

297.76 acres withdrawn for the Bannack National Historic District. The lands are no longer needed for these purposes, and the revocations are needed to transfer the lands to the State of Montana under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act. This action will open the oil shale lands to surface entry and nonmetalliferous mining and the Bannack lands to mining, unless closed by overlapping withdrawals or temporary segregations of record. The oil shale lands have been and will remain open to metalliferous mining. All the lands have been and will remain open to mineral leasing.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 30, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sandra Ward, BLM Montana State Office, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107, 406-255-2949.

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 (1988), it is ordered as follows:

1. The Executive Order No. 5237, dated April 15, 1930, which withdrew public lands for the Bureau of Land Management's oil shale reserve, is hereby revoked insofar as it affects the following described lands:

Principal Meridian, Montana

T. 8 S., R. 11 W.,

Sec. 6, lots 1 to 9, inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

T. 8 S., R. 12 W.,

Sec. 1, lot 6;  
Sec. 12, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The areas described contain 524.61 acres in Beaverhead County.

2. Public Land Order No. 5739, which withdrew public lands for the Bannack National Historic District, is hereby revoked in its entirety:

T. 8 S., R. 11 W.,

Sec. 5, lot 8;  
Sec. 6, lots 6 to 9, inclusive, and lot 11;  
Sec. 7, lot 1, east 660 feet of lot 4, lots 6 and 8, north 660 feet of lot 10, lots 14, 16, and 17, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Sec. 8, lot 5.

The areas described contain 297.76 acres in Beaverhead County.

The total areas described aggregate 822.37 acres in Beaverhead County.

3. At 9 a.m. on December 30, 1996, the lands described in paragraph 1 will be opened to the operation of the public land laws generally, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. All valid applications received at or prior to 9 a.m. on December 30, 1996, shall be considered as simultaneously filed at that time.

Those received thereafter shall be considered in the order of filing.

4. At 9 a.m. on December 30, 1996, the lands described in paragraph 1 will be opened to nonmetalliferous mining and the lands described in paragraph 2 will be opened to mining under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. Appropriation of any of the lands described in this order under the general mining laws prior to the date and time of restoration is unauthorized. Any such attempted appropriation, including attempting adverse possession under 30 U.S.C. 38 (1988), shall vest no rights against the United States. Acts required to establish a location and to initiate a right of possession are governed by State law where not in conflict with Federal law. The Bureau of Land Management will not intervene in disputes between rival locators over possessory rights since Congress has provided for such determinations in local courts.

Dated: November 4, 1996.

Bob Armstrong,

*Assistant Secretary of the Interior.*

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### Notice of Realty Action

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management.

**ACTION:** Notice of realty action; Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act classification; Idaho.

**SUMMARY:** The following public lands in Madison County, Idaho have been examined and found suitable for classification for lease to Madison County under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*) Madison County needs the land for an addition to their Twin Bridges Park.

T. 4 N., R. 40 E., Boise Meridian  
Sec. 16, lot 22 (portion)

A lease of these lands (about 3.5 acres) is consistent with current BLM land use planning and would be in the public interest.

The lease, when issued, would be subject to the following terms, conditions, and reservations:

1. Provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and to all applicable regulations.

2. A right-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States (Act of August 30, 1890).

3. A reservation of all minerals to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals.

Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the Bureau of Land Management, 1405 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho, 83401.

Upon publication of this notice in the Federal Register the lands will be segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws and general mining laws, excluding lease or conveyance under the R & PP Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws. For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register interested persons may submit comments regarding the proposed lease or land classification to the Area Manager at the address listed above.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the District Manager, Idaho Falls District Office. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective 60 days from the Federal Register publication date.

Dated: November 13, 1996.

Joe Kraayenbrink,

*Area, Manager, Medicine Lodge Resource Area.*

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### Moab Area Recreation Use Restrictions and Authorization of New Special Recreation Permits

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Moab area special recreation restrictions and rules addressing camping, off-highway vehicle use, motorized boating and policy for authorization of new Special Recreation Permits.

**SUMMARY:** This notice places restrictions on recreation and vehicle use of the Sand Flats Recreation Area, Ken's Lake, Mill Creek, Little Canyon, and Seven Mile Canyon areas and on motorized boating use on the Colorado River from the Westwater Ranger Station and Cisco Landing. It also establishes supplemental policy for issuance of new special recreation permits authorized by the Moab Field Office. Actions are implemented under the authority of 43 CFR 8341, 8364, 8365 and 8372.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Russell von Koch, Moab District Office,

82 E. Dogwood Ave., Moab, Utah 84532 at (801) 259-6111.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Recreation Restrictions**

Increased recreation use of certain public lands near Moab has adversely impacted wildlife, vegetation, soil, visual, and cultural resources and poses a threat to public safety and enjoyment of the lands. Maps of the areas where these special rules and restrictions apply are available at the Moab District Office.

To reduce damage to natural and cultural resource values and provide for public safety in the Ken's Lake and Seven Mile Canyon areas: (1) Motor vehicle and mountain bike travel is restricted to designated routes; (2) campfires may only be built in constructed fire rings, designated fire rings, or fire pans; (3) wood collection for campfire use is prohibited; (4) camping is restricted to improved recreation sites with facilities for overnight use and designated undeveloped campsites; (5) campsite occupancy may be limited to posted numbers of vehicles and persons, (6) campers at designated undeveloped campsites, where public toilets are not available, are required to carry out solid human body waste and must possess and utilize toilets systems, such as porta-potties or recreational vehicles with holding tanks, that allow for the disposal of solid human body waste through authorized sewage systems.

In the Mill Creek Canyon area, camping is prohibited in the "power dam" area within 1/4 mile of the stream (both forks) for a distance of one mile up canyon from the public/private land boundary on the west and in the Flat Pass area from Flat Pass northeastward to the South Fork of Mill Creek Canyon and within 1/4 mile of the stream up and down stream to the private land boundaries.

In the Little Canyon area, camping, motor vehicle and mountain bike use is restricted to designated sites and routes in the following locations to protect wildlife habitat use areas: NW 1/4 of Section 24 and the SW 1/4 of Section 13, T. 25 S., R. 20 E. S.L.M.

In the Sand Flats Recreation Area, to reduce damage to natural resource values and provide for public safety: (1) Campfires may only be built in developed metal fire rings, (2) campsite occupancy may be limited to posted numbers of vehicles and persons, and (3) campers at designated undeveloped campsites, where public toilets are not available, are required to carry out solid human body waste and must possess and utilize toilets systems, such as

porta-potties or recreational vehicles with holding tanks, that allow for the disposal of solid human body waste through authorized sewage systems. These restrictions supplement previously published rules governing camping and vehicle use in the Sand Flats area.

In the Colorado Riverway, to reduce damage to natural resource values and provide for public safety, campsite occupancy may be limited to posted numbers of vehicles and persons. This restriction supplements previously rules governing camping and vehicle use in the Colorado Riverway.

**II. Motorized Boat Use**

In order to protect wildlife values as mandated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) no boats may be launched for upstream motorized travel at the Westwater Ranger Station, on the Colorado River from February 1 through October 15. At Cisco Landing no boats may be launched for motorized travel either upstream or downstream, except in emergency situations or for administrative uses as determined by the authorized officer from February 1 through October 15. Shoreline camping along the banks of the Colorado River is not allowed on public land for a distance of two miles below Cisco Landing.

Personnel exempt from the requirements of this notice include any Federal or State employee or local officer, and members of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of their official duty, or any person authorized by the Bureau. These orders shall remain in effect until rescinded or modified by the authorized officer.

**III. Authorization of New Special Recreation Permits**

Due to increases in recreation use in the Moab area that exceed monitoring capability and available space, priority for authorization of new special recreation permits for land-based commercial and competitive events (issued by the Moab Office) will be given to applicants proposing uses that (1) do not duplicate existing uses, (2) that take place outside of the months of March, April, May and October, (3) that make use of less crowded weekdays, (4) that utilize lands and facilities off public lands for overnight accommodation of guests, (5) that display and communicate the Canyon Country Minimum Impact Practices, and (6) that focus visitation on sites and areas capable of withstanding repeated use. Other factors, including public demand for the proposed use, the

capability of the applicant to carry out the proposed use, projected government revenues, and past performance may be considered when deciding whether or not to issue permits for new events.

Applications for new recreation events must be submitted by the first business day of September of the year prior to the proposed use. The renewal or modification of existing use permits will follow standard Bureau procedures and not be counted as a new use. Applications for renewal of previously issued permits will be treated as new uses not qualifying for renewal privileges whenever the use authorization has lapsed for 1 or more years.

*Effective Dates*

These restrictions shall remain in effect pending revision of the resource management plan prepared for the Grand Resource Area or until updated by the authorized officer.

Dated: November 15, 1996.

Kate Kitchell,

*District Manager.*

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**Bureau of Reclamation**

**Change in Discount Rate for Water Resources Planning**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of change.

**SUMMARY:** The Water Resources Planning Act of 1965 and the Water Resources Development Act of 1974 require an annual determination of a discount rate for Federal water resources planning. The discount rate for Federal water resources planning for fiscal year 1997 is 7.375 percent. Discounting is to be used to convert future monetary values to present values.

**DATES:** This discount rate is to be used for the period October 1, 1996, through and including September 30, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Larry Schluntz, Economist, Reclamation Law, Contracts, and Repayment Office, Bureau of Reclamation, Attention: D-5200, Building 67, Denver Federal Center, Denver CO 80225-0007; telephone: (303) 236-1061, extension 287.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that the interest rate to be used by Federal agencies in the formulation and evaluation of plans for water and related land resources is 7.375 percent for fiscal year 1997.