

- “existing” roads and trails rather than “designated” roads and trails.
- The Red Canyon Creek area would not be designated a special recreation management area.
 - With a new management objective, the BLM would attempt to maintain the current opportunities for “semi-primitive” non-motorized recreation in the planning area.
 - The Fifteenmile Wild Horse Herd Management Area would not be expanded, although the existing herd area would be retained.
 - The Fifteenmile Creek Watershed and Meeteetse Draw areas would not be proposed for designation as areas of critical environmental concern (ACECs).
 - Public lands immediately north of the South Fork of Owl Creek (for a distance of about 13 miles along the stream starting at Rock Creek) would be added to the Upper Owl Creek proposed ACEC. The entire proposed ACEC would be closed to mining claim location and development and to other surface-disturbing activities. The following are modified analyses, new material, and clarifications:
 - An expanded cultural resources section describes traditional values (custom and culture) associated with Native American beliefs, ranching, recreation, and oil and gas development.
 - The anticipated use of prescribed fire has been increased from 9,000 to 11,000 acres.
 - The anticipated levels of exploratory drilling have been varied by 50 percent in two alternatives to provide a better comparison of economic impacts.
 - Fiscal contributions of the oil and gas industry, consisting of royalties and taxes, have been quantified.
 - Recreation use estimates have been revised downward to reflect an annual growth of about 1 percent.
 - New information describes cooperative efforts to control noxious weeds.
 - New information describes wildlife seasonal habitat and habitat fragmentation.
 - The glossary and references sections have been updated and expanded.
 - The livestock grazing appendix has been revised.
 - Appendixes on economics and mitigation measures have been added.

DATES: Protests on the proposed Grass Creek Planning Area RMP must be postmarked no later than 30 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Notice of Availability (NOA) of the FEIS is

published in the Federal Register. The FEIS is scheduled to be mailed to the public on or about July 24, 1996, and the EPA NOA is anticipated to be published on either August 2, 1996, or August 9, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Protests on the proposed Grass Creek Planning Area RMP should be sent to the Bureau of Land Management, Director (480), Resource Planning Team, MS 314 LS, 1849 C Street N.W., Washington, D.C., 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joe Vessels, Assistant Area Manager, Bighorn Basin Resource Area at 307-347-5297 or Bob Ross, RMP Team Leader at 307-347-5178. Copies of the FEIS are available from the BLM Worland District Office at P. O. Box 119, 101 South 23rd Street, Worland, Wyoming 82401-0119.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Upper Owl Creek proposed ACEC would be managed to maintain important wildlife habitat, protect rare plants, maintain scenic quality, enhance recreation, protect an important groundwater recharge area, and reduce erosion and natural hazards associated with the area’s landslide potential. The special management designation would not apply to State or private lands.

The coal screening process (including application of the coal unsuitability criteria under 43 CFR Part 3461) was not conducted for the planning effort. Any interest in coal exploration or leasing will be handled on a case-by-case basis. If an application for a coal lease is received sometime in the future, an appropriate land use environmental analysis will be conducted (which will include conducting the coal screening process), to determine whether or not the coal areas applied for are acceptable for development and leasing consideration. The RMP will be amended as necessary.

Wilderness management and recommendations on wilderness designation are not addressed in the FEIS. Wilderness management, related to four wilderness study areas in the Grass Creek Planning Area (formerly the Grass Creek Resource Area), is addressed in the Grass Creek/Cody Wilderness EIS published in August 1990. Pending a decision by Congress on designation of these areas, the Owl Creek, Bobcat Draw Badlands, Sheep Mountain, and Red Butte Wilderness Study Areas will be managed under the BLM’s “Interim Management Policy and Guidelines for Lands Under Wilderness Review.”

Dated: July 17, 1996.
James K. Murkin,
Acting State Director.
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**Public Land Order No. 7208;
Withdrawal of National Forest System
Land for the Snowbird Mine; Montana**

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public land order.

SUMMARY: This order withdraws 37.50 acres of National Forest System land from location and entry under the United States mining laws for a period of 50 years for the Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, to protect the recreational opportunities and mineral resources of the Snowbird Mine area. The land has been and will remain open to such forms of disposition as may by law be made of National Forest System land and to mineral leasing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 25, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandra Ward, BLM, Montana State Office, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107, 406-255-2949.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1988), it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described National Forest System land is hereby withdrawn from location and entry under the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. Ch. 2 (1988)), but not from leasing under the mineral leasing laws, to protect the significant recreational opportunities and mineral resources of the Snowbird Mine area:

Principle Meridian, Montana

Lolo National Forest

T. 12 N., R. 25 W.,
Sec. 19, S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,
N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 37.50 acres in Mineral County.

2. The withdrawal made by this order does not alter the applicability of those public land laws governing the use of the National Forest System land under lease, license, or permit, or governing the disposal of their mineral or vegetative resources other than under the mining laws.

3. This withdrawal will expire 50 years from the effective date of this order unless, as a result of a review

conducted before the expiration date pursuant to Section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f) (1988), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be extended.

Dated: July 15, 1996.

Bob Armstrong,

Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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**Public Land Order No. 7207;
Revocation of Bureau Order Dated
March 25, 1957; Montana**

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management,
Interior.

ACTION: Public land order.

SUMMARY: This order revokes in its entirety a Bureau order insofar as it affects 24,320 acres of National Forest System lands withdrawn for the proposed Bureau of Reclamation's Spruce Park Reservoir of the Flathead River Project. The lands are no longer needed for the purpose for which they were withdrawn. All the lands will continue to be withdrawn as part of the Great Bear Wilderness Area and a portion of the lands will continue to be withdrawn for the Flathead Wild River Corridor. This action is for record-clearing purposes only.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 25, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sandra Ward, BLM Montana State Office, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107, 406-255-2949.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1988), it is ordered as follows:

1. The Bureau Order dated March 25, 1957, which withdrew lands for the Spruce Park Reservoir in Flathead County, is hereby revoked in its entirety:

Principal Meridian, Montana

T. 27 N., R. 14 W.,

Secs. 3 to 6, inclusive, secs. 9 and 10.

T. 28 N., R. 14 W.,

Secs. 30 to 33, inclusive.

T. 27 N., R. 15 W.,

Sec. 2, secs. 4 to 9, inclusive, and sec. 16.

T. 28 N., R. 15 W.,

Secs. 18, 19, and 20, and secs. 25 to 36, inclusive.

T. 28 N., R. 16 W.,

Secs. 13, 24, 25, 35, and 36.

The areas described aggregate approximately 24,320 acres in Flathead County.

2. These lands will continue to be withdrawn as part of the Great Bear Wilderness Area pursuant to the Wilderness Act of 1964 (16 U.S.C. 1131 (1988)) and Public Law 95-547 (16 U.S.C. 1132 (1988)) and as part of the Flathead Wild River Corridor pursuant to Public Law 94-486 (16 U.S.C. 1274 (1988)), and will continue to be subject to the terms and conditions of any other withdrawal or segregation of record.

Dated: July 15, 1996.

Bob Armstrong,

Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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[NM-018-1430-01; 1430-01; MNM 91323]

**Public Land Order No. 7210;
Withdrawal of Public Land for the
Racecourse and Agua Caliente Areas
of Critical Environmental Concern;
New Mexico**

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management,
Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.

SUMMARY: This order withdraws 4,409.18 acres of public land from surface entry and mining for a period of 50 years, for the Bureau of Land Management to protect the recreational, visual, and wildlife resources of the Racecourse and Agua Caliente Areas of Critical Environmental Concern. The land has been and will remain open to mineral leasing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 25, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chet Grandjean, BLM Taos Resource Area, 226 Cruz Alta Road, Taos, New Mexico 87571, 505-758-8851.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1988), it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described public land is hereby withdrawn from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the United States mining laws, (30 U.S.C. Ch. 2 (1988)), but not from leasing under the mineral leasing laws, to protect the Bureau of Land Management's Racecourse and Agua Caliente Areas of Critical Environmental Concern:

New Mexico Principal Meridian

T. 23 N., R. 10 E.,

Sec. 1, lots 1 and 2, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 11, lots 5 and 6, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 12, lots 8 to 15, inclusive, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 13, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 14, lots 1 to 3, inclusive, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 15, lots 1, 2, 3, and 5, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 23 N., R. 11 E.,

Sec. 3, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 4, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, and S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 5, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, and S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 6, lots 1 to 11, inclusive, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$,

SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 7, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 24 N., R. 11 E.,

Sec. 31, S $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 32, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 33, lots 5 to 7, inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,

NE $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 34, SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 4,409.18 acres in Taos and Rio Arriba Counties.

2. The withdrawal made by this order does not alter the applicability of those public land laws governing the use of the land under lease, license, or permit, or governing the disposal of its mineral or vegetative resources other than under the mining laws.

3. This withdrawal will expire 50 years from the effective date of this order unless, as a result of a review conducted before the expiration date pursuant to Section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f) (1988), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be extended.

Dated: July 15, 1996.

Bob Armstrong,

Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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**Public Land Order No. 7209;
Withdrawal of Public Land for Cape
Johnson; Washington**

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management,
Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.

SUMMARY: This order withdraws 3.25 acres of public land from surface entry, mining, and mineral leasing for a period of 20 years for the National Park Service to protect the fragile, unique, and endangered resources at Cape Johnson.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 25, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Betty McCarthy, BLM Oregon/Washington State Office, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208-2965, 503-952-6155.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section