

only when it does not conform with the statewide guidelines.

Although they are referred to as regional bodies for the purpose of this Notice the regional bodies may adopt any name that reflects their mission in their region. For example, the Waterfowl Conservation Committee of the Association of Village Council Presidents is already in existence on the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta and has been instrumental in the negotiations of the Protocol amendments.

(i) *How will the this program be funded?* The Service will negotiate annual funding agreements with the administrative partner organizations (see (e) above) to help cover the cost of meetings, travel, village council coordination and training. An important part of this program is monitoring the spring and summer subsistence harvest in order to properly manage migratory birds. Annual funding agreements with Alaska Native Organizations, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, and others will be used to accomplish harvest monitoring.

(j) *How will the Statewide Management Body interact with the Flyways?* The State of Alaska is most associated with Pacific coast states and is a member of the Pacific Flyway Council. As necessary, Alaska coordinates with the Atlantic Flyway on tundra swans, the Mississippi Flyway on ducks, and the Central Flyway on mid-continent white-fronted geese, sandhill cranes and ducks. Two representatives from the Statewide Management Body will attend Pacific and Central Flyway Council meetings and can request membership to their Technical Committees that provide the individual Flyway Councils with advice on biological matters. In addition, the responsibilities of the two representatives will include attending the Service Regulations Committee meetings. Representatives will be expected to provide technical information and to answer questions regarding spring and summer harvest regulations for Alaska.

(k) *What is the relationship to the federal and state systems for managing migratory birds?* The regulations adopted to manage spring and summer subsistence hunting of migratory birds in Alaska will become part of the annual regulatory process currently used by the Service and the State. The Service Regulations Committee will consider the proposed regulations at the same time as those for fall and winter seasons.

The process of developing these regulations begins in January with a meeting of the Service Regulations Committee. Preliminary regulatory

proposals are developed for the coming year and published in the **Federal Register** as a notice of proposed rulemaking. The Flyway Councils and their Technical Committees, as well as individual states and the public, then have an opportunity to respond to these proposals. Federal migratory bird hunting regulations are divided into "early season" and "late season" regulations. Early season regulations presently cover all of Alaska's migratory bird seasons, opening as early as September 1. The state adopts migratory bird hunting regulations within the federal frameworks.

Late season regulations cover the normal waterfowl, crane and snipe seasons in the lower-48 states and generally begin on or after October 1. In the next phase, the Service Regulations Committee meets; public hearings are held; proposed frameworks are developed and published in the **Federal Register**; and an abbreviated open comment period is established. Following this comment period, final frameworks are established and published in the **Federal Register**. The **Federal Register** final rule represents the final product of the regulations development process. Alaska's spring and summer regulations could be a part of "late season" regulations schedule in order to coordinate with the Flyway Councils and Service Regulations Committee. This means regulations would be published in the fall for the following spring and summer. If this proves too unresponsive, the schedule will be revised.

(l) *When would the Statewide Management Body and the regional bodies meet?* A schedule which interacts with the present regulatory system might look like this:

November: Statewide Management Body meets, reviews population and harvest information, and prepares guidelines. Issues a request to the regions for regional recommendations that are within guidelines.

January: Regional bodies meet, review population and harvest information and prepare recommendations for regional regulations and management programs.

February: Statewide Management Body meets and reviews recommendations from regional bodies. Sends recommendations to Pacific Flyway, Central Flyway and the Service.

March: Representatives from the Statewide Management Body attend Flyway Technical Committee and Council meetings.

July: Representatives from Statewide Management Body represent Alaska and provide technical information to the

Flyway Councils and Service Regulations Committee.

September: Final rules are published for the following spring and summer. Cycle starts again.

(m) *How will the general public be involved in the process of setting spring and summer regulations for migratory birds in Alaska?* The Statewide Management Body and the supporting regional bodies will be open to recommendations from all user groups. The meetings will be open to the public and there will be opportunities for public comment on proposals. In the present continental migratory bird regulatory system there are periods open for public comment. All the comments and recommendations are taken into consideration before hunting regulations are proposed and finalized.

Dated: March 21, 2000.

David B. Allen,

Regional Director, Anchorage, Alaska.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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California: Temporary Closure of Squaw Lake Campground to all Access, Imperial County, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Temporary Closure of Squaw Lake Campground to all public access: May 1, 2000, through July 31, 2000. Days and times of closures will be from each Sunday at 7 p.m. through each Friday at 10 a.m. Mountain Standard Time. The campground will remain open on Memorial Day, May 29, 2000, until 7 p.m. MST.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that all public access is prohibited into the Squaw Lake Campground area each Sunday at 7 p.m. through each Friday at 10 a.m. MST. The closure area is located within:

San Bernardino Meridian, California

T.15 S., R.24 E.,

Sec. 5, portion of the E $\frac{1}{2}$, portion of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$,

Aggregating 5 acres, more or less.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The temporary closure of Squaw Lake Campground to all public access is being implemented for the health and safety of the public. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation will be conducting safety testing of the dam structures to

determine foundation and seismic stability of the structures. During the testing, the water level elevation of Senator Wash Reservoir will be raised and lowered significantly. The dam will be monitored on a 24 hour basis utilizing various methods and equipment such as flood lights, generators, piezometers and an early alert warning siren for safety. The campground will be open to the public on Friday mornings at 10 a.m. All persons, boats, vehicles, and personal equipment must be vacated from the campground by 7 p.m. each Sunday. The only exception is Memorial Day which falls on a Monday May 29, 2000, when the campground will remain open for the extended weekend until 7 p.m. on Monday the 29th. The campground will remain closed to all public access during testing which will take place from Sunday at 7 p.m. until Friday at 10 a.m. This closure shall apply to all members of the public unless permitted by an authorized Bureau of Land Management Officer. Authority for this action is contained in 43 CFR 8364.1. Violation of this regulation is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months. Vehicles found in violation of this closure notice are subject to being towed at the owners expense.

EFFECTIVE DATES: May 1, 2000, through July 31, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Lowans, Yuma Field Office, 2555 Gila Ridge Road, Yuma, Arizona 85365; (520) 317-3210.

Dated: March 17, 2000.

Gail Acheson,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Closure of Public Lands

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Closure of Certain Public Lands in Box Elder County, Utah to Off Road Vehicle Use.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that effective immediately, selected public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Salt Lake Field Office, within western Box Elder County are closed to off road vehicle (ORV) (also commonly referred to as off

highway vehicle—OHV) use on an interim emergency basis. This action will allow BLM to address concerns related to unrestricted cross country travel in the specific places where we now have resource damage. The purpose of this closure is to protect wildlife, wildlife habitat, rangeland resources, soil, vegetation, cultural resources, historical resources, and other resources from ongoing and imminent adverse impacts from ORV use. Exemptions to this closure will apply for administrative and management purposes for the Bureau of Land Management, BLM authorized permittees, and law enforcement personnel. Other exemptions to this closure order may be made on a case by case basis by the authorized officer. This emergency closure will remain in effect until BLM completes a land use plan amendment for OHV management.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alice Stephenson, Environmental Coordinator, Bureau of Land Management, Salt Lake Field Office, 2370 S. 2300 W., Salt Lake City, UT 84119, telephone (801) 977-4300.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As an interim measure, BLM is joining Box Elder County, the U.S. Forest Service and the State of Utah Sovereign Lands in imposing restrictions for OHV use on public lands in western Box Elder County. The BLM is temporarily closing selected public lands to off highway vehicle use consistent with the County's access road management plan and related map. The new restrictions for public lands, which are identified on the map, include full closure of very limited lands, seasonal closures of specific lands and closures to cross country travel for certain lands. This plan was adopted on July 7, 1998, by the Box Elder County Commission as Ordinance No. 222 which applies to western Box Elder County. This ordinance is the product of recommendations made by the West Box Elder Access Management Team with extensive public involvement and support from BLM, State Sovereign Lands, and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS). With this interim emergency action, BLM joins the County, USFS and State Sovereign Lands in providing consistent OHV management in western Box Elder County regardless of land ownership. Without this action, and because all other lands in western Box Elder County have OHV restrictions, BLM public lands, which are currently open to OHV use without restriction, would be subject to increasing impacts from OHV use. These closures are a temporary action to protect public lands

and resources until BLM completes the proposed plan amendment for off-highway vehicle designations for public lands in Box Elder County, Notice of Intent published April 15, 1997.

Imposing the OHV use restrictions will protect wildlife, wildlife habitat, soil, vegetation, cultural resources, historical resources, and other resources from damage by off-highway vehicles (OHVs). This closure shall not be construed as a limitation on BLM's future planning and off-highway vehicle route designations.

The referenced map and ordinance is available for review at the above address and at the Box Elder County Mapping Department.

The authority for this closure is 43 CFR 8341.2 and 43 CFR 8364.1.

Violations of this closure are punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months as provided in 43 CFR 8360.0-7.

Sally Wisely,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Meeting, National Landmarks Advisory Commission

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Commission Act that a meeting of the National Landmarks Committee of the National Park System Advisory Board will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the following date and at the following location.

DATES: April 10, 2000.

LOCATION: Main Hearing Room (Room 100); First Floor; 800 North Capitol Street, NW; Washington, D.C.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patricia Henry, National Register, History, and Education (2280); National Park Service, 1849 C Street, NW; Room NC-400; Washington, DC 20013-7127. Telephone (202) 343-81635.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting of the National Landmarks Committee of the National Park System Advisory Board is to evaluate nominations of historic properties in order to advise the full National Park System Advisory Board, meeting on April 16, 2000, of the qualifications of properties being proposed for National Historic Landmark (NHL) designation, and to recommend to the National Park System Advisory Board those properties that the Landmarks Committee finds meet the