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Target Authorization Body: The FGDC Steering Committee is the initial target authorization body for this standard. Once endorsed by the FGDC the intent is to seek ANSI endorsement of this standard.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 1, 1997.

CONTACT AND ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted via Internet mail or by submitting an electronic copy on diskette. Send comments via Internet to: gdc-raster@www.fgdc.gov. Comments e-mailed as attachments must be in ASCII format

A soft copy version may be submitted on a 3.5 x 3.5 diskette in WordPerfect 5.0 or 6.0/6.1 format, along with one hardcopy version of the comments, to the FGDC Secretariat (attn: Jennifer Fox) at U.S. Geological Survey, 590 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192.

Dated: July 29, 1997.

Richard E. Witmer,

Chief, National Mapping Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Technology Transfer Act of 1986

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) negotiations.

SUMMARY: The United States Geological Survey (USGS) is planning to enter into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) with Sedona GeoServices, Inc., Limerick, Pennsylvania. The purpose of the CRADA is to jointly research and develop new algorithms and advanced methods of automatic contour vectorization. Any other organization interested in pursuing the possibility of a CRADA for similar kinds of activities should contact the USGS.

ADDRESSES: Inquiries may be addressed to the Acting Chief of Research, U.S. Geological Survey, National Mapping Division, 500 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192; Telephone (703) 648-4643, facsimile (703) 648-4706; Internet "ebrunsonusgs.gov".

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ernest B. Brunson, address above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is to meet the USGS requirement stipulated in the Survey Manual.

Dated: July 29, 1997.

Richard E. Witmer,

Chief, National Mapping Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK-962-1410-00-P]

Notice for Publication; [AA-9249]; Alaska Native Claims Selection

In accordance with Departmental regulation 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that a decision to issue conveyance under the provisions of Sec. 14(h)(1) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613(h)(1), will be issued to Calista Corporation for approximately 0.21 acre. The lands involved are in the vicinity of Nunivak Island, Alaska.

Seward Meridian, Alaska

T. 3 S., R. 95 W.,
Sec. 10.

A notice of the decision will be published once a week, for four (4) consecutive weeks, in the *Anchorage Daily News*. Copies of the decision may be obtained by contacting the Alaska State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599 ((907) 271-5960).

Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision, an agency of the Federal government or regional corporation,

shall have until September 8, 1997 to file an appeal. However, parties receiving service by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal. Appeals must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management at the address identified above, where the requirements for filing an appeal may be obtained. Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4, subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

Patricia A. Baker,

Land Law Examiner, ANCSA Team, Branch of 962 Adjudication.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-055-1220-00]

Camping Closure on Certain Public Lands Managed by the Bureau of Land Management Within the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area (NCA) Las Vegas District, Nevada

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

ACTION: Camping closure on selected public lands within the Red Rock Canyon NCA in Clark County, Nevada.

SUMMARY: The District Manager of the Las Vegas District announces a camping closure at Black Velvet Canyon within the Red Rock Canyon NCA.

The increased popularity of rock climbing in the Black Velvet Canyon area is causing a greater impact than in the past. Overnight camping is contributing to more illegal campfires, littering, and human waste than the resources can handle. Due to the primitive road condition accessing this area, it is not feasible to provide a supplemental toilet facility there, requiring regular service. The destruction of vegetation is the result of a rising number of out-of-bounds campers forced out of the limited area open to vehicles.

The close proximity of Mud Spring to the camping area invites more visitors to bathe there, thus resulting in the contamination of a vital water source for wild horses, desert bighorn sheep, and other wildlife native to the area.

In the fall of 1997 a new 100 space campground along State Route 159 is scheduled for completion, further relieving the impact to the public lands within the Conservation Area. With the exception of Black Velvet Canyon, other camping options currently available to

the public, as allowed by supplementary rule 43 CFR 8365.1-6(3.16)(a), dated May 11, 1993, are areas at elevations 5,000 feet above sea level and higher, and within the Oak Creek Camp Ground along State Route 159. Also available is the temporary overflow camping area provided on public lands adjacent to the Conservation Area boundary at mile post 2 on State Route 159.

This camping closure will have no effect on the current vehicle, hiking, or public access to Black Velvet Canyon.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The closure will be effective September 8, 1997. It will remain in effect indefinitely.

Closure Area

Black Velvet Canyon Camping Area, Red Rock Canyon NCA, located within Township 22 South, Range 58 East, section 14, Mount Diablo Meridian.

Closure Restrictions: Unless otherwise authorized, within the closure area no person shall:

- Camp or engage in camping.
- Fail to follow orders or directions of an authorized officer relating to this closure order.
- Obstruct, resist, or attempt to elude a law enforcement officer, or fail to follow their orders or directions, relating to this closure order.

Definitions

Camp or camping means the erecting of a tent or shelter, preparing a sleeping bag or other bedding material for use, or the parking of a vehicle, motor vehicle, motor home, or trailer for the apparent purpose of sleeping or overnight occupancy.

Maps depicting the area affected by this closure order are available for public inspection at the Las Vegas District Office, Bureau of Land Management.

This closure order is issued under the authority of 43 CFR 8364.1. Violation of any of the terms, conditions, or restrictions contained within this closure order may subject the violator to citation or arrest, with the penalty of fine or imprisonment as specified by law.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dave Wolf, Assistant District Manager, Recreation; or Ruben J. Conde Jr., Law Enforcement Ranger; at the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas District Office, 4765 W. Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89108, telephone (702) 647-5000.

Dated: July 28, 1997.

Michael F. Dwyer,
District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-85-97-6310-00;GP7-0255]

Closure of Roads in Lane County, Oregon

ACTION: Closure of roads in Lane County, Oregon.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that certain roads in Lane County, Oregon, are closed to public vehicular use. The purpose of the closure is to reduce vandalism to communications facilities on Prairie Peak. BLM employees and other individuals operating within the scope of official duties are exempt from this closure.

The effective date of the closure is August 15, 1997. The closure is made under the authority of 43 CFR 8364.1.

The roads affected by this closure are:

Road No.	Location
15-7-7	BLM segment in T. 15 S., R. 7 W., Section 7, W.M., Oregon.
15-7-7.1	BLM segment in T. 15 S., R. 7 W., Section 7, W.M., Oregon.

A locked gate will be installed on Road No. 15-7-7 near its junction with Road No. 15-7-23.

John Bacho,

Marys Peak Area Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-040-4333-02]

Call for the Gila Box Advisory Committee Nominations

AGENCY: Safford Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Extension of Call for Nominations for Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to solicit public nominations to fill one position of the Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area Advisory Committee, pursuant to Title 2, Section 201, of the Arizona Desert Wilderness Act of 1990.

The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to provide informed advice to the Safford Field Office Manager on management of public lands in the Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area. Members are currently assisting BLM specialists with

the preparation of the Final Gila Box Interdisciplinary Activity Plan. The Advisory Committee will meet approximately one time during (FY 97) to assist plan preparation. Members serve without salary, but are reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses at current rates for government employees.

To ensure membership of the Advisory Committee is balanced in terms of categories of interest represented and functions performed, nominees must be qualified to provide advice in specific areas related to the primary purposes for which the Gila Box Riparian National Conservation Area was created. These categories of expertise include wildlife conservation, riparian ecology, archaeology, hydrology, recreation, environmental education, or other related disciplines.

Persons wishing to nominate individuals or those wishing to be considered for appointment to serve on the Advisory Committee should provide names, addresses, professions, biographical data, and category of expertise for qualified nominees. Persons selected to serve on the Committee will serve a three-year term ending on July 31, 2000. Nominations should be submitted to the Safford Field Office Manager at the address below.

DATES: All nominations should be received by September 2, 1997.

ADDRESSES: For further information contact: Elmer Walls, Team Leader, Gila Resource Area, Safford Field Office, 711 14th Ave., Safford, AZ 85546, telephone (520) 348-4400.

Dated: July 27, 1997.

Bill T. Civish,

Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Pursuant to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

In accordance with Departmental policy, 28 CFR § 50.7, notice is hereby given that on July 22, 1997, a proposed amended consent decree in *United States v. Proteccion Tecnica Ecologica, Inc., et al.*, Civil Action No. 86-1698 (HL), was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico, pursuant to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. § 6901, *et seq.* The proposed consent decree amends a consent decree the United States entered into with Proteccion Tecnica Ecologica Inc. ("Proteco"), and Compania Ganadera