

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management****[8323.2]****Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) on Construction of an Interpretive Center and Other Facilities at Pompeys Pillar National Historic Landmark, Montana****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) on construction of an interpretive center and other facilities at Pompeys Pillar National Historic Landmark, Montana and Notice of Scoping Meetings.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management, Billings Field Office and the Montana Department of Transportation will be directing the preparation of an EA to be prepared by a third party contractor on the impacts of a proposed interpretive center and other facilities proposed on public lands at Pompeys Pillar National Historic Landmark in south-central Montana. The EA will amend the Billings Resource Management Plan to provide further guidance on the management of Pompeys Pillar National Historic Landmark.

DATES: Written comments will be accepted until January 28, 2000. Public scoping meetings will be held at Pompeys Pillar National Historic Landmark on January 4, 2000 and in Billings, Montana on January 5, 2000. Exact locations and times will be announced through the local media. Additional briefing meetings will be considered as appropriate.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Billings Field Manager, P. O. Box 36800, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59107-6800. ATTN: Pompeys Pillar Interpretive Center EA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dick Kodeski, BLM Billings Field Office, (406) 896-5235.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The need for a new interpretive center at Pompeys Pillar National Historic Landmark was addressed in the 1996 Pompeys Pillar Amendment to the Billings Resource Management Plan and impacts analyzed in the accompanying EA. The EA to be developed at this time will further analyze the location and visual aspects of the interpretive center, as well as that of additional facilities, including the possibility of a State of Montana Department of Transportation highway rest area at this location. Additional facilities to be addressed are an entrance

road, trails, parking, restrooms, picnic area, sewage treatment, utilities, and employee housing. The possibility of providing a highway rest area is being considered because of potential cost savings to the public through the sharing of development, and operation and maintenance of facilities.

The scoping process for the EA will include: (1) Identification of what will be addressed; (2) Identification of viable alternatives, including a no-action alternative, and (3) Notifying interested groups, individuals, and agencies so that additional information concerning this project can be obtained.

Dated: November 18, 1999.

Larry E. Hamilton,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management****[CO-14000-00-1220-00]****Notice of Availability of Resource Management Plan Amendment for the Red Hill Area, Colorado****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of Availability, Decision Record, and Travel and Use Restrictions.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regulations in CFR 1610.2 and 1610.5-5., the BLM has amended the Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Glenwood Springs Field Office (GSFO) approved in January of 1984.

The amendment changed the management prescription for the Red Hill area, approximately 3,093 acres, north of the town of Carbondale, Colorado in Garfield County. The Red Hill area includes all BLM managed public lands bounded on the west and south by State Highway 82, on the north by the County Road 113, and on the east by County Roads 112 and 105. These public lands are located in Township 7 South, Range 88 West, Sections 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28; Sixth P.M.

The Decision Record (DR) administratively recognized Red Hill area as a Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) where recreation is a principle management focus. The DR closed the area to

unauthorized motorized vehicles and designated routes open for mountain bike riding. To protect wintering big game, the DR placed seasonal (December 1-March 31) restrictions on mountain bike travel in; Township 7 South; Range 88 West; Sections 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21 (north half), 22, 23, 26, 27; Sixth P.M. The DR revised the Class III and IV visual resource management designations to Class II where the level of change in basic landscape elements will remain low. The DR also applied no surface occupancy (NSO) stipulations to the area to maintain the current undeveloped physical setting.

DATES: The amendment, including the travel and use restrictions, to the Glenwood Springs Resource Area Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Red Hill area will take effect after the 60-day Governor's Consistency Review and 30-day protest period, provided all protests have been resolved by that time. The 60-day Governor's Consistency Review will end December 31, 1999. The 30-day protest period will begin when notice of the decision is published in the **Federal Register**.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Notice of Intent to prepare a RMP amendment was published in the **Federal Register** in Vol. 64, No. 1 on Jan. 4, 1999.

The travel and use restrictions are being implemented to protect wintering big game and support the preferred physical, social and managerial recreational settings. The area and routes affected by this order will be posted with appropriate regulatory signs in such a manner and location as is reasonable to bring prohibitions to the attention of visitors. Information, including maps of the restricted area, is available in the Glenwood Springs Field Office at the addresses shown above.

Persons who are exempt from the restrictions include: (1) Any Federal, State, or local officers engaged in fire, emergency and law enforcement activities; (2) BLM employees engaged in official duties; (3) Persons authorized to operate mechanized and motorized vehicles within the restricted area.

The Decision Record contains decisions which amend the Glenwood Springs Resource Area Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the Red Hill area. The Bureau's planning regulations (43 CFR 1610.5-2) provide protest procedures for persons adversely affected by the approval of RMP amendments. Any person who participated in the planning process and has an interest which is or may be adversely affected by the amendment of an RMP may protest such amendments. A protest may only raise those issues

which were submitted for the record during the planning process. The protest shall be in writing and shall be filed with the Director. For an amendment not requiring the preparation of an environmental Impact Statement, the protest shall be filed within 30 days of the publication of the notice of its effective date. The Director's mailing address and protest procedures are available from the Glenwood Springs Field Office at (970) 947-2800.

Certain mitigation measures included in the Decision Record are considered actions to implement the RMP as amended and may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals in accordance with regulations in Title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations 4.411 and 4.413. Form CSO 1840-3 (available from the Glenwood Springs Field Office) outlines appeal procedures. The forms also include instructions for requesting a stay of the decision appealed. If an appeal is taken, the notice of appeal must be filed in the BLM, Glenwood Springs Field Office, P.O. Box 1009, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602, within 30 days from receipt of this decision. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision is in error and is adverse to you.

Penalties

Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this order may be subject to penalties outlined in 43 CFR 8360.0-7.

ADDRESSES: Field Office Manager, Glenwood Springs Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 50629 Highway 6 & 24, P.O. Box 1009, Glenwood Springs, CO 81602.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Hopkins, (970) 947-2840.

Roy E. Smith,

Acting Glenwood Springs Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Transit Mixed Concrete Company Proposed Sand and Gravel Mining Operation, Soledad Canyon, Los Angeles County, California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office, Desert District, California.

ACTION: Notice of availability of Draft Conformity Determination.

SUMMARY: In compliance with section 176 of the Federal Clean Air Act and as required by 40 CFR 93.150-160, notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Conformity Determination regarding air quality for Transit Mixed Concrete Company's proposal to mine sand and gravel reserves in Soledad Canyon, Los Angeles County, California. The Draft Conformity Determination is provided within the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for the Project which is available for public review. The Draft Conformity Statement is required to demonstrate the Project's compliance with the provisions of 40 CFR Part 93 regarding conformity of Federal actions to State and Federal Implementation Plans. In accordance with 40 CFR 93.155 and 93.156, BLM is providing notice and is asking for written public comment on the Draft Conformity Determination before taking any formal action. Comments on the Draft Conformity Determination must be forwarded to Mr. James G. Kenna, Field Manager, of the BLM at the address listed below by January 10, 2000. Copies of the SDEIS containing the Draft Conformity Determination may be obtained by telephoning or writing to the contact person listed below. Public reading copies are available at the following County of Los Angeles public libraries: Canyon Country Library, 18536 Soledad Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91351; Newhall Library, 22704 W. Ninth Street, Santa Clarita, CA 91321; Valencia Library, 23743 W. Valencia Boulevard, Santa Clarita, CA 91355.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing to the BLM no later than January 10, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments shall be mailed to the following address: Mr. James G. Kenna, Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office, 690 W. Garnet Avenue, P.O. Box 1260, North Palm Springs, California, 92258. Comments may also be submitted by electronic mail (E-mail) to the following address: emisquez@ca.blm.gov. The response to comments will be provided in the Final EIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Elena Misquez, BLM, Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office at (760) 251-4810.

Dated: November 19, 1999.

James G. Kenna,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-14000-00-1220-00]

Seasonal Travel Restrictions to Motorized Vehicles in the Light Hill Area; Colorado

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that public lands in the Light Hill area, south of Basalt, Colorado, are seasonally closed to all motorized vehicle use from December 1 to April 30 of each year. The affected public land is generally located south and west of Colorado Highway 82, north of the East Sopris Creek Road (County Road 6) and west of the Snowmass Creek Road (County Road 11). The travel order includes public lands in T. 8 S., R. 87 W., Section 13 and 24; T. 8 S., R. 86 W., Sections 18, 19, 20, 21, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34; 6th Principal Meridian; Pitkin County.

This action is in accordance with the Glenwood Springs Resource Management Plan, Record of Decision (BLM, 1984). This order, issued under the authority of 43 CFR 8364.1 and 43 CFR 8341.2(a), is established to protect wintering big game. Any use of motor vehicles within the closed area, from December 1 until April 30, is prohibited. This travel order does not affect non-motorized forms of travel.

EFFECTIVE DATES: The restriction shall be effective immediately until rescinded or modified by the Authorized Officer.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The area affected by this order has been closed periodically since 1992 to protect wintering big game. This order institutes the travel restriction on an annual basis.

The area and routes affected by this order will be posted with appropriate regulatory signs in such a manner and location as is reasonable to bring prohibitions to the attention of visitors. Information, including maps of the restricted area, is available in the Glenwood Springs Field Office at the addresses shown below.

Persons who are exempt from the restrictions include: (1) Any Federal, State, or local officers engaged in fire, emergency and law enforcement activities; (2) BLM employees engaged