

same facilities. The Project would have a term of 50 years and would then be reclaimed. MWD supplies supplemental imported water from the State Water Project and the Colorado River to its member agencies in Riverside, San Diego, San Bernardino, Orange, Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.

**DATES:** Written comments are requested concerning the scope of the proposed project. Comments must be received on or before May 24, 1999. It is important that those interested in the management of the BLM properties within the Project area provide input at this time. A Notice of Availability will be published when the joint Draft EIS/EIR is available for public review.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit comments in writing to James Williams, Supervisory Realty Specialist, Bureau of Land Management, California Desert District, 6221 Box Springs Boulevard, Riverside, California, 92507, (909) 697-5390.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James Williams at the above address.

Dated: April 27, 1999.

**George Meckfessel,**  
*Acting Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

(UT-942-1430-01; UTU 76746)

#### Public Land Order No. 7388; Partial Revocation of Executive Order Dated July 2, 1910; Utah

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

**ACTION:** Public land order.

**SUMMARY:** This order partially revokes an Executive order insofar as it affects 80 acres of public land withdrawn for the Bureau of Land Management's Power Site Classification No. 34. The withdrawal is no longer needed, and the revocation is necessary to facilitate a pending statewide assembled land exchange. This action will open the land to surface entry subject to valid existing rights. Except for 24.27 acres that are temporarily closed to mining due to the pending land exchange, the land has been and will remain open to mineral leasing, and to mining under the provisions of the Mining Claims Rights Restoration Act of 1955. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has concurred with this action.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 3, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary von Koch, BLM Moab Field Office,

82 East Dogwood Avenue, Moab, Utah 84532, 435-259-2128.

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 (1994), it is ordered as follows:

1. The Executive Order dated July 2, 1910, which established Power Site Classification No. 34, is hereby revoked insofar as it affects the following described land:

Salt Lake Meridian

T. 23 S., R. 24 E.,  
Sec. 8, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

The area described contains 80 acres in Grand County.

2. At 10 a.m. on June 3, 1999, the land 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 10 a.m., June 3, 1999, shall be considered as simultaneously filed at that time. Those received thereafter shall be considered in the order of filing.

3. The land has been open to mining under the provisions of the Mining Claims Rights Restoration Act of 1955, 30 U.S.C. 621 (1994). However, since this act applies only to land withdrawn for power purposes, the provisions of the act are no longer applicable.

Dated: April 29, 1999.

**John Berry,**

*Assistant Secretary of the Interior.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CO-034-99-1220-00]

#### Designation Order; Notice of Overnight Camping Closure Within the BLM Gunnison Forks Wildlife Area and Implementation of Motorized Vehicle Use Restrictions at the Gunnison Forks and on Newly Acquired Public Lands in Delta County, Colorado

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Montrose District, Uncompahgre Field Office, Montrose Colorado.

**ACTION:** Notice; camping closure on public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management in the Gunnison Forks Wildlife Management Area and the implementation of motorized vehicle use restrictions in the Gunnison Forks area and on the newly

acquired public lands resulting from the Tri-State acquisition of February 1999.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is given that overnight camping is prohibited on all BLM Public Lands within the Gunnison Forks Wildlife Management Area located at the confluence of the Gunnison River and North Fork of the Gunnison River and all public lands north of the Gunnison River between the Towns of Austin and Lazear. In addition, no overnight parking is permitted on the gravel bar adjacent to the Gunnison River and North Fork River at the Forks. Vehicles which park on the site for day use may not block the access to the river. All motorized use in the Forks areas is restricted to designated routes as indicated by signs. Notice is also given that motorized vehicle use on all newly acquired public lands resulting from the Tri-State land acquisition (February, 1999) is hereby restricted to existing roads and trails; no off-road travel is allowed.

**DATES:** The camping closure and motorized vehicle restriction are effective immediately and will remain in effect until such time that the Uncompahgre Basin Resource Management Plan and/or the Gunnison Gorge Recreation Management Area Plan is amended or revised.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This closure is established to assist the Bureau of Land Management in reducing problems associated with vehicle and camping use in the Gunnison Forks Wildlife Management area and in those areas adjacent to the area. The camping closure is necessary to prevent excessive impacts to soil, vegetation and other resources caused by long-term camping and inappropriate vehicle use.

The restriction of motorized vehicle use to existing roads and trails in the newly acquired public lands is needed to prevent any resource impacts or damage which might be caused by off-road vehicle use. These lands contain significant scenic, recreational, watershed, geologic, wildlife, cultural, and other resources, including potential habitat for critical and/or threatened and endangered species which require protection from unrestricted motorized use.

The camping closure and vehicle restrictions on the newly acquired public lands are consistent with the Uncompahgre Basin Resource Management Plan (1998), the Gunnison Gorge Recreation Area Management Plan (1985), and the Gunnison Forks Habitat Management Plan (1981).

CFR Title 43, Chapter II, Part 8360, Subpart 8364.1 and Part 8340, Subpart

8341.2 provide BLM authority for the camping closure and off-road vehicle use restrictions.

8360.0-7 Penalties: Violations of any regulations in these subparts by a member of the public are punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** A map of the newly acquired public lands referred to in this notice and additional information concerning this closure and motorized vehicle restrictions may be obtained from Karen Tucker, Recreation Planner, Uncompahgre Field Office, 2505 South Townsend Ave., Montrose Colorado 80401, (970) 240-5309.

Dated: April 28, 1999.

**James Sazama,**

*Acting Uncompahgre Field Office Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CO-034-99-1220-00]

#### Designation Order; Notice of the Implementation of User Fees in the Gunnison Gorge in Montrose and Delta Counties, CO

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Uncompahgre Field Office, Montrose, Colorado.

**ACTION:** Notice: Implementation of day and overnight user fees on public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management within the Gunnison Gorge Wilderness Study Area and Recreation Area.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that day use and overnight user fees are being charged for all private and commercial users, 16 years of age and older, within the Gunnison Gorge river canyon from the downstream boundary of the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument down to, but not including the Smith Fork confluence (10 miles downstream of the Chukar boater put-in). There is no charge for private walk-in fishing or camping in the river canyon below the Smith Fork. Visitors that use the jet boat, raft rental and/or guide services of the Gunnison River Pleasure Park in the four-mile section of the Gunnison River between the North Fork and Smith Fork confluences will also be charged user fees.

Fees for day use are set at \$3.00 per person and overnight user fees are set at \$5.00 per person per day (i.e., \$10 for one night camping; \$15 for two nights, and \$20 for three nights camping). An

annual Gunnison Gorge pass for day use only is available for \$15 per person. Golden Age, Golden Eagle, or Golden Access Passes or other similar entrance passes cannot be applied to user fees.

**DATES:** The implementation of user fees is effective immediately for the areas described above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Fees will be collected on site via a self-issuing 3-part permit form, at the Chukar, Duncan, Bobcat, and Ute Trailheads. Visitors are instructed to fill out use information on the form, deposit their fees in the fee tube located at the trailhead and carry a copy of the fee receipt with them while in the Gorge as proof of payment. An additional copy of the fee receipt is to be left on visitors' vehicles at the trailhead.

All visitors to the Gunnison Gorge are also required to sign the visitor registration sheets located at the trailheads or the Chukar put-in. Visitors who intend on camping within the river corridor must also sign-in for a designated campsite on the registration sheet, following the directions for boater or walk-in sites provided at the trailhead or in the user brochure.

Visitors under the age of 16 years are exempt from paying fees, but must be signed-in on the register. Commercial guides are exempt from paying user fees only when they are on official duty with their respective companies in the Gorge. Golden Eagle, Age, and Access Passports apply only to entrance fees at designated areas and cannot be used to cover user or impact fees such as those imposed in the Gorge. National passes or other similar recreation discount cards are also not accepted for payment of user fees. The Gunnison Gorge Annual Day Use Pass applies only to day use and cannot be applied towards overnight user fees. Noncompliance with fee regulations, registration requirements, and/or other user regulations of the Gunnison Gorge may result in fines up to \$1,000 and/or imprisonment up to 12 months and possibly, additional civil action.

**Additional Information:** In 1996, to address increasing visitor use and impacts on the public lands and declining federal budgets for recreation, Congress directed the U.S. Department of the Interior to implement the Recreation Fee Demonstration Program for three of its agencies, the BLM, the National Park Service, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The intent of the program is to help spread some of the costs for managing these lands among those who use them. The Gunnison Gorge is one of the original BLM fee demonstration pilot sites. The site was

specifically chosen to test BLM's ability to collect fees and user acceptance of fees in a remote, high intensity use area. All of the fees collected in the Gorge are returned to the Uncompahgre Field Office for use in managing the area. In 1997-98, the BLM conducted public meetings and formed a Fee Work Group composed of private and commercial interests and members of the BLM's Southwest Resource Advisory Council (RAC). The Work Group developed the schedule of fees that would be charged in the Gunnison Gorge and set funding priorities for spending the fees.

**Authorities:** The Omnibus Consolidated Rescissions and Appropriation Act of 1996 (PL 104-134, Sec. 315) provides the authority for BLM to carry out the Recreational Fee Demonstration Program by charging and collecting fees in Pilot Fee Sites. Under this authority, the agency "may assess a fine of not more than \$100 for any violations of the authority to collect fees for admission to the area or for the use of outdoor recreation sites, facilities, visitor centers, equipment, and services." Additional authorities for collecting user fees, implementing special regulations for visitor conduct, and imposing fines for noncompliance with regulations include the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, P.L.-94-579 (43 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, P.L. 88-578 (16 U.S.C. 460 (1-6a) et seq.), and Title 43 CFR, Subpart 8372.

Dated: April 28, 1999

**Karen S. Tucker,**

*Acting Uncompahgre Field Office Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

#### Notice of Proposed Information Collection

**AGENCY:** Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing its intention to renew authority for the collection of information under 30 CFR Part 774, Revision; renewal; and transfer, assignment, or sale of permit rights. The collection described below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The information collection request describes the nature of the information collection and the expected burden and cost.