

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
670 Bon Marche Building  
Spokane 1, Washington

October 3, 1960

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

GOVERNMENT SMALL TRACT SALE

Fred J. Weiler, State Supervisor of the Bureau of Land Management, announced today that 144 tracts of public land will be offered for sale at public auction starting at 10 a.m., Friday, October 14, 1960, at the Community House, 650 George Washington Way, Richland, Washington. The sale will be conducted by W. F. Meek, Manager, Spokane Land Office. Most of the tracts to be offered are 330 feet square and contain 2-1/2 acres, or the equivalent of an average city block. They are located on a bench adjacent to West Richland, which overlooks the Yakima and Columbia River valleys. Many of the lots have an excellent view and all have an appeal to those interested in suburban living, Weiler said.

Weiler stated that these tracts have been appraised at \$100 up. Of the 144 tracts, 9 are appraised at \$100, 7 at \$125, 110 at \$150, 10 at \$400, 2 at \$500, 5 at \$675, and 1 at \$1,000. They will be offered at public auction under the provisions of the Small Tract Act, with a limitation of one tract to a purchaser. The sale will be conducted on a cash basis with patents being issued to the successful purchasers.

Weiler added that more specific information regarding the sale and the land involved may be obtained by writing or calling the Land Office, 670 Bon Marche Building, Spokane 1, Washington.

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OFFER NO. 3, WASHINGTON

SMALL TRACT OFFER

1. Pursuant to authority delegated to me by Bureau Order No. 541, dated April 21, 1954, (19 F.R. 2473), I hereby offer the small tracts listed on pages 3 and 4 for public sale under the Small Tract Act of June 1, 1938 (52 Stat. 609; 43 U.S.C. 682a), as amended.
2. These tracts, 144 in number, are located next to and south of West Richland, Washington. This community is a part of the "Tri-City Area", which is made up of Richland, Pasco, and Kennewick. Richland was established as the community for those employed at the Hanford Atomic Energy plant. The economy of the area is largely based on agriculture, transportation, and government. The combined population of the area is substantially over 50,000. The region is bisected by the Columbia and Yakima Rivers, both of which are navigable and support game fish as well as waterfowl in season.
3. Of the 144 tracts, 128 are 2.5 acres in size, 10 are slightly smaller and 6 are larger. The 2.5-acre lots have a dimension of 330 feet on each side and contain 108,900 square feet. All are level to rolling with gravelly-type soils supporting a stand of native grasses. They overlook the Columbia River valley and are immediately adjacent and above the Yakima River. They are served by Riverside Drive, Sunnyside Drive, and a county road, each being a gravel surfaced, all-weather road. Utilities, including electrical energy, water, and telephone have been extended to the edge of the areas. Soils are well drained and septic tanks are generally found satisfactory. All of the lots are served by rights-of-ways, either on two sides, one side, or to a corner or corners. These access routes are noted separately opposite each lot in the following descriptions.
4. Lot 2, section 8 contains an improvement not included in the appraisal. The owner will be allowed 60 days from date of sale to remove the improvement if she is not the successful bidder.
5. The lots are listed on pages 3 and 4 of this order. Page 5 is a vicinity map showing the approximate locations of sections 6 and 8, T. 9 N., R. 28 E., W. M. as they occur in the Tri-City area. Page 6 is a map of the available small tracts to be offered at auction, showing the number of the tract and acreage.
6. The tracts will be sold at public auction at a public sale to be held at the Social Hall of the Community House, 650 George Washington Way, Richland, Washington, at 10:00 a.m., October 14, 1960. Bids may be made personally by the

applicant or his agent at the sale or may be mailed. Bids sent by mail will be considered only if received at the Spokane Land Office prior to 10:30 a.m., October 13, 1960. Sealed bids will be opened in the presence of the public in the Land Office beginning at 11:00 a.m., October 13, 1960. No sealed or oral bid will be accepted if it is less than the appraised value of the tract. Oral bidding will be in increments of \$10.00.

7. Persons who have previously acquired a tract under the Small Tract Act are not qualified to purchase a tract at the sale unless they can make a showing satisfactory to the Bureau of Land Management that the acquisition of another tract is warranted in the circumstances.

8. Each bid sent by mail must clearly show (a) the name and post office address of the bidder, (b) offer No. 3, and (c) the land description of the tract for which the bid is made, described in accordance with the legal descriptions noted in this order. Each bid must be accompanied by the full amount bid in the form of a certified or cashier's check, post office money order, or bank draft made payable to the Bureau of Land Management. Each bid must be enclosed in a separate envelope but payment need only accompany the highest bid, providing all other bids designate the envelope containing the payment. Each envelope must carry on its reverse the following information and nothing else: (a) "Offer No. 3, October 14, 1960," (b) the description of the tract for which the bid is made, described in accordance with the legal descriptions noted in this order.

9. Each tract will be awarded to the highest qualified bidder. If the highest bid is oral, the bidder will be required to make payment for the tract at the close of bidding and a personal check will be acceptable for that purpose. Any person who is declared high bidder for any tract will automatically be disqualified from consideration for other tracts at the sale.

10. Inquiries concerning these lands should be addressed to the Manager, Spokane Land Office, 670 Bon Marche Building, Spokane 1, Washington.

  
Manager, Spokane Land Office

September 30, 1960

WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN

T. 9 N., R. 28 E.

Section 6

Lot No.	Acres	33' Right-of-Way Location or Corner Access	Appraised Price	Lot No.	Acres	33' Right-of-Way Location or Corner Access	Appraised Price
1	2.74	S.W. Corner	\$ 500	125	2.50	W. Side	\$ 150
2	2.73	S. Side	1,000	127	2.50	NE & NW Corners	150
4	2.70	S. Side	400	128	2.50	NE & SW Corners	150
10	2.59	S.E. Corner	150	130	2.50	E. Side	150
12	2.56	S. Side	125	132	2.50	S. & E. Sides	150
13	2.54	S. Side	125	137	2.50	W. & S. Sides	150
16	1.66	N. Side	100	141	1.73	S. Side	100
18	2.50	N. Side	125	145	2.50	N. & E. Sides	150
19	2.50	N. & E. Sides	125	146	2.50	N. & W. Sides	150
28	2.50	N. Side	675	152	2.50	N.W. Corner	150
30	2.50	S. Side	675	155	2.50	N.W. Corner	150
34	2.50	E. & S. Sides	400	156	2.50	S.E. Corner	150
35	2.50	W. & S. Sides	400	157	2.50	S.W. Corner	150
39	2.50	W. & S. Sides	150	158	2.50	W. Side	150
45	1.87	S. Side	100	159	2.50	S. & E. Sides	150
46	1.68	N. Side	100	163	2.50	S. Side	150
51	2.50	N. Side	150	173	1.75	S. Side	100
53	2.50	N. & E. Sides	150	174	1.76	N. Side	100
55	2.50	N. Side	400	178	2.50	N. & W. Sides	150
56	2.50	N. Side	400	180	2.50	N. Side	150
57	2.50	N. & E. Sides	400	181	2.50	N. & E. Sides	150
58	2.50	N. & W. Sides	400	182	2.50	N. & W. Sides	150
59	2.50	N. & E. Sides	675	186	2.50	N. & W. Sides	150
64	2.50	E. & S. Sides	675	187	2.50	N. Side	150
65	2.50	W. & S. Sides	400	189	2.50	N.W. Corner	150
66	2.50	E. & S. Sides	400	190	2.50	S.W. Corner	150
73	2.50	W. & S. Sides	150	191	2.50	S. Side	150
74	2.50	S. & E. Sides	125	193	2.50	S. & W. Sides	150
75	2.50	S. Side	125	197	2.50	S. & W. Sides	150
77	1.70	S. Side	100	202	1.78	N. Side	100
83	2.50	N. Side	150	206	2.50	N. & W. Sides	150
88	2.50	N. Side	150	207	2.50	N. Side	150
89	2.50	N. & E. Sides	150	210	2.50	N. & W. Side	150
91	2.50	N. Side	675	212	2.50	N. Side	150
99	2.50	S. Side	400	213	2.50	N.W. Corner	150
104	2.50	S. Side	150	214	2.50	S.W. Corner	150
107	2.50	S. Side	125	215	2.50	S. Side	150
110	1.72	N. Side	100	223	2.50	S. Side	150
116	2.50	N. Side	150	236	2.50	N. Side	150
119	2.50	N. & E. Sides	150	237	2.50	N.W. Corner	150

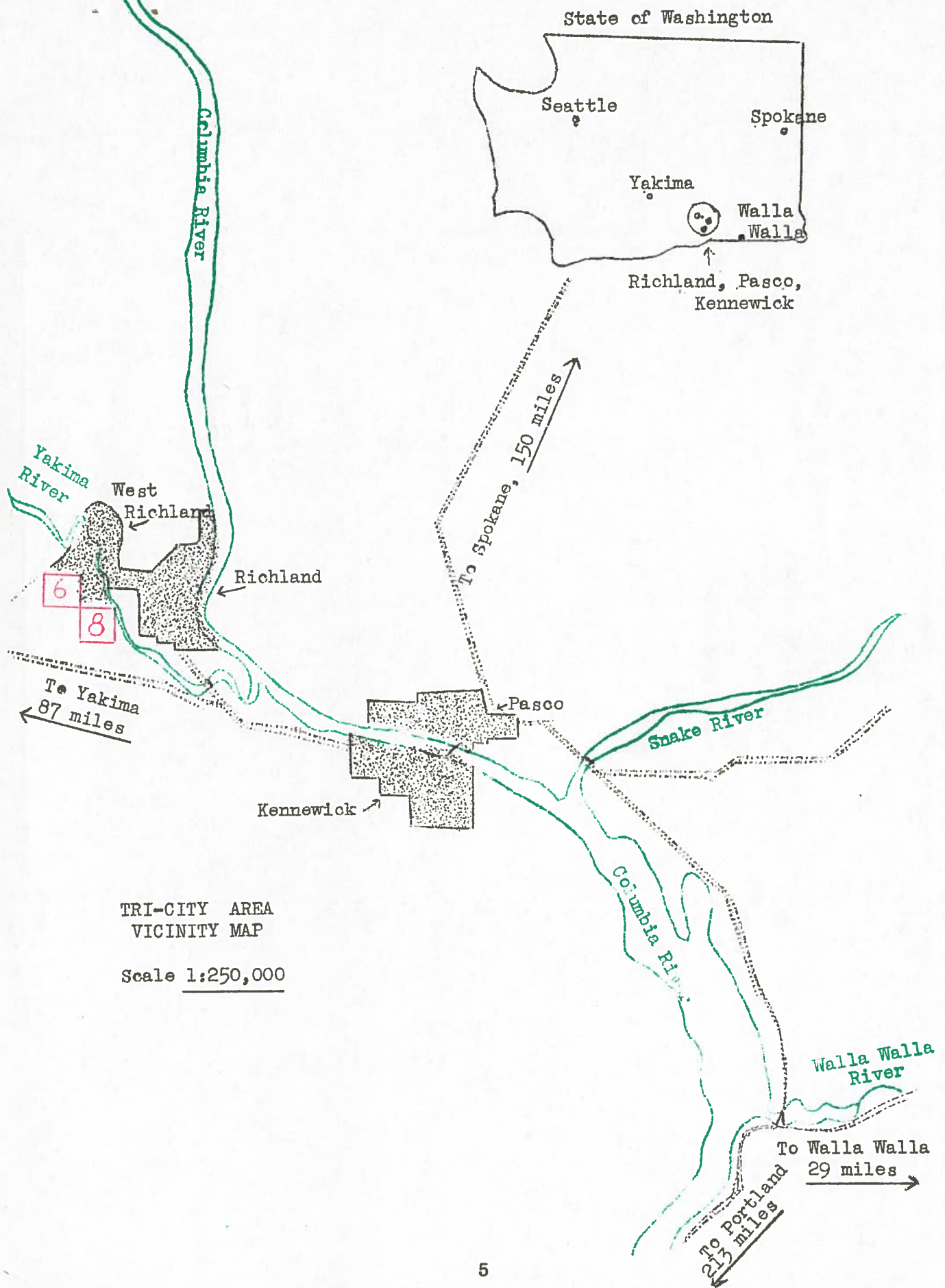
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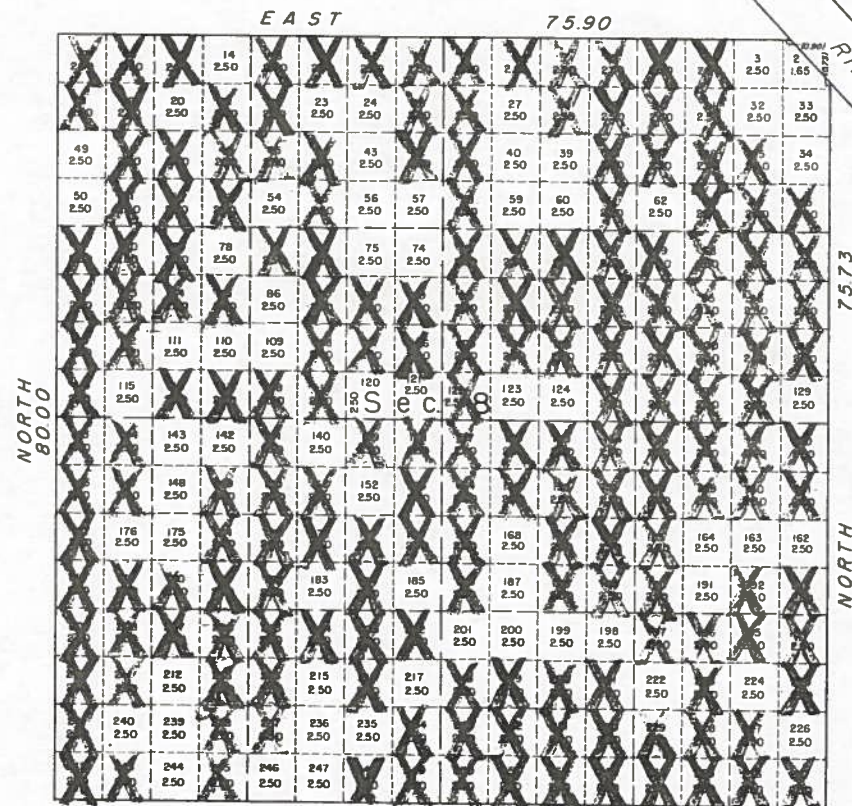
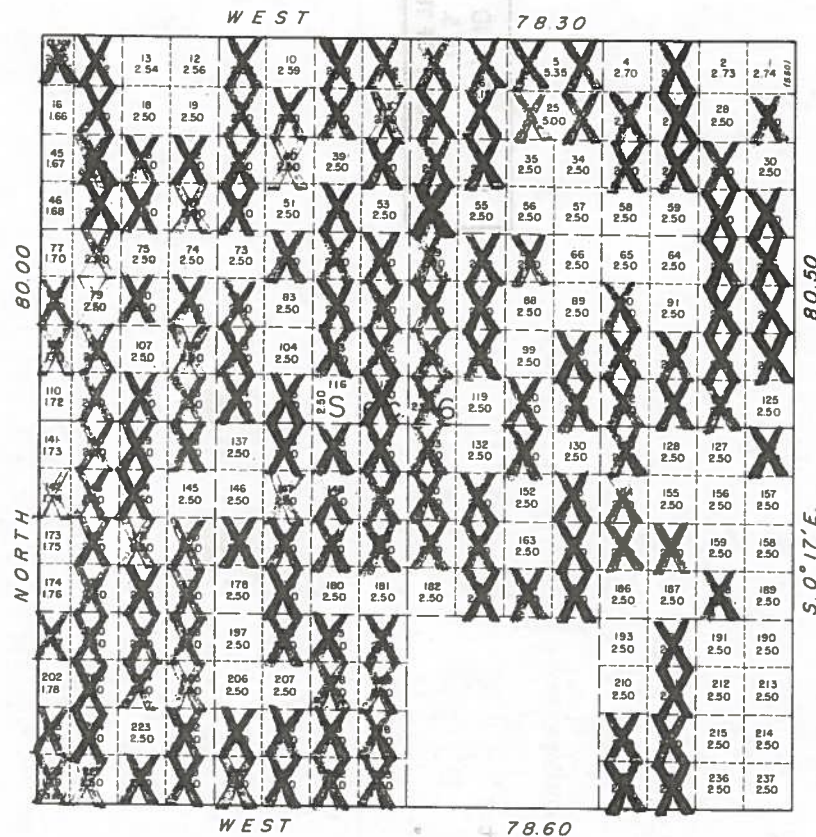
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2	1.65	W. Side	\$ 500	129	2.50	N.W. Corner	\$ 150
3	2.50	E. Side	150	140	2.50	S. & W. Sides	150
14	2.50	S. Side	150	142	2.50	S. Side	150
20	2.50	N. & W. Sides	150	143	2.50	S. & W. Sides	150
23	2.50	N. & W. Sides	150	148	2.50	N. & W. Sides	150
24	2.50	N. Side	150	152	2.50	N. Side	150
27	2.50	N. Side	150	162	2.50	S.W. Corner	150
32	2.50	E. Side	150	163	2.50	S. & W. Sides	150
33	2.50	W. Side	150	164	2.50	S. & E. Sides	150
34	2.50	NW & SW Corners	150	168	2.50	S. Side	150
39	2.50	S. & E. Sides	150	175	2.50	S. & W. Sides	150
40	2.50	S. Side	150	176	2.50	S. & E. Sides	150
43	2.50	S. Side	150	183	2.50	N. & W. Sides	150
49	2.50	S.E. Corner	150	185	2.50	N. & E. Sides	150
50	2.50	N.E. Corner	150	187	2.50	N. Side	150
54	2.50	N. & E. Sides	150	191	2.50	N. & E. Sides	150
56	2.50	N. Side	150	198	2.50	S. & W. Sides	150
57	2.50	N. & E. Sides	150	199	2.50	S. & E. Sides	150
59	2.50	N. Side	150	200	2.50	S. Side	150
60	2.50	N. & E. Sides	150	201	2.50	S. & W. Sides	150
62	2.50	N. Side	150	212	2.50	N. & W. Sides	150
74	2.50	S. & E. Sides	150	215	2.50	N. & W. Sides	150
75	2.50	S. Side	150	217	2.50	N. & E. Sides	150
78	2.50	S. Side	150	222	2.50	N. Side	150
86	2.50	N. & E. Sides	150	224	2.50	N. & W. Sides	150
109	2.50	S. & E. Sides	150	226	2.50	S.W. Corner	150
110	2.50	S. Side	150	235	2.50	S. Side	150
111	2.50	S. & W. Sides	150	236	2.50	S. & W. Sides	150
115	2.50	N. & E. Sides	150	239	2.50	S. & W. Sides	150
120	2.50	N. Side	150	240	2.50	S. & E. Sides	150
121	2.50	N. & E. Sides	150	244	2.50	N. Side	150
123	2.50	N. Side	150	246	2.50	N. Side	150
124	2.50	N. & E. Sides	150	247	2.50	N. Side	150





# TOWNSHIP 9 NORTH, RANGE 28 EAST, OF THE WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN, WASHINGTON. SUPPLEMENTAL PLAT



This plat of sections 6 and 8, T. 9 N., R. 28 E., Willamette Meridian, Washington, showing the subdivision of Section 6 into Lots 1 to 237 and Section 8 into Lots 2 to 257, is based upon the plat approved March 31, 1865.

**X - INDICATES LOTS PREVIOUSLY SOLD**

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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Washington, D. C. September 8, 1954

This plat showing amended lottings, having been correctly prepared in accordance with the regulations, is hereby accepted.

For the Director

*Earl G. Harrington*  
Cadastral Engineering Officer

Bureau of Land Management  
Washington Land Office  
Room 670 Bon Marche Bldg.  
Spokane 1, Washington

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Room 209 Federal Building  
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April 25, 1958

PRESS RELEASE

For Release at 2:00 PM April 28, 1958

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COMMEMORATES OLD FORT TOWNSEND

The invaluable service of the early soldiers and pioneers in wresting Washington from the wilderness was officially recognized at Olympia today by the Federal Government through Fred J. Weiler, State Supervisor of the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management, from Spokane, by the presentation to Governor Rosellini of patent title to 240.90 acres of land embracing old Fort Townsend built in 1856 to protect the Olympic Peninsula. Application for the lands had been submitted by John Vanderzicht, Director of the Parks and Recreation Commission, on behalf of the State.

The old fort is located 1-1/2 miles south of the City of Port Townsend. The location on Admiralty Inlet provides a viewpoint of the Puget Sound area, and there is a 3300 ft. frontage on salt water. Many of the original buildings of the fort have disappeared, but the State Parks and Recreation Commission has copies of the original plans and blueprints to enable complete restoration. Fort Townsend, so far as is known, has the longest military existence of any such installation in the State and was built by the same engineer who constructed Fort Simcoe which is also famous in the legends of the Northwest.

National archives has provided the State with an immense number of maps, drawings, architect notes, and sketches of the original installation to assist the State Park and Recreation Commission in reconstructing the fort. Proposed development of the area, according to plans presented to Mr. Weiler by Mr. Vanderzicht, Director of the Commission, include parking and other facilities for the convenience of tourists visiting the historic site. Drinking water has been provided from a well driven 190 feet into the ground at a cost to the State of \$2,000. Some picnic tables and outdoor fireplaces have been constructed, and the site is already receiving heavy use from the public. No doubt old Fort Townsend will become one of the major tourist attractions on the Olympic Peninsula once the reconstruction of the old buildings is completed.

"This valued historic site was given to the State without charge", State Supervisor Weiler said, "as authorized by Congress under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act of June 14, 1926, amended by Act of June 4, 1954 which provides for transfers of public lands to State, County, municipal and other governmental agencies and nonprofit corporations and associations for recreational and other public purposes." "Primary purpose of the law", Weiler added, "is to make Federally-owned lands available for park and recreational purposes, and title to the lands is transferred at a price taking into consideration the use to which they will be devoted." To insure the land being used for the purpose for which it was conveyed, the patent contains a reversionary clause to the Government effective for 25 years. Maximum acreage which may be conveyed to any organization is 640 acres in any one year.

Fred Weiler stated that the Bureau of Land Management is well aware of the importance of recreation and tourism to the economy of the State of Washington and that the Bureau's field employees have been instructed to carefully survey the remaining public lands for tracts which might be suitable for recreational or other public development by State or local agencies. He explained that Park and Recreation Department Director, John Vanderzicht, and John Biggs, Director of the Game Department, have already filed several applications with Mr. W. F. Meek, Manager of the Bureau's Spokane Land Office and that they are presently being processed. The lands under application will be developed for picnic and camp grounds, access sites, boat launching and landing sites. The Bureau of Land Management and Park and Recreation Department is now arranging for a tour and inspection of approximately 30 tracts of land which Bureau field employees feel have possibilities for development. The inspection will be made by personnel from the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service and from the State of Washington Departments of Parks and Recreation, Game, and Natural Resources.



BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
Spokane, Washington  
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NATIONAL FOREST WITHDRAWAL FROM MINING CLAIMS PROPOSED

360  
Proposed withdrawal of \_\_\_\_\_ acres of public land in the \_\_\_\_\_  
Snoqualmie

National Forest from application of the mining laws was announced today by  
Fred J. Weller Room 209

State Supervisor of the Bureau of Land Management at \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Bldg., Spokane, Washington

The application for the withdrawal, which was filed by the Secretary of  
Agriculture, was recorded on the public land records in the Land Office at  
Spokane, Wash. February 6, 1956  
on \_\_\_\_\_. Effect of the recordation was to  
temporarily ban prospecting and locating of mining claims in the affected areas,  
pending action on the application by the Department of the Interior.

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A \_\_\_\_\_ day waiting period is provided during which written comments or  
objections may be submitted by the general public, such comments or objections  
to be submitted to the State Supervisor at the address shown above.

The public lands involved are in use or are proposed for use for public  
the Goose Prairie Administrative Site, and are located  
purposes for \_\_\_\_\_  
approximately 40 miles northwest of Yakima, Washington

A detailed description of the public lands involved in the proposed withdrawal  
will appear shortly in the Federal Register and will be posted in the Land  
Spokane, Wash.

Office at \_\_\_\_\_.

To Snoqualmie

The \_\_\_\_\_ National Forest is under the supervision of the  
Portland, Oregon

Regional Forester of the U. S. Forest Service at \_\_\_\_\_.



# NOTICE OF PROPOSED WITHDRAWAL AND RESERVATION OF LANDS

The applicant desires the land for **an Administrative Site.**

(See attached sheet)

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April 25, 1958

PRESS RELEASE

For Release at 2:00 PM April 28, 1958

GREEN GOLD FOR STATE SCHOOLS

Fred J. Weiler, State Supervisor for the United States Department of the Interior's Bureau of Land Management, today presented to Governor Albert D. Rosellini a clear list title to the State of Washington for 3,371.46 acres of Douglas fir and Ponderosa pine timber-land having an approximate value of \$1,400,000. "This is only the first step in the transfer by the Bureau of Land Management of title to over 150,000 acres of Federal land to the State of Washington. The land to be transferred has a total value of approximately \$50,000,000", Weiler stated at the ceremony at the Capitol. The lands will now be managed by the Washington Department of Natural Resources, under the administration of Land Commissioner Bert Cole, for the direct benefit of the common school fund, as provided by the February 22, 1889 Act of Congress.

In view of the importance of the occasion, the clear list was personally signed by Mr. Edward Woosley, Director of the Bureau of Land Management at Washington, D.C. State Supervisor Weiler explained that when Washington was admitted to Statehood, on November 11, 1889, it was granted sections 16 and 36 in each township, for support of its school system, but that all of the acreage was not available due to some of the sections being undersized, homesteaded prior to Statehood or embraced in military and Indian reservations, National Parks, etc. The State was authorized, by a February 28, 1891 Act of Congress, to select other vacant public lands in lieu of those lost.

A search of the Bureau of Land Management records shows that the first lieu selections were transferred to State ownership in 1895 and intermittently from then until 1934. In 1953, Bureau officials advised the State that there was still a debt outstanding of over 150,000 acres and urged that the program of selection be reactivated. New selections by the Land Commission were started almost immediately and the Department of Natural Resources now has over 250 applications on file in the Bureau of Land Management's Spokane Land Office.

Land Commissioner Bert Cole has assigned several of his employees to work full time on the project and has stationed them at Spokane where they can work directly with the United States Land Office in a cooperative effort to complete filings and assist in processing of the extremely complex applications. He has delegated authority to one of his representatives there to take immediate and local action on the applications as the need arises. This delegation of authority has made unnecessary large amounts of complicated and time-consuming correspondence between the offices involved, for filings, corrections and amendments can now be made on the spot.



Mr. Weiler stated that the staff of the Spokane Land Office, which is under the direction of Manager W. F. Meek, had been enlarged in order to speed-up the transfers of title and that he was well pleased with the progress being made. Many former delays have been eliminated by changes in procedures, and working relations and cooperation between State and Bureau of Land Management employees and officials are at a high level. The need for the additional funds which will be available to the State to bolster operation of the school system, is recognized by all parties and processing of the applications has been assigned the number one Bureau priority so that the transaction can be completed at the earliest possible date.

In conclusion, State Supervisor Weiler explained that the Bureau of Land Management's Spokane Land Office will now be preparing similar clear lists and effecting further transfers of title at regular and frequent intervals.

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April 9, 1959

FOR RELEASE TO PMS APRIL 11, 1959

STATE GETS FORTY MILLION YEAR OLD FOREST

Preservation of one of the few areas in the world containing extensive petrified remnants of the prehistoric Ginko tree has been assured by the transfer of 455.56 acres of Federal land to the State of Washington. The deed to the property was presented Saturday, April 11, by Fred J. Weiler, State Supervisor of the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, to John R. Vanderzicht, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department at a ceremony in Spokane. The lands involved are at the Ginko Petrified Forest State Park, near Vantage.

State Supervisor Weiler stated that the transfer was another of the cooperative steps being taken by the Department of the Interior to insure that recreationally valuable lands will be retained in public ownership and preserved for the use and enjoyment of everyone. A similar transaction was made last year when historic old Fort Townsend was turned over to the State of Washington. Several more such projects are being worked on now, one of which involves numerous islands in the San Juan group and others for land at Pearrygin, Palmer and Concomully Lakes. The Bureau of Land Management is also working with the Department of Game in connection with lands for public hunting and fishing areas, game ranges and access sites, Weiler added.

The lands at Ginko Petrified Forest include a mile of frontage on the Columbia River, which will materially enhance the area for recreational and tourist use. State Highway No. 7 provides ready access, and completion of the Wannapum Dam a few miles downriver should eventually make this one of the more attractive areas in the State for fishing, swimming, boating and water skiing. Director Vanderzicht said that the transfer of ownership will enable his Department of Parks and Recreation to more adequately protect the irreplaceable petrified remains from some of the pilferage and vandalism which has occurred in the past.

The fossils found in the area are the mute remains of a lush coastal type forest which flourished there approximately forty million years ago, prior to the upthrust of the Cascade Range which caused a radical change in climate. Many exceptionally fine specimens of petrified vegetation from this bygone age, along with maps and displays explaining the history and geology of the area, are on exhibit at the beautiful State Museum near Vantage.

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FOR RELEASE SEPTEMBER 23, 1960

BLM MOVES TO SPEED LAND GRANTS FOR SCHOOLS IN WASHINGTON STATE

The Bureau of Land Management has taken steps to speed the transfer of some 115,000 acres of public lands to the State of Washington, Acting Secretary of the Interior Elmer F. Bennett announced today. He explained that the lands are owed to the State under the land grants agreed upon under Washington's entry into statehood in 1889.

Bureau of Land Management's Washington State Supervisor Fred J. Weiler has filed an application for the withdrawal of the lands selected by the State. They will be closed to any form of disposition under the Public Land Laws including the staking of new mining claims. By withdrawing the lands, Under Secretary Bennet said, it will be possible to complete transfer of the lands to the State much faster and at much less cost.

The proposed withdrawal will prohibit the filing of conflicting applications and claims which could not be approved under any circumstances because of high priority given to satisfaction of the land grant made to the State at the time it joined the Union.

The land received under the Land Grant is used by the State to finance its school system.

Since 1958 the Bureau of Land Management has transferred title to about 50,000 acres to the State valued at approximately \$12,000,000. The 115,000 acres now applied for by the State will close the books on the State's Land Grants.

A complete description of the affected lands and a formal notice of the proposed withdrawal will be published in the Federal Register.



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SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE MADE IN AMOUNT OF FEDERAL LAND  
STATES MAY ACQUIRE ANNUALLY FOR PARK USE

To help meet growing state and local needs for public recreation lands, the amount of Federal acreage states may acquire annually for park purposes is being substantially increased, Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall announced today.

Secretary Udall said that the acreage limit on Federal land acquisitions by states is being increased from 640 acres to 12,800 acres, in not more than six sites, for calendar years 1960-62. In subsequent years, the increase will be to 6,400 acres, involving not more than three sites.

The new regulations will put into effect three amendments enacted by Congress in 1959 and 1960 to the Recreation and Public Purposes Act.

Under the new rules, states may obtain lands in 1961 and charge the acreage against their 1960 quota when their applications were filed during 1960. The same procedure will apply in future years.

The new regulations also provide that the lands acquired for recreation and public purposes must be permanently dedicated for public use. Previously, it had been necessary for the lands to retain their public use character for only 25 years.

State applications for land acquisitions may be made to the Bureau of Land Management for parks, recreation sites, public buildings and other public purposes.

The text of the new regulations is being published in the Federal Register.

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, Palmar Lake, Patterson Lake, Yakima River, Satus Pass, Sun Lakes, Beacon Rock State Park, Leadbetter Point on Willapa Bay, Point Roberts in George 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.

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