

Notice of Exchange of Lands in Uintah, Grand and San Juan Counties, Utah
UTU-87577

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, Bureau of Land Management

Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the State of Utah, School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (State) are planning to complete an exchange of land in Uintah, Grand, and San Juan Counties, Utah, as directed by the Utah Recreational Land Exchange Act of 2009, Public Law 111-53 (URLEA). The exchange would provide for the consolidation of land ownership for both the United States and the State. The United States would acquire valuable conservation and recreation lands, including lands within and contiguous to wilderness study areas, Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, and lands and mineral interests near the Utah's Colorado River corridor, the Book Cliffs, and Dinosaur National Monument. The State would acquire lands and mineral interests with a high development potential for the benefit of the public schools in the State of Utah.

Under the exchange, the United States would convey to the State up to approximately 35,608.53 acres of Federal lands or interests in land, including 33,701.24 acres of surface and mineral estate, 615 acres of surface only estate, 481.44 acres of mineral estate, 810.85 acres of partial mineral estate, and 37 water rights. The Federal lands and interests to be exchanged include the following-described sections, or portions thereof:

Salt Lake Meridian, Utah

- T. 4 S., R. 21 E., Sec. 4
- T. 4 S., R. 24 E., Sec. 33
- T. 5 S., R. 23 E., Secs. 11, 12
- T. 5 S., R. 24 E., Sec. 4
- T. 5 S., R. 25 E., Secs. 8, 9
- T. 12 S., R. 24 E., Sec. 13 (surface only)
- T. 12 S., R. 24 E., Secs. 28, 29, 33, 34
- T. 12 S., R. 25 E., Secs. 18, 19 (surface only)
- T. 12 S., R. 25 E., Sec. 31
- T. 13 S., R. 20 E., Secs. 35, 36
- T. 13 S., R. 21 E., Secs. 31, 33
- T. 13 S., R. 22 E., Secs. 12, 13
- T. 13 S., R. 23 E., Secs. 5-11, 13, 14, 17, 18, 20-23, 29, 31
- T. 13 S., R. 23 E., Sec. 31 (minerals only)
- T. 13 S., R. 24 E., Sec. 3
- T. 14 S., R. 21 E., Secs. 4-8, 17-20
- T. 14 S., R. 21 E., Secs. 3, 4 (oil and gas only)
- T. 14 S., R. 21 E., Secs. 5, 7, 8, 10 (minerals only)
- T. 14 S., R. 21 E., Sec. 10 (oil, gas and coal only)
- T. 14 S., R. 22 E., Sec. 1
- T. 14 S., R. 23 E., Sec. 6
- T. 15 S., R. 21 E., Secs. 25- 27, 34, 35
- T. 15 S., R. 21 E., Secs. 32, 34 (oil and gas only)

T. 15 S., R. 21 E., Sec. 34 (minerals only)
T. 15 S., R. 22 E., Secs. 29, 30, 31
T. 15 S., R. 23 E., Secs. 12-14, 23-25
T. 15 S., R. 24 E., Sec. 19
T. 15 S., R. 24 E., Sec. 19 (minerals only)
T. 16 S., R. 22 E., Secs. 23, 26
T. 17 S., R. 21 E., Secs. 9, 23
T. 17 S., R. 22 E., Secs. 3-9, 17-19, 30
T. 19 S., R. 21 E., Sec. 5
T. 20 S., R. 16 E., Secs. 25-28, 34
T. 21 S., R. 16 E., Sec. 1
T. 21 S., R. 17 E., Secs. 6, 8
T. 24 S., R. 20 E., Secs. 6-8
T. 26 S., R. 22 E., Sec. 28
T. 27 S., R. 23 E., Sec. 9

In exchange, the State would convey to the United States up to approximately 45,826.07 acres of non-Federal lands or interests in land, including 40,915.45 acres of surface and mineral estate, 4,910.62 acres of mineral estate, and 18 water rights. The non-Federal lands and interests to be exchanged include the following-described sections, or portions thereof:

Salt Lake Meridian, Utah

T. 3 S., R. 21 E., Secs. 2, 16, 36
T. 3 S., R. 22 E., Secs. 16, 32
T. 4 S., R. 22 E., Secs. 2, 16
T. 4 S., R. 25 E., Sec. 32
T. 11 S., R. 17 E., Sec. 36
T. 11 S., R. 18 E., Secs. 16, 32
T. 15 S., R. 25 E., Secs. 16, 32
T. 15 S., R. 25 E., Sec. 33 (minerals only)
T. 19 S., R. 26 E., Sec. 32
T. 20 S., R. 25 E., Secs. 13, 32, 36
T. 20 S., R. 26 E., Sec. 32
T. 21 S., R. 24 E., Sec. 36
T. 21 S., R. 25 E., Secs. 16, 32, 36
T. 21 S., R. 26 E., Sec. 32
T. 22 S., R. 24 E., Secs. 2, 36
T. 22 S., R. 25 E., Secs. 2, 16, 32, 36
T. 23 S., R. 22 E., Sec. 36
T. 23 S., R. 23 E., Sec. 36 (minerals only)
T. 23 S., R. 24 E., Secs. 2, 32, 36
T. 23 S., R. 24 E., Secs. 16 (minerals only)
T. 23 S., R. 25 E., Secs. 2, 16, 32
T. 23 S., R. 26 E., Secs. 16, 32
T. 24 S., R. 22 E., Secs. 2, 16
T. 24 S., R. 22 E., Sec. 36 (minerals only)

T. 24 S., R. 23 E., Secs. 2, 16, 32, 36 (minerals only)
T. 24 S., R. 24 E., Secs. 2, 32
T. 24 S., R. 24 E., Sec. 16 (minerals only)
T. 24 S., R. 25 E., Secs. 16, 32, 36
T. 24 S., R. 26 E., Secs. 16, 32
T. 25 S., R. 18 E., Sec. 32
T. 25 S., R. 21 E., Sec. 32
T. 25 S., R. 22 E., Secs. 2, 16, 32, 36
T. 25 S., R. 22 E., Sec. 2 (minerals only)
T. 25 S., R. 23 E., Secs. 2, 6, 9, 15, 21, 28 (minerals only)
T. 25 S., R. 23 E., Secs. 9, 14-16, 21-24, 32, 36
T. 25 S., R. 24 E., Secs. 2, 16, 32
T. 26 S., R. 18 E., Sec. 16
T. 26 S., R. 21 E., Secs. 16, 36
T. 26 S., R. 22 E., Secs. 2, 23, 24, 32
T. 26 S., R. 23 E., Secs. 16, 19, 30, 31, 32

The Federal and non-Federal lands and interests in land would be conveyed subject to valid and existing rights and encumbrances of record. Subject to limitations prescribed by law and regulation, a holder of any right-of-way on the Federal lands may be given the opportunity to amend the right-of-way for conversion to a new term, including perpetuity, if applicable, or to an easement prior to the issuance of a Federal patent. In addition, the United States would reserve a partial interest in any Federal lands containing oil shale resources.

In accordance with Section 2(a)(2)(ii) of Executive Order 11988, notice is hereby given that portions of the Federal lands identified above are within floodplains, and some portions may also be found to contain wetlands. The effects of conveyance of these parcels, including the potential need for restrictions of future uses under Federal, State, or local regulations, will be evaluated in the environmental analysis for the exchange.

This exchange would be completed on an equal value basis based upon appraisals, and pursuant to the valuation provisions of the URLEA. Any difference in the appraised values may result in the elimination of some Federal or non-Federal acreage and/or a cash equalization payment. If any lands are eliminated or set aside under the provisions of the URLEA, a revised map showing the parcels to be exchanged will be made available for inspection at least 30 days prior to conveyance of title to the exchange parcels. Subject to valid existing rights, the Federal lands identified above were segregated from appropriation under the public land laws and mineral laws for a period of five years beginning August 19, 2009.

The exchange parcels are depicted on two maps titled "Uintah County Map" and "Grand County Map". The exchange parcels in San Juan County are shown on the Grand County Map. These maps and additional information on the exchange are available on the Utah BLM website (www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/prog/more/lands_and_realty/Land_Exchanges.html) or can be obtained by contacting one of the following BLM Offices:

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Joy Wehking, 801-539-4114, jwehking@blm.gov
Vernal Field Office, 170 South 500 East, Vernal, UT 84078
Kelly Buckner, 435-781-4445, kbuckner@blm.gov
Moab Field Office, 82 East Dogwood, Moab, UT 84532
Katie Stevens, 435-259-2172, kstevens@blm.gov

Interested parties may submit comments concerning the exchange including notification of any liens, encumbrances, or other claims relating to the lands identified for exchange in the URLEA. Comments must be submitted in writing to the attention of Joy Wehking, Realty Specialist, BLM Utah State Office at the above-listed address, and should include a description of the specific lands to which the comment(s) applies. Comments via facsimile or e-mail will only be considered if the full name and mailing address of the commenter are included. In order to ensure consideration in the environmental analysis of the exchange, written comments should be postmarked or delivered within 45 days of the date of the first publication of this Notice. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment - including your personal identifying information - may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.



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