

Administered Public Lands in the Worland District, Wyoming.

1. To help prevent the spread of weeds on BLM-administered lands in Big Horn, Hot Springs, Park, and Washakie counties of Wyoming, effective September 1, 1997, all BLM-administered public lands within the BLM's Worland District of Wyoming, shall be closed to possessing, transporting or storing hay, cubes, straw, and mulch that has not been certified as free of noxious weed seed.

2. Certification will comply with "Regional Weed Free Forage Certification Standards," jointly developed by the states of Wyoming, Idaho, Montana, Colorado, Utah, and Nebraska, for noxious weed-free forage.

3. The following persons are exempt from this order: (1) Any person with a permit signed by an authorized officer of the BLM's Bighorn Basin Resource Area office or the Cody Resource Area office, specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission within that resource area; (2) Persons possessing or using pelletized feed or grain products; and (3) Persons transporting forage products on Federal and State Highways and County roads.

4. Any person who knowingly and willfully violates the provisions of these supplemental rules may be commanded to appear before a designated United States Magistrate and may be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment of not more than 12 months, or both, as defined in 43 United States Code 1733(a).

Dated: July 29, 1997.

Darrell Barnes,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-030-1920-00-4305]

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Improvement of Diamond Bar Road From the Pearce Ferry Road Near Meadview, Arizona, to the Western Boundary of the Hualapai Indian Reservation in Mohave County, AZ

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent, notice of scoping period, and notice of scoping meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy

Act of 1969, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Kingman Field Office, will be directing the preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS) to analyze the impacts of a proposal to improve Diamond Bar Road, an existing unimproved road that crosses BLM and private lands in northwestern Arizona. The project proponent is the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Truxton Canyon Agency. The Bureau of Indian Affairs proposes to widen the existing road to a two-lane highway, pave it, construct dirt shoulders on each side, and install culverts as needed. Approximately 70 percent of the proposed roadway would follow the alignment of the existing road. This proposal conforms with BLM's Kingman Resource Area Resource Management Plan, approved in 1995. The BLM will act as Lead Agency and the BIA as Cooperating Agency for preparation of the EIS.

This notice is intended to invite the public to participate in identifying issues and developing alternatives for the proposal.

DATES: Three meetings to identify public concerns will be held on the following dates at the locations indicated. Each meeting is scheduled to start at 6-8 p.m. September 3, 1997, Holiday Inn, 3100 East Andy Devine, Kingman, Arizona 86401

September 4, 1997, VFW Hall, 15943 Pearce Ferry Road, Dolan Springs, Arizona 86441

September 5, 1997, Hualapai Multipurpose Building, 921 Hualapai Way, Peach Springs, Arizona 86434

Comments relating to the identification of issues and alternatives will be accepted for up to 30 days following the publication of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: Bureau of Land Management, Kingman Field Office, 2475 Beverly Avenue, Kingman, Arizona 86401.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Don McClure, Project Manager, (520) 757-3161.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of and need for this project are to enhance the safety and efficiency of motorized travel on Diamond Bar Road and to accommodate projected future traffic demand resulting from further development of Grand Canyon West on the Hualapai Indian Reservation. Diamond Bar Road provides access to Grand Canyon West, primarily for commercial and private vehicles originating from Las Vegas. Grand Canyon West is a development near the rim of the Grand Canyon that currently consists of an airport and associated

terminal building, a food service facility, restrooms, and a permits office. Implementation of a master plan for Grand Canyon West completed in 1994, is expected to cause up to a sixfold increase in the total number of visitors over a ten-year period. This increase would result in a substantial increase in the number of vehicles on Diamond Bar Road. The proposed improvement of Diamond Bar Road would accommodate this increased volume by providing a roadway designed for up to 2,400 vehicles per day.

Anticipated Issues

Management concerns that will be addressed include, but are not limited to, impacts on vegetation, visual quality, recreation, cultural resources, socioeconomic, public safety, and the Joshua Tree Forest Area of Critical Environmental Concern. Studies to be conducted include a native plant inventory, biological evaluation, cultural resource survey, traffic study, and visual impact analysis. Tribal consultation pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, is ongoing.

Other Relevant Information

The EIS will be prepared by an interdisciplinary team of resource specialists in the fields of vegetation (including salvage), wildlife, visual quality, archaeological and traditional cultural resources, soils, range management, realty, and roadway design. Complete records of all phases of the EIS process will be available for public review at the Kingman Field Office, 2475 Beverly Avenue, Kingman, 86401.

Dated: August 11, 1997.

Michael A. Ferguson,

Acting State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-030-1220-00; Federal Register Notice No. NV-030-97-006]

Limited Use Designation of Federal Lands

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the boundary of the Jumbo-Bailey Watershed Limited Use Area. Washoe County, Nevada, has been expanded. Furthermore, motorized vehicle traffic is restricted to designated routes. The term "designated routes" replaces the

original restriction first published on September 15, 1988, which appeared as "designated maintained roads." This action is taken to carry out the intent of current land use plan decisions to protect soil and watershed values in the Jumbo/Bailey Watershed.

DATES: This Limited Use Designation goes into effect on August 15, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Clifford Ligons, Assistant District Manager, Division on Non-Renewable Resources, Carson City District, 1535 Hot Springs Road, Carson City, Nevada 89707. Telephone (702) 885-6000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The authorities for this closure are 43 CFR 8341.1, and 43 CFR 8342.1. Any person who fails to comply with a closure order is subject to arrest and fines in accordance with applicable provisions of 18 USC 3571 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

This limited use is a designation applies to all motorized vehicles excluding (1) any emergency or law enforcement vehicle while being used for emergency purposes, and (2) any vehicle whose use is expressly authorized in writing by the Assistant District Manager, Division of Non-Renewable Resources.

The public lands affected by this explanation of the Limited Use Area are located in the Jumbo-Bailey Watershed and include lands within:

Mt. Diablo Meridian

T.17N., R.20E.

Secs. 3, 9, 10, 11.

A map of the designated routes open to motorized vehicles is posted in the Carson City District Office.

Dated: August 1, 1997.

John O. Singlaub,

Carson City District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Northwest Colorado Resource Advisory Council Meetings

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The next meetings of the Northwest Colorado Resource Advisory Council will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 1997, in Grand Junction, Colorado; and Friday, November 7, 1997, in Eagle, Colorado.

DATES: Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, September 9, 1997, and Friday, November 7, 1997.

ADDRESSES: For further information, contact Joann Graham, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Grand Junction District Office, 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, Colorado 81506; Telephone (970) 244-3037.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Tuesday, September 9, 1997.* A business meeting will be held from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. in the Grand Junction District Office conference room, 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, Colorado. Agenda topics include draft 3809 mining regulations update, sanctioned subcommittee reports, and wilderness review update. The business meeting will be followed by a raft trip down the Colorado River through Ruby Canyon.

Friday, November 7, 1997. This meeting will be held in Eagle, Colorado. The meeting time, location, and agenda will be posted at a later time.

All resource advisory council meetings are open to the public. Interested persons may make oral statements at the meetings or submit written statements following the meetings. Per-person time limits for oral statements may be set to allow all interested persons an opportunity to speak.

Summary minutes of council meetings are maintained in both the Grand Junction and Craig District Offices. They are available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours within thirty (30) days following the meeting.

Dated: August 5, 1997.

Richard Arcand,

Grand Junction Associate District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Meeting of John Day-Snake Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Prineville District.

ACTION: Meeting of John Day-Snake Resource Advisory Council: John Day, Oregon; September 16-17, 1997.

SUMMARY: A field trip and meeting of the John Day-Snake Resource Advisory Council will be held on September 16 and September 17, 1997 in John Day, Oregon. On September 16 the Council will tour the Summit Fire on the

Malheur National Forest and the Nature Conservancy Preserve on the Middle Fork John Day River. On September 17, the Council will hold a business meeting at the Malheur National Forest Office located at 431 Patterson Bridge Road, John Day, Oregon, from 8 a.m. to noon. The field tour will leave the John Day Sunset Inn, 390 West Main Street, at 7:30 a.m. on September 16. The field tour and business meeting are open to the public. However, no public transportation will be provided for the field trip. Public comments will be received by the Council at 10:00 a.m. on September 17. Topics to be discussed include the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project, Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing on public lands, current issues, and forest health on Forest Service Lands and BLM lands.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James L. Hancock, Bureau of Land Management, Prineville District Office, 3050 NE Third Street, Prineville, Oregon 97754, or call 541-416-6700.

Dated: August 1, 1997.

James L. Hancock,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-985-0777-66]

Emergency Closure for All Motorized Vehicles on BLM-Administered Public Land Along the Rome Hill Stock Drive in T.47 N, R. 88 W., Sections 23, 24, 25 and 26 and T.47 N., R. 87 W., Section 19., Bighorn Basin Resource Area, Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Closure.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that effective immediately, all public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Worland District in T.47 N, R. 88 W., sections 23, 24, 25 and 26 and T.47 N., R. 87 W., section 19 are closed to all motorized vehicle use. The Worland District BLM has determined that immediate action is needed to stop the spread of spotted knapweed.

EFFECTIVE DATES: This emergency closure is effective immediately and will remain in effect until rescinded or modified by the authorized officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chuck Wilkie, Area Manager, Bighorn