



UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Land and Survey Office  
Spokane, Washington

April 16, 1953

Editor  
Yakima Republic  
Yakima, Wash.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed for possible interest to your readers is a  
press release regarding sale of Government town lots at Wallula,  
adjacent to McNary Lake.

Very truly yours,

*Fremont W. Merewether*

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Area Manager

Enclosures

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
Portland, Oregon

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For immediate release

LOTS AT WALLULA TOWNSITE TO BE SOLD

Roscoe E. Bell, Regional Administrator of the Bureau of Land Management has announced that a public sale will be held May 14 of the unappropriated town lots in the townsite of Wallula, Washington, under the provisions of 2382 to 2386 revised statutes.

According to Bell's statement, preemption claimants have made preemption entry for approximately 52 of the lots and there remains approximately 200 unentered lots which will be offered for sale at public auction at the Walla Walla County Service Building, 312 North Main Street, Walla Walla, Washington, starting at 10:00 a.m., May 14, 1953, and continuing until all lots are offered. Any qualified person including preemption claimants may purchase lots for which he is the highest bidder not exceeding 6 lots in blocks 3, 4, 5, and 10, zoned commercial and 4 lots in blocks 1, 2, 6, and 9, zoned residential. No lot will be sold for less than the minimum price of \$10.00.

Every individual purchasing a lot will be required to furnish evidence that he is a citizen of the United States or that he has declared his intention to become a citizen, and every corporation purchasing a lot will be required to furnish evidence, including a certified copy of its articles of corporation, showing that it is organized under the laws of the United States or some state, territory, or possession thereof, and that it is authorized to acquire and hold real estate in the State of Washington.

Bell said that bids and payments may be made in person or by agent but may not be made by mail or at any time or place other than that fixed by the public notice as above stated.



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Room 209 Federal Building  
Spokane 1, Washington

Information  
Press Release

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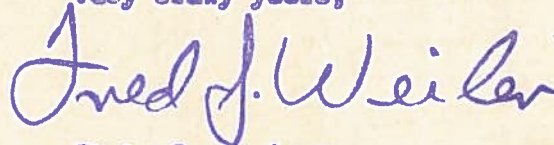
Editor,

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a press release containing information which may possibly be of interest to your readers.

In the event you should run a story on this subject, I would appreciate it very much if you would forward me a clipping and a notation as to the date it was run.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fred J. Weiler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "F" and "W".

State Supervisor

Enclosure - Press Release

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P R E S S - R E L E A S E

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Approximately five-hundred (500) persons holding small tracts leases in the Richland, Washington Area, may now apply for title to their lands, it was announced by Fred J. Weller, State Supervisor for the Bureau of Land Management.

Lands in question were originally opened for entry in 1954 and were leased for a period of three (3) years for homesite purposes. The leases contained an option to purchase clause, effective only if habitable houses and other improvements satisfactory to the Bureau of Land Management were constructed on the land. Most of the lots were taken up immediately after they became available, by Veterans of the World War II, who were given preference rights, Weller stated, but little development has taken place because of the difficulty in obtaining financial loans for construction of houses on lands to which title was still vested in the Government. Shortly after the leases were issued, the lessees organized a group called the Willamette Heights Association and banded together to try to develop the area in an orderly fashion. Funds were raised for such purposes as subdivisional surveys, and just recently they managed to prevail upon the Planning Commission and the Board of Commissioners of Benton County to amend the County Zoning Law so as to raise the land from an "unclassified" status to "suburban", thus insuring an orderly residential development.

Immediately after this action, State Supervisor Weller reclassified the lands in order that they could be sold direct, removing the requirement that



housing be constructed before title could be applied for. During the course of the reclassification, the lands were reappraised with a 20% increase in price. The lots in question range in size from 1.65 to 5 acres, and the price from \$48.00 to \$2400.00.

The action taken, Weiler explained, will be advantageous to everyone. The lessees will benefit by being able to obtain financial assistance for a housing construction and by having their investment protected, because of the rezoning, by insuring that substandard improvements are not constructed in the area. The County will benefit by getting the lands onto the tax rolls at an early date and by having building and zoning standards in existence at the time title is passed. The Bureau of Land Management will also benefit by reduction of the cost of administering the land and by being relieved of the necessity for inspecting improvements on the 500 lots. Also important, Weiler said, is the fact that responsibility for development of the lands will be transferred into the hands of the local authorities who are best acquainted with local needs and conditions.

The sale of the lots will be handled by the Land Office, Weiler said, and Robert Officer, the Land Office Manager, has already started sending instructions to each individual lessee. Officer requested that inquiries in regard to the lands be held to a minimum, explaining that it will take a week or more before the 500 odd letters can be prepared in the Land Office. Approximately twenty (20) lots presently unleased and other lots which may be made available by termination of existing leases, will be sold at Public Auction at a time or place to be announced later.



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WILDLIFE ON THE PUBLIC LANDS

We want you to have this complimentary copy of Wildlife on the Public Lands because we believe that it will be of special interest to you.

The first publication of its kind, it employs unusually fine wildlife photographs and a popular literary style to illustrate the relationship of wildlife to multiple use resource management. While not a reference work in the usual sense, this booklet is one that you will want to keep. As soon as you glance through it, chances are you will think of others who probably would like to have copies. Tell them about it. The price is nominal, only 35 cents per copy. Orders can be placed with the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20240.

The Bureau of Land Management employs this wildlife booklet as one means to provide information about the characteristics of the public lands, their resources, and how they are managed. Official sanction to the principle of multiple use management of the public lands was given last month in Public Law 88-607.

Sincerely yours,

*Robert D. Hostetter*

Robert D. Hostetter  
Resource Utilization Specialist

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BLM BOOKLET ILLUSTRATES WILDLIFE AND HABITAT

Desert, tundra, grassland, or forest--wherever wildlife is found in western America, these places are described in a new booklet published by the Bureau of Land Management.

Illustrated with more than 50 full-color photographs and drawings, the 36-page booklet tells how animals, birds, and fish live on the 465 million acres managed by BLM. It tells how they adapted their ways to the encroachment of civilization as well as to their natural environments.

Russell E. Getty, director of BLM operations in Oregon and Washington, said that the booklet was prepared to acquaint children, outdoor enthusiasts, and others with the various kinds of wild creatures and their dependence on the land.

"From avocets to wapiti, truly outstanding wildlife pictures are used to illustrate the many kinds of wildlife, nature's pyramid, the cycle of life, and the dependence of wildlife populations on the carrying capacity of the land," he stated.

"Written in an interesting, popular style, the booklet nonetheless contains factual data that will expand the knowledge of most people," Getty observed.

As resource manager for 60 percent of all Federal lands, BLM provides

multiple use management under a wide variety of situations, but in all cases takes wildlife values into consideration, according to Getty.

The booklet, Wildlife on the Public Lands, may be purchased for 35 cents from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C., 20240.

A series of 50 colored Western Wildlife slides, including many of the pictures in the booklet, can be borrowed by schools or other groups from any Bureau of Land Management office.

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