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BLM announces sale of 1030 acres in Las Vegas on June 5

LAS VEGAS --- The federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the sale of 1030 acres of public land in Las Vegas scheduled for June 5 in the Clark County Commission Chambers, 500 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, Nevada. The combined acreage is appraised at \$132.8 million and consists of 36 separate parcels ranging in size from 2.5 acres to 490 acres.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the oral auction begins at 10 a.m. June 5. The highest qualifying bidder for each parcel must deposit 20 percent of the amount bid by 4:15 p.m. June 5. The remainder of the full bid price must be paid within 180 calendar days of the sale date.

The 490-acre parcel is appraised at \$58.8 million and is roughly located south of Kyle Canyon Road and west of Interstate 95. Grand Teton Drive is the parcel's northern boundary, Centennial Parkway is its southern boundary, and Hualapai Way is its eastern boundary. On the west is the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area.

A 247-acre parcel is appraised at \$34.1 million and is roughly located south of Highway 160 (The Pahrump Highway), north of the Southern Highlands development and west of Interstate 15. Decatur Blvd. is the parcel's eastern boundary, Jones is the western boundary, Gomer Road is the northern boundary and Cactus Avenue is the southern boundary.

A 70-acre parcel is appraised at \$7 million and is roughly located south of Highway 160 and west of Interstate 15. Gomer Road is the parcel's southern boundary, Serene Avenue is the northern boundary, Lindell Road is the eastern boundary and Jones Blvd. is the western boundary.

The most affordable parcel is a 2.5-acre lot located at Mohawk Street and Agate Avenue, which appraised at \$140,000.

The 1998 Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act, or SNPLMA, directs the public land auction. The BLM has administered 12 previous land sale events, seven public auctions and five Internet land sales. Those combined sales have raised \$220.4 million to date and have disposed of 7805 acres of public land through sale and exchange in the greater Las Vegas Valley.

Each parcel will be offered by sealed bid and at oral auction. All sealed bids must be received at the BLM Las Vegas Field Office no later than 4:15 p.m. PDT, June 3. The field office is located at 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas NV 89130. Sealed bid envelopes must be marked on the lower front left corner with the parcel number and sale date. Bids must be for not less than the appraised fair market value and a separate bid must be submitted for each parcel desired.

Each sealed bid must be accompanied by a certified check, money order, bank draft or cashier's check payable to the Bureau of Land Management for not less than 10 percent of the amount bid. The highest qualified sealed bid for each parcel becomes the starting bid at the oral auction June 5.

The monies raised by the sales are used for the purchase and protection of environmentally sensitive land in Nevada with an emphasis on Clark County, to complete projects at the federally managed national recreation and conservation areas which surround Las Vegas, to fund the development of the Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan, and funds the development of parks, trails, and natural areas in and around Las Vegas. In 2002 the Clark County Conservation of Public Lands and Natural Resources Act amended SNPLMA to allow the federal government to fund conservation initiatives for the first time this year.

The BLM and the other federal land management agencies and local governments have proposed to spend \$296 million to complete the projects under the preliminary recommendation for Round 4 of the SNPLMA. Specific information about the proposed expenditures is available at www.nv.blm.gov/SNPLMA and at the BLM's Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas NV 89130.

Public comment on the proposed expenditures continues through May 19, at which time the regional directors of the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service California-Nevada Operations Manager and the BLM Nevada State Director will meet to consider the public comments and agree on a final recommendation to present to the Interior Secretary Gale Norton.

SNPLMA provides 10 percent of the land sale proceeds to the Southern Nevada Water Authority and 5 percent to the State of Nevada Permanent School Trust Fund. Thus far BLM Nevada has disbursed \$23.3 million to the water authority and \$14 million to the state's school fund. SNPLMA likewise funds the restoration and preservation of Lake Tahoe under the provisions of the Santini-Burton legislation. Thus far, the BLM has provided \$40 million to help preserve Lake Tahoe through Las Vegas land sales under the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act.