

participate in recreation activities away from the camping/picnic site including, but not limited to, backpacking, hiking, beachcombing, hunting, surfing etc. The following developed camping and picnic sites are covered under this restriction: Mattole, Tolkan, Horse Mountain, Honeydew Creek, and Waitaki.

C. Vehicle Barriers: Taking any vehicle through, around, or beyond any structure, restrictive sign, recognizable barricade, fence, gate, or traffic control barrier is prohibited.

D. Camping Closure: BLM administered lands within the following areas are closed to camping (overnight occupancy) outside of developed campgrounds: Public Lands within 500 feet of Chemise Mountain Road; Public Lands within 500 feet of Shelter Cove Road between milepost 5 and the intersection with Chemise Mountain Road; Public Lands adjacent to Lower Pacific Drive including Mal Coombs Park, Seal Rock Picnic Area, Abalone Point, and all other BLM managed oceanfront lots within the Shelter Cove Subdivision; Public Lands south of Telegraph Creek and north of Humboldt Creek known as the Black Sands Beach Parking Area; Public Lands within Township 3 South, Range 1 East, Sections 6 and 7 known as the Honeydew Creek parcel; and Public Lands within 500 feet of King Peak Road between milepost 2 and 7.

EFFECTIVE DATE: These Supplementary Rules will be effective on May 20, 1997.

COMMENT PERIOD: The BLM is requesting comments concerning these supplemental rules. The comment period will be open for 30 days from the date of publication of this notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The above supplementary rules are being proposed for the following purposes:

A. Parking, Black Sands Beach: Wave erosion of the existing parking area has severely reduced its size to the point that larger vehicles and trailers cannot safely park or turn around, especially since the lot is often filled to capacity. Enlargement of the existing lot is not feasible, and efforts are being made to acquire an alternate parking area to accommodate larger vehicles.

B. Parking, Developed Camping and Picnic Sites: This rule is intended to be used in conjunction with an improved information program to increase the efficiency of use at developed camping/picnic areas. Presently, visitors often park in camp/picnic sites to hike, backpack or pursue other activities that do not require use of the site. Comparable access for these activities is available from nearby parking locations.

Often, all campsites are full, denying use to additional campers/picnickers, while these nearby parking areas have spots available.

C. Vehicle Barriers: Self explanatory.

D. Camping Closure: The closure along segments of Chemise Mountain and Shelter Cove Roads is intended to protect critical salmon spawning and rearing habitat along the Bear Creek corridor from impacts. The oceanfront lots and parks (Seal Rock, Abalone Point and Mal Coombs) along Lower Pacific Drive are in a residential area and are not designed to accommodate overnight use. The closure along King Peak Road and of the Honeydew Creek Parcel is intended to reduce resource damage and maintenance costs from increased numbers of visitors camping in undeveloped sites adjacent to developed campgrounds so that they can use the facilities without paying fees. Because of extensive wave erosion, the Black Sands Beach Parking Area no longer has the capacity to accommodate any tent or vehicle camping. Violation of any of the above supplementary rules is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100,000, and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months (43 CFR 8360.0-7).

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Lynda J. Roush, Bureau of Land Management, Arcata Resource Area Manager, 1695 Heindon Rd., Arcata, CA 95521, phone (707) 825-2300.

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Acting Arcata Resource Area Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

North Country National Scenic Trail

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of final trailway plans for Kent County, Michigan, and Columbiana and Carroll Counties, Ohio.

SUMMARY: A public planning process has been conducted in Kent County, Michigan, and Columbiana and Carroll Counties, Ohio, to select a specific route or trailway for the North Country National Scenic Trail in those counties. The planning process identified and mapped a specific "corridor of opportunity" within which public and private partners working to establish and manage the trail will work to secure lands on which the actual footpath can be constructed. This will require the cooperation of willing landowners. Lands may be secured by outright

purchase, easement, lease, or voluntary use agreements. The identified corridor is several landowners wide to allow flexibility in working with willing landowners to find a mutually agreeable alignment for the trail. A copy of either trailway plan can be obtained by writing to the National Park Service, 700 Rayovac Drive, Suite 100, Madison, Wisconsin 53711, or by calling 608-264-5610.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent Tom Gilbert, Ice Age, North Country, and Lewis and Clark National Trails, at the address or telephone number given above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In March 1980, Federal legislation authorized the establishment of the North Country National Scenic Trail (NST) as a component of the National Trails System (16 U.S.C. 1241 *et seq.*). The trail will extend more than 3,200 miles across seven north States: New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and North Dakota. Approximately 1,321 miles are completed and open to public use. A comprehensive management plan, published in September 1982 identified a general route for the trail.

Dated: March 18, 1997.

David N. Given,

Deputy Regional Director, Midwest Regional Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Availability of Plan of Operations and Environmental Assessment for Drilling an Exploratory Oil and Gas Well; Royal Production Company, Incorporated, Big Thicket National Preserve, Hardin County, Texas

Notice is hereby given in accordance with regulations at Section 9.52(b) of Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 9, Subpart B, that the National Park Service has accepted a Plan of Operations from Royal Production Company, Inc., to drill an exploratory oil and gas well within Big Thicket National Preserve, Hardin County, Texas.

The Plan of Operations and corresponding Environmental Assessment are available for public review and comment for a period of 30 days from the publication date of this notice. Such documents can be viewed during normal business hours at the Office of the Superintendent, Big Thicket National Preserve, 3785 Milam,

Beaumont, Texas. Copies can be requested from the Superintendent, Big Thicket National Preserve, 3785 Milam, Beaumont, Texas 77701.

Dated: March 21, 1997.

Richard R. Peterson,
Superintendent, Big Thicket National Preserve.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Notice of Request for Revisions and Reinstatement of a Previously Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intentions of the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) to seek renewal of an information collection. Reclamation delivers Colorado River water to water users for diversion and beneficial consumptive use in the States of Arizona, California, and Nevada. Under Supreme Court order, the United States is required, at least annually, to prepare and maintain complete, detailed, and accurate records of diversions of water, return flow, and consumptive use. This information is needed to ensure that a State or a water user within a State does not exceed its authorized use of Colorado River water. Water users are obligated to provide information on diversions and return flows to Reclamation by provisions in their water delivery contracts. Reclamation determines the consumptive use by subtracting return flow from diversions or by other engineering means. Without this information, Reclamation could not comply with the order of the United States Supreme Court to prepare and maintain detailed and accurate records of diversions, return flow, and consumptive use.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by June 6, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

To submit comments on this information collection contact: Bureau of Reclamation, Information Collection Officer, D-7924, P.O. Box 25007, Denver, Colorado 80225-0007; telephone: (303) 236-0305 extension 462; Internet address: infocoll@do.usbr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of Reclamation, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of Reclamation's estimated time and cost burdens of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including increased use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

This information collection was formerly titled, "Regulations for administering entitlements to Colorado River water in the lower Colorado River basin." Development of those regulations is expected to resume in the future, but the information to be collected is needed by Reclamation independent of the regulations.

Title: Diversions, return flow, and consumptive use of Colorado River water in the lower Colorado River basin.

OMB No.: OMB No. 1006-0015.

Description of respondents: The Lower Basin States (Arizona, California, and Nevada), local and tribal entities, water districts, and individuals that use Colorado River water.

Frequency: Annually, or otherwise as determined by the Secretary of the Interior.

Estimated completion time: An average of 2 hours per respondent.

Annual responses: 160 respondents.

Annual burden hours: 320.

Dated: April 1, 1997.

William E. Rinne,

Area Manager, Boulder Canyon Operations Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Notice of Request for Reinstatement of a Previously Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intentions of the

Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) to seek renewal of the information collection for Private Rental Survey. Under Public Law 88-459, Federal agencies are authorized to provide housing for Government employees under specified circumstances. A review of private rental market housing rates is required once every 5 years to ensure that the rental, utility, and related charges to occupants of Government Furnished Quarters (GFQ) are comparable to corresponding charges in the private sector. To avoid unnecessary duplication and inconsistent rental rates, the Bureau of Reclamation conducts housing surveys for the Departments of Interior, Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Justice, Transportation, Treasury, and Health and Human Services. If the collection activity was not performed, there would be no basis for determining open market rental costs.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by June 6, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of participating agencies, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of Reclamation's estimated burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

Title: Private Rental Survey.

OMB No.: OMB No. 1006-0009.

Description of respondents:

Individual property owners and small businesses or organizations (real estate managers or property managers).

Frequency: Each of 14 regions are surveyed every fifth year; this equates to two to three regions surveyed each year.

Estimated completion time: An average of 10 or 12 minutes per respondent.

Annual responses: 3,000 respondents.

Annual burden hours: 590 hours.