

geospatial information to answer questions of students, researchers, community leaders, and others. The goal of this meeting will be to identify existing and emerging data, infrastructure, and tools, that can be brought together to provide an "alpha version" demonstration of the Digital Earth vision in a limited number of use contexts (e.g., a student asking a question about the effects of pollution on the community). The results of this discussion may lead to subsequent Commerce Business Daily requests for proposals regarding cooperative technology demonstrations.

The morning session will be focused on providing the Federal Digital Earth vision, program, progress, and organization. The afternoon session will be devoted to discussion on a Digital Earth alpha version for FY 2000. Time will be allocated for attendees to provide their perspectives on Digital Earth. Attendees must indicate their intent to present their views, and statements should be limited to 10 minutes.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held in the USGS main Auditorium on November 10, 1999, commencing at 9 a.m. and adjourning at 3 p.m. The meeting may be extended to 5 p.m. based on the number of attendees indicating interest in presenting their views on Digital Earth.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To reserve a space for the meeting, please contact Mr. Mark Reichardt at (703) 748-5742, or via e-mail at [mreichardt@usgs.gov](mailto:mreichardt@usgs.gov) with your name, address, telephone, and e-mail address, and indicate whether or not you want to make a statement on Digital Earth. Although the meeting is open to all interested parties, space is limited and will be allocated on a first come basis. Please limit requests to one member of your organization.

Dated: October 20, 1999.

**Hedy J. Rossmeissl,**

*Acting, Chief, National Mapping Division.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CO-200-1620-MA]

#### Motor Vehicle Travel; Colorado

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

**ACTION:** Temporary closure order for motor vehicle travel.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that effective October 15, 1999 certain public lands in Fremont County are closed to all types of motor vehicle travel. The purpose of this closure is to prevent the development of unauthorized user-created trails and to prevent resource damage to soils and vegetation. Future interdisciplinary planning will determine the appropriate travel routes for these areas.

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** These closures are effective October 15, 1999 and shall remain in effect until revised, revoked or amended.

**ADDRESSES:** Royal Gorge Field Office, 3170 East Main Street, Canon City, CO 81212; Telephone (719) 269-8500.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Levi D. Deike, Field Office Manager or Diana Kossnar, Outdoor Recreation Planner.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The public lands affected by this temporary closure are identified as follows:

#### Fremont County, Colorado, Sixth Principal Meridian

Current Creek Area, located approximately 22 miles northwest of Canon City, Colorado, south and west of State Highway 9.

*T. 16S., R. 72W.*—All the part of Sections 6 and 7 lying south and west of the right-of-way of state highway 9.

*T. 16S., R. 73W.*—All that part of the following described public lands lying south and west of the right-of-way of state highway 9:

Section 1 Lots 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 2 Lots 9, 10, 11, 12, S $\frac{1}{2}$

Section 3 Lots 9, 10, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 10 E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 11 N $\frac{1}{2}$

Section 12 N $\frac{1}{2}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Cooper Mountain Area, located approximately 12 miles north of Canon City, Colorado, west of County Road 67.

*T. 16S., R. 69W.*

Section 29 SW $\frac{1}{4}$

*T. 17S., R. 69W.*

Section 5 Lots 2, 3, 4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$

Section 6 SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 7 NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 8 N $\frac{1}{2}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$

Section 9 Lots 1, 2, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Ecology Park Area, located approximately 1 mile southwest of Canon City, Colorado,  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile northwest of County Road 3.

*T. 19S., R. 70W.*—The Bureau of Land Management public lands located in Section 6 and 7.

This closure does not apply to emergency, law of enforcement, and federal or other government vehicles while being used for official or emergency purposes, or to any vehicle whose use is expressly authorized or otherwise officially approved by BLM.

Violation of this order is punishable by fine of up to \$5,000 and/or imprisonment for up to one year as defined in 18 U.S.C. 3571. Notice of this closure and a detailed map will be posted at the Royal Gorge Field Office.

**Levi D. Deike,**

*Royal Gorge Field Office Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[OR-084-6333-00; GP-0-0006]

#### Notice of Temporary Motor Vehicle Closure on Public Lands; Linn County, OR

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Salem District Office, Cascades Resource Area, Oregon.

**ACTION:** A temporary closure to motorized vehicle use on public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Cascade Resource Area, Salem District, Oregon.

**SUMMARY:** The BLM is temporarily closing certain public lands in Linn County to the use of motorized vehicles.

**DATES:** The closure will take effect upon the published date of this notice. The closure will continue until August 31, 2001 to allow time for a restoration plan to be completed and implemented.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Laura Graves, Salem District Office, 1717 Fabry Road SE, Salem, OR 97306, telephone (503) 375-5908.

#### Discussion of the Rules

The public lands affected by this closure are all lands administered by the BLM in Sections 15, 16, 17, 21 and 23 of Township 11 South, Range 1 East, Willamette Meridian, Oregon. Closure signs will be posted at main entry points to these locations. Maps of the closure area and information on the restoration plans may be obtained from the Salem District Office.

The lands affected by this closure have special status fish and wildlife species and are currently receiving high levels of off-road use by motorized vehicles. This use is causing soil erosion into streams, loss of vegetation and disturbance to wildlife. In addition, vehicles are being used for illegal dumping of household and commercial trash.

The restoration plan will address improving resource conditions and managing motorized access in the long term.

**Prohibited Act**

Motorized vehicles are not allowed in the closed area.

**Exemptions**

Persons who are exempt from these rules include BLM employees, Federal, State, or local officers, and members of any organized rescue or fire-fighting force in performance of an official duty, and any person authorized in writing by the Bureau of Land Management.

**Penalties**

The authority for this closure is found under section 303(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1733(a)) and 43 CFR 8360.0-7. Any person who violates this closure may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined no more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for no more than 12 months, or both. Such violations may also be subject to the enhanced fines provided for by 18 U.S.C. 3571.

**Richard C. Prather,**

*Area Manager, Cascades Resource Area.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management****Notice of Availability of Record of Decision**

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Record of Decision (ROD) approving the Colorado Sodium Products Development Project (Project), located in Rio Blanco County and Garfield County, Colorado. American Soda L.L.P. will be required to obtain the necessary federal, state, and local permits and approvals prior to commencing the project.

**DATES:** A thirty day appeal period will begin October 26, 1999.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** American Soda, L.L.P. (American Soda) intends to construct and operate a commercial hancolite solution mining operation in the northcentral portion of the Piceance Creek Basin in Rio Blanco, County, Colorado. Nahcolite is naturally occurring sodium bicarbonate that is found in association with oil shale deposits. After the hancolite is removed from the ground, it will be processed into a sodium carbonate solution and transported by a 44-mile pipeline south to a processing operation located at an existing industrial site in the Parachute Valley in Garfield County, Colorado.

There it will be further processed to commercial grade sodium carbonate, sodium bicarbonate, and other sodium products which would then be shipped from the processing facility via a 4-mile long dedicated rail spur to an interstate rail connection near the town of Parachute.

This Decision selects the Agency Preferred Alternative as described in the Final Environmental Statement (FEIS) which incorporates five monitoring plans as well as project modifications resulting from public comments, plus any additional changes the have occurred since the publication of the FEIS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Larry Shults, White River Field Office, 73544 Highway 64, Meeker, Colorado 81641, Telephone (970) 878-3601.

**Jim Cagney,**

*Acting Field Officer Area Manager, White River Field Office.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

[WY-040-00-1310-EJ]

**Jonah Field Environmental Assessment, Sublette County, WY**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Assessment and to conduct public scoping for a modified proposal for development of the Jonah Field Natural Gas Project.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) and to conduct public scoping to address a proposed modification of the Record of Decision (ROD) issued April 27, 1998, for the Jonah Field II Natural Gas Project Environmental Impact Statement (April 1998). In that decision, BLM approved development of the Jonah Field at one gas well per 80 acres. Project proponents, McMurtry Oil Company and Amoco Production Company, have requested BLM approval of development of the field at one well per 40 acres.

Should the scoping process or the EA identify the potential for significant impacts, BLM would deem the EA to be a draft supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Further scoping would not be conducted. However, the public will be notified through newspaper articles and a subsequent **Federal Register** notice if significant

impacts are identified in the EA. BLM will also conduct a conformance review of the Pinedale Resource Management Plan (RMP) as part of the EA. Any needed changes in existing management or any new management actions to be prescribed for the area will be identified and, if necessary, the Pinedale RMP would be amended.

**DATES:** Public comments concerning this proposed modification will be accepted for 30 days following the date this notice is published in the **Federal Register**. A Public Notice will be distributed by mail to local media and known interested parties on or about the date of this notice.

BLM will hold an open house at the Sublette County Library (155 S. Tyler Street, Pinedale, Wyoming) on November 2, 1999, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and again from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. to answer questions concerning the proposed project modification and to explain the National Environmental Policy Act process chosen for this action.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to: Bureau of Land Management, Rock Springs Field Office, ATTN: Arlan Hiner, Project Manager, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, Wyoming 82901.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Arlan Hiner, Project Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Rock Springs Field Office, Telephone 307-352-0206. Information and a copy of the Public Notice for the Jonah Field EA can be obtained from the following BLM offices: Rock Springs Field Office, 280 Highway 191 North, Rock Springs, Wyoming 82901; Pinedale Field Office, 432 East Mill Street, PO Box 768, Pinedale, Wyoming 82941; and Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, PO Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Jonah Field Natural Gas Project is located approximately 32 miles south of Pinedale, Wyoming and 28 miles north of Farson, Wyoming, within Townships 28 and 29 North, Ranges 107, 108, and 109 West, Sublette County. The 30,320 acre project area includes 28,400 acres Federal surface, 640 acres private surface, and 1,280 acres State surface. The mineral estate includes 29,040 acres Federal minerals and 1,280 acres State minerals. Currently, 170 active gas wells out of 497 wells approved in the Jonah II EIS ROD have been drilled in the project area.

The project proponents would like to proceed with drilling gas wells within the area at a 40 acre spacing (16 wells per section) beginning in the summer of