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TRANSFERRING LAND FROM DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE TO ATOMIC
ENERGY COMMISSION

By virtue of the authority vested in the President and pursuant to Executive Order No. 10355 of May 26, 1952, it is ordered as follows:

The public lands within the following described boundaries reserved by Executive Order No. 8578 of October 29, 1940, for use of the War Department as an aerial bombing and gunnery range, now a part of the Nellis Air Force Range, are hereby transferred from the jurisdiction of the Department of the Air Force to the jurisdiction of the Atomic Energy Commission for use in connection with its Nevada Test Site for test facilities, roads, utilities, and safety distances.

Mount Diablo Meridian

Beginning at the southwest corner of the Atomic Energy Commission Installation known as the Nevada Test Site, latitude $36^{\circ}40'22.391''$, longitude $116^{\circ}13'27.751''$; Westerly 20,346.77 feet to a point on the east boundary of T. 15 S. R. 50 E. Southerly, 1,002.93 feet along said boundary to the southeast corner of Sec. 1. T. 15 S. R. 50 E. Westerly, 6 miles, approximately, along the south boundary of Secs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 to the corner of Secs. 1, 6, 7, and 12 T. 15 S. Rgs. 49 and 50 E. Westerly 2 1/2 miles approximately along the south boundary of Secs. 1, 2, and 3, to the quarter corner of Secs. 3 and 10 T. 15 S. R. 49 E; Northerly, along the centerline of Sec. 3 to the independently resurveyed quarter corner of Secs. 3 and 34, Tps. 14 and 15 S. R. 49 E; Northerly, 6 miles, approximately, to the independently resurveyed quarter corner of Secs. 3 and 34 Tps. 13 and 14 S. R. 49 E.; North 33-1/4 miles, approximately; East 12 1/3 miles approximately to the northwest corner of the Nevada Test Site; Southerly, 40 miles approximately, along the west boundary of the Nevada Test Site to the point of beginning.

The area described contains approximately 318,000 acres of public land.

The Department of the Interior shall retain jurisdiction of the mineral resources and mineral and vegetable materials of the lands.

Upon request of the Secretary of the Interior at the time of the termination of the jurisdiction transferred by this order, the Atomic Energy Commission shall make the lands, or such portions thereof as he may specify, safe for use under the public land laws as near as may be practicable by neutralizing areas contaminated by activity from the explosion of fissionable materials or from other activities whatsoever. In the absence of such decontamination or at the request of the Atomic Energy Commission, the Secretary of the Interior may continue the withdrawal under laws and regulations then existing.

Authority to change the use specified by this order or to grant rights to others to use the lands, including grants of leases, licenses, easements and rights-of-way but excluding permits revocable at will, is reserved to the Secretary of the Interior or his delegate.

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