

Department of the Interior

Departmental Manual

Effective Date: 9/25/84

Series: Public Lands

Part 613: Special Programs

Chapter 1: Lower Colorado Land Use Program

Originating Office: Bureau of Land Management

613 DM 1

1.1 Purpose. This chapter defines and establishes the responsibilities and administration of functions regarding the Lower Colorado River Land Use Plan, approved by the Secretary of the Interior in January 1964 (Athe Plan@), with respect to the lands bordering on the Lower Colorado River from Davis Dam to the International Boundary which have been acquired or withdrawn for reclamation purposes under reclamation law (AReclamation Lands@) or otherwise fall within the area encompassed by the Plan. It also applies to those plans, programs, or activities of bureaus and offices that relate to or affect the Plan.

1.2 Responsibility. The Bureau of Land Management is assigned full responsibility for the implementation of the Plan including: negotiation, execution, and administration of leases; the administration of Reclamation Lands used or to be used for recreation or wildlife activities; the administration of the special permit program on the lands; and for coordination with plans, programs, or activities of bureaus and offices that relate to or affect the Plan.

1.3 Exceptions. The responsibilities assigned in 613 DM 1.2 do not apply to:

- A. Refuges administered by the Fish and Wildlife Service.
- B. Project operation, protection, and security zones around dams and reclamation construction areas administered by the Bureau of Reclamation as outlined in the Plan or as further designated by the Secretary. This exception shall apply only for the express purpose of the specific project functions of the Bureau of Reclamation and not for any functions that are primarily the recreational and other land uses covered by this order.

1.4 Operations of the Lower Colorado River Plan. The Director, Bureau of Land Management, shall perform such work as is necessary to:

- A. Be responsible for, and direct the conduct of, all recreational planning in collaboration with affected agencies with respect to lands under the Plan.
- B. Administer Reclamation lands, used or to be used for recreation or wildlife purposes, pursuant to administration of the Plan.

C. Conduct leasing negotiations and propose other arrangements for administration of Reclamation Lands for recreational and other purposes in accordance with the Plan.

D. After Secretarial approval of 50-year leases for recreational and other purposes on Reclamation Lands in accordance with the Plan, execute and administer such leases.

E. Provide overall field coordination and implementation of the Plan working in cooperation with bureaus and offices of the Department.

F. Develop plans for recreational facilities at Reclamation projects within the Plan subject to coordination of such plans with the Bureau of Reclamation so as to assure that the development of such facilities is consistent with the authorities under which that Bureau administers such project areas.

G. Develop and implement plans for recreational facilities on other Reclamation lands within the Plan in consultation with the Bureau of Reclamation or other affected agency to assure that such facilities can be constructed, operated, and maintained in a manner consistent with authorized project functions of that agency.

H. Assume responsibility for the development and issuance of recreation reports dealing with the Lower Colorado River.

I. Issue, administer, and terminate (with respect to Reclamation Lands within the Plan) all leases and special use permits, except those noted in 613 DM 1.3.

J. Coordinate, so far as recreation is concerned, the issuance of leases by other bureaus or offices with respect to lands they administer within the Plan.

1.5 Designation of Contracting/Administering Officer. The Director, Bureau of Land Management, shall designate a person who shall serve as the contracting or administering officer for each lease or permit for whatever time period, concession, right-of-way, license, easement, or other land use authorization (herein called lease) issued or to be issued in connection with the Plan on Reclamation Lands, subject to coordination with the Bureau of Reclamation projects and activities administered by the Bureau; and shall administer existing leases consistent with the provisions of this chapter, and upon issuance, amendment or re-issuance of a lease or at any other feasible point, cause such lease to embody the provisions of this sentence.

1.6 Review and Consultation. The Director, Bureau of Land Management, shall review proposals requiring action by the Secretary or other Washington officials in consultation with the headquarters offices of the bureaus and offices of the Department having responsibilities for plans, programs, or activities that relate to or affect the Plan; consultation with members of the Secretariat on the status and progress of implementation of the Plan; and development of recommendations for resolution of issues of program policy and priorities.

1.7 Coordination by Bureaus and Offices. Bureaus and offices having responsibilities for plans, programs, or activities that relate to or affect the Plan shall coordinate such plans, programs, and activities in the field with the District Manager, Yuma District Office, and in

Washington with the Director, Bureau of Land Management. The officials in the field and the Director, Bureau of Land Management, in Washington shall, in turn, coordinate plans, programs, and activities incident to the Plan with the affected bureaus and offices.

1.8 Disposal of Lands. All disposition of the lands and interests in the lands shall be consistent with the Plan and shall be carried out in accordance with applicable regulations. Execution of disposal actions shall be the responsibility of the bureau or office having delegated authority to make such disposals, following agreement as to the desirability of the disposal between the bureau or office concerned and the Director, Bureau of Land Management.

9/25/84 #2594

Replaces 5/18/72 #1443