

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management
Room 680 Bon Marche Building
Spokane 1, Washington

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (released Wash., D.C. 5/31/61)

UNITED STATES CUTS PRICE TAG ON FEDERAL
LANDS FOR STATE AND LOCAL PARKS

In a major move to stimulate expansion of the nation's public recreation facilities, Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall today announced that state and local governments in the public land states that agree to dedicate new parks to use by all Americans will be able to purchase recreation areas from the national land reserve for \$2.50 an acre, or lease them for 25 cents an acre per year.

In the past, regulations required that state and local governments pay as high as 50 percent of the fair market value for recreation lands, and Udall asserted that this had practically stopped the "wise practice" of sorting out lands and of getting those suitable for state or local parks into local control. Udall noted that during 1960 only 1,954 acres of land were set aside for state or local parks under this program. He termed this a "very poor record" in light of the pressing need to strengthen all of our park systems.

The new pricing schedule is based on the well established need for greatly expanded public recreation facilities and realization that one of the major stumbling blocks to state and local recreation programs has been their inability to finance expensive land acquisitions plus the necessary improvements and facilities for the public, the Secretary said.

Secretary Udall said the new pricing programs marked a major step by his Department to fulfill the Federal government's full responsibilities

in meeting the Nation's expanding needs for outdoor recreation facilities as spelled out by President Kennedy in his special message to the Congress on Natural Resources.

This action is also in concert with the studies being made by the National Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission and with the Department's surveys of recreation needs, Secretary Udall said.

The lands affected are now administered by the Department's Bureau of Land Management and may be purchased or leased by states or local governments under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act. Most of the lands involved are located in 11 western states and Alaska, though small acreages exist in Minnesota, Louisiana, Florida, Arkansas, Alabama, and Wisconsin.

The price of \$2.50 an acre represents a minimal value which, combined with the perpetual reversionary clause in the land patents and required development of recreational facilities, will fully protect the public interest in the lands, Secretary Udall said.

National Park Service Director Conrad L. Wirth, whose agency works closely with state and local park and recreation groups, said that the new pricing program would offer strong incentive to local governments to speed up and expand their public recreation programs. State and local governments should now be in much better position to undertake construction and maintenance of recreation facilities for local use, Director Wirth said.

Bureau of Land Management Director Karl S. Landstrom explained that if a state or local government buys or leases public lands for recreation development, it will have to agree to maintain the lands open to public recreation without discrimination or favor. As provided by a recent Act of Congress, the lands must forever be dedicated to public recreation use or they may revert to the Federal Government.

No more than a reasonable charge may be made for the use of facilities on the land (whether by concession or otherwise) and entrance fees may not exceed those charged at similar state or local installations. In addition, the state or local government must agree to develop and manage the lands in accordance with an approved program of utilization including statement of need, statement of purposes and objectives, plan of development, plan of operation, time schedules, etc., Director Landstrom said.

States or local governments may apply for lands from the national land reserve by filing applications for specific areas with local Bureau of Land Management offices. Under the law, States may obtain up to 6,400 acres a year for state parks, involving not more than three sites. For calendar year 1960 through 1962 the limit was temporarily raised to 12,800 acres in not more than six sites, plus any additional lands that may be needed for small roadside parks and rest areas.

County and local governments may obtain up to 640 acres a year for recreation purposes. During 1960, 1,954 acres were patented to states and local governments under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, Landstrom noted.

Dennis Hess, Officer in Charge of the Spokane Office, Bureau of Land Management, reports that the Spokane Office is now processing applications for the State Park and Recreation Commission, and State Department of Game for recreational areas on Conconully Lake, Palmer Lake, Patterson Lake, Yakima River, Satus Pass, Sun Lakes, Beacon Rock State Park, Leadbetter Point on Willapa Bay, Point Roberts in Georgia Strait, San Juan Islands, Klickitat River, Colockum Game Range and Ginkgo State Park. Investigation

is also being made of the recreational possibilities and interest by the State for recreational development of public lands on Pearrygin Lake and on the Grande Ronde River.

Both the State Park and Recreation Commission and the State Department of Game have expressed a great interest in acquiring Federal lands for recreational development now that the land can be acquired at \$2.50 per acre, according to Mr. Hess.

XXXXXX

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management
Spokane Field Office
Room 680 Bon Marche Building
Spokane 1, Washington

NOTICE OF PROPOSED WITHDRAWAL AND RESERVATION OF LANDS

The Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture, has filed an application, Serial Number WASHINGTON 04313, for the withdrawal of the lands described below, from all forms of location, prospecting, or entry under the general mining laws. The applicant desires the land for the construction of the North Cross-State Highway zone.

For a period of 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to the undersigned officer of the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, Room 680 Bon Marche Building, Spokane 1, Washington.

If circumstances warrant it, a public hearing will be held at a convenient time and place, which will be announced.

The determination of the Secretary on the application will be published in the Federal Register. A separate notice will be sent to each interested party of record.

The lands involved in the application are:

Willamette Meridian
Okanogan National Forest

- T. 35 N., R. 17 E., unsurveyed,
Sec. 21, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 23, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 24, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 26, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 27, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 28, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 35 N., R. 18 E., unsurveyed,
 Sec. 5, $W\frac{1}{2}E\frac{1}{2}$, $SE\frac{1}{4}NW\frac{1}{4}$, $NE\frac{1}{4}SW\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 8, $W\frac{1}{2}E\frac{1}{2}$;
 Sec. 17, $NW\frac{1}{4}NE\frac{1}{4}$, $E\frac{1}{2}NW\frac{1}{4}$, $NE\frac{1}{4}SW\frac{1}{4}$, $W\frac{1}{2}SW\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 19, $NE\frac{1}{4}$, $NE\frac{1}{4}NW\frac{1}{4}$, $W\frac{1}{2}NW\frac{1}{4}$, $N\frac{1}{2}SE\frac{1}{4}$,
 $SE\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 20, $W\frac{1}{2}NW\frac{1}{4}$, $SW\frac{1}{4}SW\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 29, $NW\frac{1}{4}NW\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 30, $NE\frac{1}{4}NE\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 36 N., R. 18 E., unsurveyed,
 Sec. 23, $SE\frac{1}{4}SW\frac{1}{4}$, $S\frac{1}{2}SE\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 24, $S\frac{1}{2}S\frac{1}{2}$;
 Sec. 25, $N\frac{1}{2}NE\frac{1}{4}$, $NE\frac{1}{4}NW\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 26, $NW\frac{1}{4}NE\frac{1}{4}$, $N\frac{1}{2}NW\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 27, $N\frac{1}{2}N\frac{1}{2}$, $SW\frac{1}{4}NW\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 28, $NE\frac{1}{4}NE\frac{1}{4}$, $S\frac{1}{2}NE\frac{1}{4}$, $E\frac{1}{2}SW\frac{1}{4}$, $SW\frac{1}{4}SW\frac{1}{4}$,
 $NW\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 32, $NE\frac{1}{4}NE\frac{1}{4}$, $S\frac{1}{2}NE\frac{1}{4}$, $SE\frac{1}{4}NW\frac{1}{4}$, $E\frac{1}{2}SW\frac{1}{4}$,
 $SW\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 33, $NW\frac{1}{4}NW\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 36 N., R. 19 E., unsurveyed,
 Sec. 27, $S\frac{1}{2}N\frac{1}{2}$ (except that part patented
 in homestead entry 89), $N\frac{1}{2}S\frac{1}{2}$;
 Sec. 28, $S\frac{1}{2}$;
 Sec. 29, $S\frac{1}{2}$;
 Sec. 30, $S\frac{1}{2}NE\frac{1}{4}$, $N\frac{1}{2}NW\frac{1}{4}$, $SE\frac{1}{4}NW\frac{1}{4}$, $NE\frac{1}{4}SE\frac{1}{4}$.

Total area - approximately 4,880 acres.

Willamette Meridian
Mount Baker National Forest

T. 37 N., R. 13 E., unsurveyed,
 Sec. 1, $N\frac{1}{2}$;
 Sec. 2, $E\frac{1}{2}$, $SW\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 10, $E\frac{1}{2}$;
 Sec. 11, $NW\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 15, $NE\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 38 N., R. 13 E., unsurveyed,
 Sec. 35, $SE\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 36, $SW\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 37 N., R. 14 E., unsurveyed,
 Sec. 4, $SW\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 5, $NW\frac{1}{4}$, $S\frac{1}{2}$;
 Sec. 6, $N\frac{1}{2}$, $SE\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 8, $NE\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 9, $N\frac{1}{2}$;
 Sec. 10, $N\frac{1}{2}$;
 Sec. 11, $N\frac{1}{2}$;
 Sec. 12, $N\frac{1}{2}$, $SE\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 36 N., R. 16 E., unsurveyed,

Sec. 3, $W\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 4, $NE\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 10, $W\frac{1}{2}$, $SE\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 14, $W\frac{1}{2}$, $SE\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 15, $NE\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 23, $E\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 24, $W\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 25, $N\frac{1}{2}$, $SE\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 36, $NE\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 37 N., R. 16 E., unsurveyed,

Sec. 17, $SW\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 20, $NW\frac{1}{4}$, $S\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 28, $W\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 29, $NE\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 33, $E\frac{1}{2}$, $NW\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 34, $W\frac{1}{2}$.

T. 35 N., R. 17 E., unsurveyed,

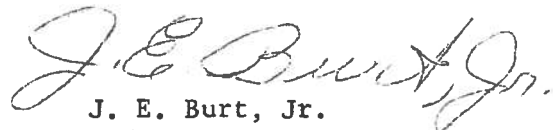
Sec. 5, $SW\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 6, $E\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 8, $W\frac{1}{2}$, $SE\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 16, $S\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 17, $E\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 21, $NE\frac{1}{4}$, $N\frac{1}{2}SE\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 36 N., R. 17 E., unsurveyed,

Sec. 31, $W\frac{1}{2}$, $SE\frac{1}{4}$.

Total area - 11,440 acres.

Total combined area is approximately 16,320 acres.


J. E. Burt, Jr.
Officer in Charge

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management
Spokane Field Office
Room 680 Bon Marche Building
Spokane 1, Washington

NOTICE OF PROPOSED WITHDRAWAL AND RESERVATION OF LANDS

The United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Fish and Wildlife Service, has filed an application, Serial Number WASHINGTON 01640, for the withdrawal of the lands described below, from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws.

The applicant desires the land for use by the Department of Game of the State of Washington in connection with the Klickitat Game Range. All resources including vegetative materials, minerals, and grazing will continue under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management.

For a period of 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to the undersigned officer of the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, Spokane Field Office, Room 680 Bon Marche Building, Spokane 1, Washington.

If circumstances warrant it, a public hearing will be held at a convenient time and place, which will be announced.

The determination of the Secretary on the application will be published in the Federal Register. A separate notice will be sent to each interested party of record.

The lands involved in the application are:

Willamette Meridian

- T. 4 N., R. 14 E.,
Sec. 4, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 5, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 6, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.
- T. 5 N., R. 14 E.,
Sec. 6, lots 3, 4, 5, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 8, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 18, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 19, lot 3, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 30, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 31, lots 1, 2, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$,
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.
- T. 6 N., R. 14 E.,
Sec. 30, lots 1 to 12 inclusive;
Sec. 31, lots 1 to 12 inclusive.

The above lands aggregate 1,793.14 acres.

J. E. Burt, Jr.
J. E. Burt, Jr.
Officer in Charge

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management
Spokane Field Office
Room 680 Bon Marche Building
Spokane 1, Washington

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The proposed withdrawal of about 16,320 acres of public land in the Mount Baker and Okanogan National Forests from mineral entry under the general mining laws, was announced today by John E. Burt, Jr., Officer in Charge of the Bureau of Land Management at Spokane, Washington.

The application for withdrawal was filed by the Secretary of Agriculture for the construction of the North Cross-State Highway from Thunder Arm on Diablo Lake in the Mount Baker National Forest eastward through Rainy Pass to Mazama on the Methow River in the Okanogan National Forest. The effect of this application is to ban prospecting and location of mining claims to insure that the lands needed for the highway will remain in public ownership.

A 30-day waiting period is provided during which written comments or objections may be submitted by the general public to the Bureau of Land Management at the address shown below.

A description of the public lands affected by this proposed withdrawal will appear shortly in the Federal Register and will be posted in the Land Office at Room 670 Bon Marche Building, Spokane 1, Washington.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management
Spokane Field Office
Room 680 Bon Marche Building
Spokane 1, Washington

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The proposed withdrawal of 1,793.14 acres of public land in Klickitat County from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, was announced today by John E. Burt, Jr., Officer in Charge of the Bureau of Land Management at Spokane, Washington.

The application for withdrawal was filed by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service for use by the State of Washington Game Department in connection with the Klickitat Game Range. All resources, including the vegetative materials, minerals, and grazing, will continue under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management.

A 30-day waiting period is provided during which written comments or objections may be submitted by the general public to the Bureau of Land Management at the address shown below.

A description of the public lands affected by the proposed withdrawal will appear shortly in the Federal Register and will be posted in the Land Office at Room 670 Bon Marche Building, Spokane 1, Washington.

PRESS RELEASE

BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Spokane, Washington

JUL 6 1959

For Immediate Release:

Fred J. Weiler, State Supervisor of the Bureau of Land Management, announced today that the National Park Service has filed application for the transfer of 331.31 acres of Federally-owned land at Old Fort Spokane. Regional Director Lawrence C. Merriam, on behalf of the National Park Service, requested that the land be transferred from the Bureau of Land Management to make possible improved public facilities at Coulee Dam National Recreation Area.

Old Fort Spokane, located at the junction of the Spokane and Columbia Rivers, was established as a temporary Army post in 1880 under the name Camp Spokane. The Fort Spokane Military Reservation was formally established in 1882 and continued as an active military post until its garrison was called away in 1898 to fight in the Spanish American War. The facilities were later used for school and hospital purposes by the Colville and Spokane Indian Reservations, but such uses were discontinued many years ago.

Four of the Old Fort Spokane buildings still remain, although all of them are in a dilapidated condition. The National Park Service hopes to stabilize or rehabilitate these structures as a historical exhibit. It is hoped that the largest brick building can be used as a museum to house the many historical objects available in the fort vicinity.

The acquisition of the property will also make possible many other improvements in the facilities at Coulee Dam National Recreation Area. The Park Service intends to build residences for employees, utility buildings, and other structures in the Old Fort area, permitting the removal of existing facilities from along the lake shore and giving more space for public use of the important

(more)

waterfront area. Also, according to Service representatives, the spring and reservoir of the Old Fort water system will provide a badly needed source of potable water for the recreational developments along the lake.

Under its Mission 66 program, the National Park Service proposes to spend more than two million dollars during the next several years to develop recreation facilities in Coulee Dam National Recreation Area.

Merriam stated that National Park Service efforts to obtain use of the Fort Spokane area have been greatly facilitated by the support of Congressman Walt Horan. The Lincoln County Historical Society and the Davenport Chamber of Commerce have also supported the transfer.

Weiler stated that official notice of the proposed withdrawal will be published shortly in the Federal Register and that for a period of 30 days from the publication of this notice persons having any cause may present objections in writing to the State Supervisor of the Bureau of Land Management, Room 680 Bon Marche Building, Spokane 1, Washington.