



## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Bureau of Land Management**

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**Public Land Order No. 7857; Extension of Public Land Order No. 7254; Montana**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Public land order.

**SUMMARY:** This order extends the duration of the withdrawal created by Public Land Order No. 7254, as corrected and amended, for an additional 20-year period, which would otherwise expire on April 9, 2017. Public Land Order No. 7254 withdrew 19,686.09 acres of public mineral estate in Toole and Liberty Counties, Montana, from location and entry under the United States mining laws, but not from leasing under the mineral leasing laws. This extension is necessary to continue to protect the Sweet Grass Hills Area of Critical Environmental Concern and surrounding areas located in Toole and Liberty Counties, Montana.

**DATES:** This Public Land Order is effective on April 10, 2017.

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normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose for which the withdrawal was first made requires this extension to continue to protect the unique resources within the Sweet Grass Hills Area of Critical Environmental Concern and surrounding areas. The lands will remain open to the mineral and geothermal leasing laws and mineral materials disposal under the Materials Act.

### ORDER

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714, it is ordered as follows:

Public Land Order No. 7254 (62 FR 17633 (1997)), as corrected (62 FR 22964 (1997)), and amended (81 FR 796 (2016)), which withdrew 19,686.09 acres of public mineral estate in Toole and Liberty Counties, Montana from location and entry under the United States mining laws, is hereby extended for an additional 20-year period. The withdrawal extended by this order will expire on April 9, 2037, unless, as a result of a review conducted prior to the expiration date pursuant to Section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be further extended.

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