

Wildlife Service issued the requested permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

Dated: April 25, 2003.

Michael S. Moore,

*Senior Permit Biologist, Branch of Permits,
Division of Management Authority.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-072-03-1220-HB]

Notice of Temporary Area Closure of Approximately 40 Acres by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Butte Field Office to All Public Uses of the Holter Lake, Log Gulch and Departure Point Recreation Sites Located on Holter Lake Within Lewis and Clark County, Montana While Reconstruction Is Underway

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of closure.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that all public lands and roadways within the Holter Lake Recreation Site between April 28 and June 30, 2003, and all public lands and roadways within Log Gulch and Departure Point Recreation Sites between July 15 and October 31, 2003 are closed to all public uses for reconstruction. Closure signs will be posted at main entry points to these locations. Maps of the closure area and information on the reconstruction plans may be obtained from the Butte Field Office.

Reasons for this closure are to provide for the safety of the public, expedite construction work, and protect construction equipment and materials. Authority for this closure is cited under 43 CFR, Subpart 8364.

Prohibited Act: Under 43 CFR 8364.1, the Bureau of Land Management will enforce the following rule within the area known as Holter Lake Recreation Area: The public is not allowed within the area for any purpose. The public lands affected by this closure are administered by the BLM in T. 14 N., R. 3 W., Sec. 4, 14, and 23 P.M.M.

DATES: This closure will take effect May 14, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Closure area maps may be obtained from the Butte Field Office, 106 N. Parkmont, Butte, MT 59701.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brad Rixford, Butte Field Office, telephone (406) 533-7600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Exemptions: Persons who are exempt from these rules include any Federal, State, or local officer or employee in the scope of their duties, members of any organized rescue or fire-fighting force in performance of an official duty, construction and contract workers, 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.

Dated: April 14, 2003.

Steven Hartmann,

Assistant Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ES-930-5420-M082]

Notice of Application for Disclaimer of Interest, Iowa

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Proposal to issue a disclaimer.

SUMMARY: Jeffrey L. Poulson has filed an application on behalf of Fairview Farms, A Partnership, claiming title to the lands hereinafter described, for a recordable disclaimer of interest from the United States pursuant to the authority of Section 315 of the Federal Land Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1745).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Regina Berry, Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153, 703-440-1547.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Bureau of Land Management has tentatively determined that the United States does not have any interest in the following described land. The land is described according to a private land survey, dated September 6, 1969, filed in the Office of the Clerk, County of Monona, State of Iowa.

Tax Lot "C" of Section Twenty Six (26); Tax Lot "E" of Section Twenty Seven (27); Tax Lot "D" of Section Thirty Three (33); The North Half of the Northeast Quarter (N¹/₂NE¹/₄), The

Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE¹/₄NW¹/₄), The Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SW¹/₄NE¹/₄); Tax Lot "E" Except for the West 700 Feet, Tax Lots "F and H, Except for the West 700 Feet of Section Thirty Four (34); and Tax Lot "B" of Section Thirty Five (35), All in Township Eighty Five (85) North, Range Forty Seven (47) West of the 5th P.M., containing 472.77 acres in Monona County, Iowa.

The above described acreage was formed by accretion to land after the land was selected by the State of Iowa as swamplands and conveyed by the United States to that State, in accordance with the Act of September 28, 1850, by the patent number 2, dated January 10, 1860 and patent number 7, dated February 15, 1869. Accretion is the gradual deposit of soil and other materials along the bank of a body of water adding to the riparian owner's land. If issued the proposed recordable disclaimer of interest will remove a cloud on the title to the accreted land and will state that the United States does not have a valid interest in the accreted land. For a period of 90 days from the **Federal Register** publication date of this notice, persons who wish to comment or present an objection in connection with the pending application and the proposed disclaimer may do so by writing Ida V. Doup, Chief, Branch of Use Authorization, Bureau of Land Management, Eastern States, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153. If no objections are received, the disclaimer will be issued after 90-day period.

Dated: May 6, 2003.

Walter Rewinski,

Acting State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT010-1060-JJ]

[WY930-1060-JJ]

Notice of Public Hearing on the Use of Helicopters and Motor Vehicles To Gather Wild Horses From Public Lands in Montana and Wyoming.

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing date inviting comment on the use of helicopters and motor vehicles to gather and remove excess wild horses from public lands administered by the

Bureau of Land Management in Montana and Wyoming.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will conduct a public hearing on the use of helicopters and motor vehicles to gather wild horses from BLM-administered lands in the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range, Montana. The hearing will be held at the Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area Visitor Center, in Lovell, Wyoming, on Thursday, June 26, 2003, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Montana Billings Field Office has scheduled wild horse gathering operations to begin no earlier than July 7, 2003, and may continue through September 30, 2003. Concurrently, the Wyoming State Office will conduct a public hearing on the use of helicopters and motor vehicles to gather wild horses from all the BLM Wyoming's Herd Management Areas (HMAs).

The Wyoming BLM proposes to conduct gather operations using helicopters and motorized vehicles during the period starting July 15, 2003, through April 15, 2004. The 2003 schedule of Wyoming gathers has not been set, but will be scheduled based on priority needs. The Wyoming BLM will notify the public in advance of the gathering dates for its HMAs as they are determined.

The Wild, Free Roaming Horse and Burro Act (Act), as amended (Pub. L. 92-195) provides for the removal of excess wild horses from public land; and for the use of aircraft and motor vehicles by the BLM in all phases of the administration of the Act. The Code of Federal Regulations at 43 CFR 4740.1 requires the BLM authorized officer to conduct a public hearing in the area where such use of helicopters and motorized vehicles is to be made. The June 26, 2003, meeting in Lovell, Wyoming, will serve as the BLM's required hearing addressing all HMAs in the entire State.

ADDRESSES: Bureau of Land Management, Billings Field Office, Linda Coates-Markle, PO Box 36800, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59107-6800 and Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming State Office, Alan Shepherd, PO Box 1828, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003-1828.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Coates-Markle, Montana BLM State Wild Horse and Burro Specialist, telephone (406) 896-5013. Alan Shepherd, Wyoming BLM State Wild Horse and Burro Program Lead, telephone (307) 775-6097.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Montana BLM completed the Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range Environmental Assessment (EA) and Wild Horse Gather and Removal Plan on April 16, 2003. The Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Range EA and associated Plan are available for public review. Copies may be obtained from the above address or by accessing the BLM-MT Web site at <http://www.mt.blm.gov/bifo/whb/doc2.html>.

The Wyoming BLM has completed the following EAs and Wild Horse Gather and Removal Plans:

- EA for Wild Horse Gathering Inside and Outside Wild Horse Herd Management Areas and approved in the Decision Record and Finding of No Significant Impact for Wild Horse Gathering Inside and Outside Wild Horse Herd Management Areas, July 14, 1999, (WY-040-EA9-041). Also in the EA for Late Winter Gathering of Wild Horses in the Rock Springs Field Office Area and approved in the Decision Record and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Late Winter Gathering of Wild Horses in the Rock Springs Field Office Area. February 16, 2001, (WY-040-01-EA-019), Rock Springs Field Office, Rock Springs, Wyoming; (307) 352-0256.

- Maintaining Viable Populations of Wild Horses on Healthy Rangelands in the Adobe Town HMA in the Rawlins Field Office Jurisdiction (EA No. WY-030-02-EA-007). January 2002, Rawlins Field Office, Rawlins, Wyoming; (307) 328-4200.

Copies of these EAs are available by request from the Field Office that prepared the EA and plan or by accessing the BLM-WY Web site at <http://www.wy.blm.gov/wildhorses/docs.html>.

Dated: May 7, 2003.

Michael Madrid,

Acting State Director.

Dated: May 8, 2003.

Eddie Bateson,

Assistant Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submitted for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of an extension of a currently approved information collection (OMB Control Number 1010-0135).

SUMMARY: To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), we are notifying the public that we have submitted to OMB an information collection request (ICR) to renew approval of the paperwork requirements in the regulations under 30 CFR part 208—Surety Requirements. This notice also provides the public a second opportunity to comment on the paperwork burden of these regulatory requirements. The ICR is titled “30 CFR 208.11 (a), (b), (d), and (e)—Surety Requirements (Forms MMS-4071 and MMS-4072).”

DATES: Submit written comments on or before June 13, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attention: Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior (OMB Control Number 1010-0035), 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. Mail or hand-carry a copy of your comments to Sharron L. Gebhardt, Regulatory Specialist, Minerals Management Service, Minerals Revenue Management, P.O. Box 25165, MS 320B2, Denver, Colorado 80225. If you use an overnight courier service, our courier address is Building 85, Room A-614, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225. You may also email your comments to us at mrm.comments@mms.gov. Include the title of the information collection and the OMB Control Number in the “Attention” line of your comment. Also include your name and return address. Submit electronic comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. If you do not receive a confirmation that we have received your email, contact Ms. Gebhardt at (303) 231-3211.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharron L. Gebhardt, telephone (303) 231-3211, FAX (303) 231-3781, email Sharron.Gebhardt@mms.gov. You may also contact Sharron Gebhardt to obtain a copy at no cost of the forms and regulations that require the subject collection of information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 30 CFR 208.11(a), (b), (d), and (e)—Surety Requirements.

OMB Control Number: 1010-0135.

Bureau Form Numbers: Forms MMS-4071 and MMS-4072.

Abstract: The Department of the Interior (DOI) is responsible for matters relevant to mineral resource development on Federal and Indian