

Service policies and procedures for compliance with those regulations.

The Service anticipates that draft CCP documents and any associated NEPA documents will be available by June, 1999.

Dated: October 27, 1999.

Bryan Arroyo,

Acting, Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Proposed Information Collection— Trans-Alaska Pipeline System Employee Concerns Program Survey

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces its intention to request approval to collect information from employees of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) concerning operation of the employee concerns program. This information would allow the Joint Pipeline Office to monitor and assess how the employee concerns program is working.

DATES: BLM must receive comments on the proposed information collection by January 18, 2000, to assure its consideration of them.

ADDRESSES: Mail comments to: Director (630), Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street, NW, Room 401LS, Washington, DC 20240.

Send comments via Internet to: WoComment@blm.gov. Please include "ECP survey" and your name and return address in your Internet message.

You may hand-deliver comments to the Bureau of Land Management Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW, Washington, DC.

BLM will make comments available for public review at the L Street address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.), Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rob McWhorter, 907/271-3664. To get a copy of the proposed survey, contact Carole Smith, BLM clearance officer at 202/425-5127.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.12(a) BLM must provide 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a proposed

collection of information to solicit comments on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (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 appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. BLM will receive and analyze any comments sent in response to this notice and include them with its request for approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

The Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) is the Nation's largest crude oil pipeline. It runs 800 miles through pristine Alaska lands, delivering about 1.1 million barrels of North Slope crude oil to tankers in Valdez, Alaska, each day. This quantity represents about eight percent of total U.S. oil consumption. Most of this product is used to supply petroleum needs on the West coast.

The TAPS is operated for seven oil shippers by Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, a company of about 850 employees, which also utilizes the services of about 1,350 contractor employees. Alyeska's operation of the pipeline is subject to oversight by the Joint Pipeline Office (JPO), which comprises a number of Federal and State of Alaska agencies whose interests are affected by the pipeline. The Bureau of Land Management provides the majority of funding for the JPO.

Testimony at Congressional hearings in 1992, 1993 and 1994 indicated that the contractors who operate the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS) maintained a repressive, retaliatory atmosphere to discourage workers from raising concerns about operation of the pipeline. Due to the serious impact on the U.S. economy and on the Alaskan environment that a major TAPS failure would have, Congress believes that the pipeline operator should be more responsive to employee concerns. Congress asked Alyeska to take steps to change the culture of the pipeline work environment and asked JPO to monitor and report on progress.

This information collection, the Employee Concerns Program (ECP)

survey, will be given annually to the approximately 2,200 employees and supervisors employed by Alyeska and other TAPS contractors. Responses to the survey are voluntary and confidential

The survey consists of a series of statements to which the respondent indicates his or her level of agreement or disagreement. The survey contains 35 statements divided into four parts. Part one, containing 14 statements, asks for employee perceptions of the employee concerns program. Part two, containing 15 statements, asks about perceived management support for the program. Part three, containing five statements, is for supervisors and asks them about their knowledge of the ECP and participation in training about the ECP. The fourth part asks about the respondent's affiliation and work location.

This survey is JPO's only comprehensive, non-anecdotal means of gathering opinions from Alyeska and other contractors' employees and supervisors about how well the Employee Concerns Program is working. JPO will use the results, over time, to measure, compare, and report on employee satisfaction with the ECP. This is the most effective way to assess whether and how much the repressive culture is changing.

BLM estimates that the public reporting burden for the information collected averages 15 minutes per response. The respondents are employees of the trans-Alaska pipeline system. The frequency of response is once per year. The maximum possible number of responses per year is estimated to total 2,200. The estimated total annual burden on new respondents is about 550 hours. BLM specifically requests your comments on its estimate of the amount of time that it takes to prepare a response.

BLM will summarize all responses to this notice and include them in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. Responses to this notice will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 9, 1999.

Carole Smith,

Bureau of Land Management, Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-055-99-7122-00-8600]

Nevada Temporary Closure of Certain Public Lands Management by the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas District**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior.**ACTION:** Temporary Closure of Selected Public Lands in Clark County, Nevada, during the Operation of the 1999 BEST in the DESERT TERRIBLE'S TOWN "250" off road desert race.**SUMMARY:** The District Manager of the Las Vegas District announces the temporary closure of selected public lands under its administration.

This action is being taken to help ensure safety, prevent unnecessary environmental degradation during the official permitted running of the 1999 BEST in the DESERT TERRIBLE'S TOWN "250" off road desert Race and to comply with provisions of the U.S. and Wildlife Service Speed Based Off-Highway Vehicle Events (1-5-98-F-053)

DATES: From 6:00 am December 3, 1999 through 9:00 pm December 4, 1999 Pacific Standard Time.

Closure Area: As described below, an area within T.12 S. to T.21 S. R. 46 E. to R. 55 E.

1. The closure is from the California, Nevada border on the west side, Nevada Test Site boundary on the east. Town of Beatty on the north, Clark County line on the south. Exceptions to the closure area: State Route 160, US 95.

2. The entire area encompassed by the designated course and all areas outside the designated course as listed in the legal description above are closed to all vehicles except law Enforcement, Emergency Vehicles, and Official Race Vehicles. Access routes leading to the course are closed to vehicles.

3. No vehicle stopping or parking.

4. Spectators are required to remain within designated spectator area only.

5. The following regulations will be in effect for the duration of the closure:

Unless otherwise authorized no person shall:

a. Camp in any area outside of the designated spectator areas.

b. Enter any portion of the race course or any wash located within the race course.

c. Spectate or otherwise be located outside of the designated spectator area.

d. Cut or collect firewood of any kind, including dead and down wood or other vegetation material.

e. Possess and or consume any alcoholic beverage unless the person(s) has reached the age of 21 years.

f. Discharge, or use firearms, other weapons or fireworks.

g. Park, stop, or stand any vehicle outside of the designated spectator area.

h. Operate any vehicle including an off-highway vehicle (OHV), which is not legally registered for street and highway operation, including operation of such a vehicle in spectator viewing areas, along the race course, and in designated pit area.

i. Park any vehicle in violation of posted restrictions, or in such a manner as to obstruct or impede normal or emergency traffic movement or the parking of other vehicles, create a safety hazard, or endanger any person, property or feature. Vehicles so parked are subject to citation, removal and impoundment at owners expense.

j. Take a vehicle through, around or beyond a restrictive sign, recognizable barricade, fence or traffic control barrier or device.

k. Fail to keep their site free of trash and litter during the period of occupancy, or fail to remove all personal equipment, trash, and litter upon departure.

l. Violate quiet hours by causing an unreasonable noise as determined by the authorized officer between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time.

m. Allow any pet or other animal in their care to be unrestrained at any time.

n. Fail to follow orders or directions of an authorized officer.

o. Obstruct, resist, or attempt to elude a Law Enforcement Officer or fail to follow their orders or direction.

Signs and maps directing the public to designated spectator areas will be provided by the Bureau of Land Management and the event sponsor.

The above restriction do not apply to emergency vehicles and vehicles owned by the United States, the State of Nevada or to Clark County. Vehicles under permit for operation by event participants must follow the race permit stipulations.

Operators of permitted vehicles shall maintain a maximum speed limit of 35 mph on all BLM road and ways. Authority for closure of public lands is found in 43 CFR part 8340 subpart 8341; 43 CFR part 8360, subpart 8364.1 and 43 CFR part 8372. Persons who violate this closure order are subject to fines and or arrest as prescribed by law.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dave Wolf, Recreation Manager or Ron Crayton, BLM Ranger, BLM Las Vegas District 4765 Vegas Dr. Las Vegas, Nevada 89108, (702) 647-5000.

Dated: November 2, 1999.

Michael F. Dwyer,*District Manager.*

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

[MT-960-1150-00]

District Advisory Council Meeting**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, North Dakota Field Office, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: A meeting of the Dakotas Resource Advisory Council will be held January 10 and 11, 2000, at the Holiday Inn, Spearfish, South Dakota. The session will convene at 8 a.m. on January 10th and resume at 8 a.m. on the 11th. Agenda items will include an update on the South Dakota Land Exchange, City of Sturgis's proposal for Fort Meade, management of Off-Highway Vehicles on public lands, Northern Great Plains EIS subcommittee report, status of the Figure 4 Ranch, and a report on Schnell Recreation Area signage and tourism.

The meeting is open to the public and a public comment period is set for 8 a.m. on January 11th. The public may make oral statements before the Council or file written statements for the Council to consider. Depending on the number of persons wishing to make an oral statement, a per-person time limit may be established. Summary minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection and copying.

The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in the Dakotas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Douglas Burger, Field Office Manager, North Dakota Field Office, 2933 3rd Avenue West, Dickinson, ND 58601. Telephone (701) 225-9148.

Dated: November 5, 1999.

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