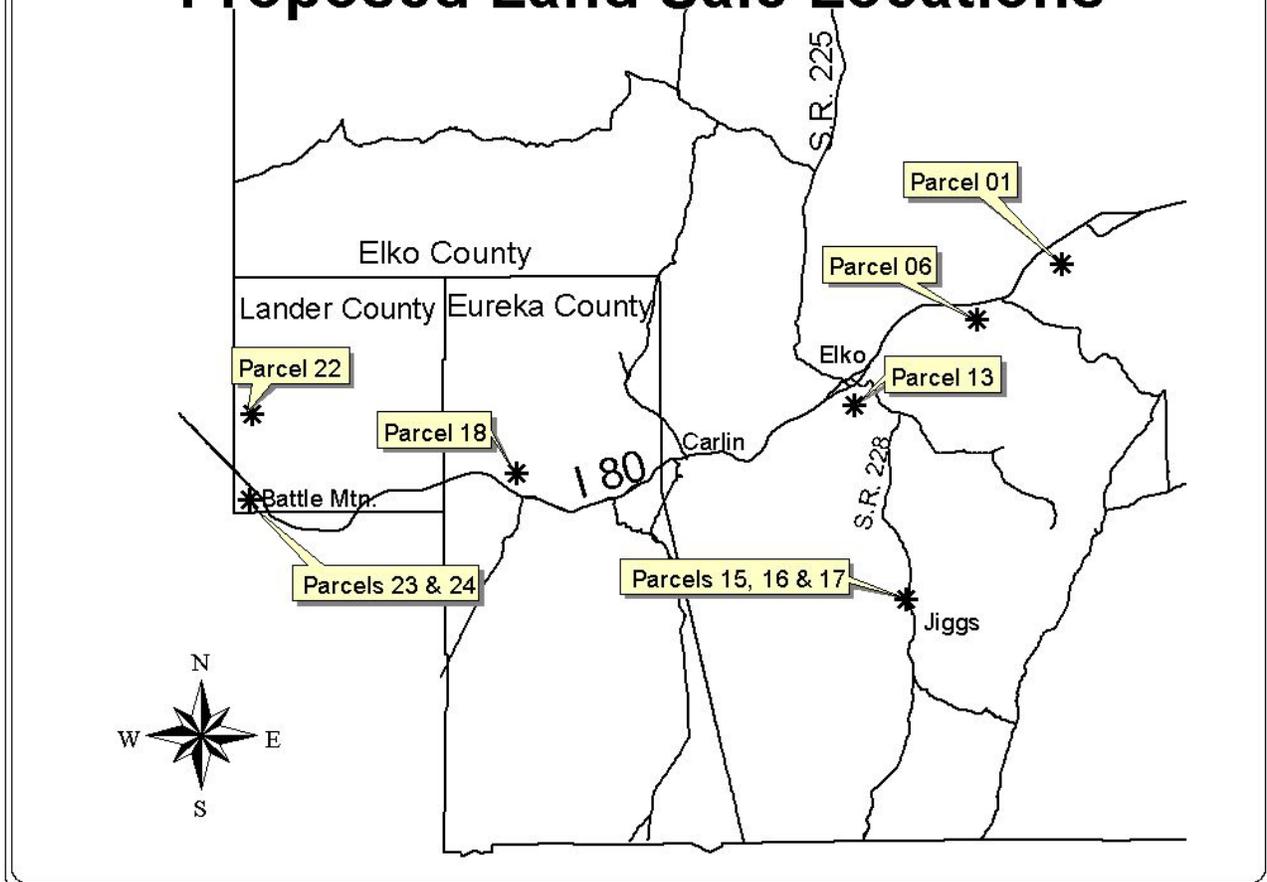
“The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) provides for sale authority for public lands that are uneconomic or difficult parcels to manage,” said BLM Elko Field Manager Helen Hankins. “Under FLMPA, 100 percent of the proceeds from the sale of land is deposited directly to the U.S. Treasury general fund and is not available to local field offices to use to process sale requests.”

Hankins continued, “The Federal Land Transaction Facilitation Act of 2000 (also called the ‘Baca Bill’) established a funding mechanism to pay BLM’s administrative costs. The lands have to have been identified in approved land use plans as of July 25, 2000. There has also been an increasing interest in selling federally managed land in Elko County.”

When public land sales are conducted under Baca, the proceeds from the sale of public lands in Nevada mostly stay in Nevada. Four percent of the total proceeds from a Baca sale are paid to the Nevada state school fund. Eighty percent of the remaining proceeds go to BLM Nevada for the purchase of environmentally sensitive lands, or interests in lands such as conservation easements. The other 20 percent may go in the Federal Land Disposal account for use by all states.

The Elko Field Office parcels will be sold in a competitive fashion, unless there are just reasons that would warrant a different type of sale method (modified competitive [meet the high bid] or direct). The minimum bid will begin at the appraised fair market value. No bids lower than the appraised value will be accepted.

Proposed Land Sale Locations



Parcel #	Township	Range	Section	Location
01	37	60	30	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$
06	35	57	4	Lots 2, 3 and 4, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$
13	34	55	24	W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$
15	30	56	10 15	S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$
16	29	56	12	NW $\frac{1}{4}$
17	29	56	35	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$
18	33	49	30	Lots 3 and 4
22	34	44	36	NE $\frac{1}{4}$
23	32	44	2	Lots 3 and 4, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$
24	32	44	12 13	Lots 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 19 NE $\frac{1}{4}$

The environmental assessment is currently being prepared for the parcels that are proposed for sale. The sale dates are targeted for some time this fall depending on completion of the analysis. There will be official notices with dates, times, and requirements of the sale published at a later time.

For questions, more information, to receive a map and/or detailed list of the parcels with legal descriptions, or to comment on the proposed sales, please contact Jason Allen by phone - (775) 753-0235, by email – Jason_Allen@nv.blm.gov, or by mail - 3900 Idaho St., Elko, NV, 89801. Comments are due by the close of business on June 23, 2003.

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