

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that effective immediately, the Las Cruces District is implementing an emergency closure of an existing vehicle trail to use by any motorized vehicle or equipment. The closure is implemented in order to prevent resource degradation and protect the values of the Ladron ACEC and Sierra Ladrones WSA. The authority for this emergency closure is 43 CFR 8364.1: Closure and Restriction Orders.

The vehicle trail is located within the following public land:

T. 3 N., R. 2 W., NMPM

Sec. 35, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Lots 5, 6, and 10.

The subject vehicle trail begins on the east boundary of Section 35, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, and ends at the eastern boundary of the private land located in Sections 34 and 35, all in T. 3 N., R. 2 W.

This closure is not intended to affect valid existing rights on the subject land or rights-of-way of any private landowners. Persons that are exempt from this closure are Mr. Lionel Ortega, adjacent private landowner, Mr. Charles Headen, grazing permittee and his representatives, and any Federal, State or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty, or any person authorized or permitted in writing by the BLM. BLM personnel conducting official duties, cooperating agency personnel, and contractors authorized by the BLM are included in the exemption from this order.

DATES: This closure was effective on November 8, 1996 and shall remain in effect until rescinded or modified by the Authorized Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron Dunton, Socorro Resource Area Manager, or Jon Hertz, Chief, Multi-Resources, 198 Neel Avenue, NW, Socorro New Mexico, 87801 or at (505) 835-0412.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Violations of this closure are punishable by fines not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 1 year. The action taken is to prevent impacts to wildlife habitat, cultural resources, scenic values, native vegetation and fragile soils resulting from indiscriminate off-road use. This closure will be evaluated in an environmental assessment to be completed by the Socorro Resource Area in the near future.

Copies of the closure order and maps showing the location of the route are available from the Socorro Resource Area Office, 198 Neel Avenue, NW, Socorro, New Mexico 87801.

Dated: November 18, 1996.

Linda S. C. Rundell,

District Manager.

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Colorado: Filing of Plats of Survey

November 12, 1996.

The plats of survey of the following described land, will be officially filed in the Colorado State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Lakewood, Colorado, effective 10:00 am., November 12, 1996. All inquiries should be sent to the Colorado State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215.

The field notes representing the remonumentation of certain corners in T. 6 N., R. 94 W., T. 11 N., R. 96 W., and T. 12 N., R. 102 W., Sixth Principal Meridian, Group 750, Colorado, were accepted October 22, 1996.

The remonumentation was requested by the District Manager, Craig, Colorado.

The plats (in 6 sheets) representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivision of the south and west boundaries, a portion of the subdivisional lines, and a portion of the subdivision of section 8, and the subdivision survey of certain sections, and metes-and- bounds survey of the East boundary, Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site, T. 28 S., R. 55 W., T. 29 S., R. 55 W., T. 28 S., R. 56 W., T. 29 S., R. 56 W., T. 29 S., R. 57 W., and T. 30 S., R. 57 W., Sixth Principal Meridian, Group 1001, Colorado, was accepted October 16, 1996.

These surveys were requested by the Regional Director of Lands, Rocky Mountain Region, USDA, Forest Service, to identify the boundaries of the Comanche National Grasslands. These surveys were also requested by the Department of Defense to define the Purgatoire Canyon rim.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of the west one mile of the south boundary, the south four miles of the west boundary, a portion of the subdivisional lines, the subdivision of certain sections, and the metes-and- bounds survey of tract 37 in T. 38 N. R. 3 W., New Mexico Principal Meridian, Group 1082, Colorado, was accepted October 28, 1996.

This survey was requested by the Director, Engineering, Rocky Mountain Region, USFS, to identify the National Forest boundaries.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the west boundary and subdivisional lines, and

the subdivision of sections 18 and 19, T. 35 N., R. 9 W., New Mexico Principal Meridian, Group 1098, Colorado was accepted October 24, 1996.

This survey was requested by the District Manager, Montrose, Colorado, for the administrative needs of this Bureau.

The plat representing the dependent resurvey of portions of the east boundaries and subdivisional lines, and the subdivision of sections 23 and 24, T. 15 S., R. 91 W., Sixth Principal Meridian, Group 1112, Colorado, was accepted October 23, 1996.

This survey was requested by the Forest Supervisor, Grand Mesa, Gunnison and Uncompahgre National Forests, Delta, Colorado, to identify the National Forest boundaraies.

Danny L. McDonald,

Acting Chief Cadastral Surveyor for Colorado.

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Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management proposes to withdraw 74 acres of public land in Alpine County and add it to the existing Indian Creek Recreation area. This notice closes the land for up to 2 years from surface entry and mining. The land will remain open to mineral leasing.

DATES: Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by February 18, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments and meeting requests should be sent to the Carson City District Manager, BLM, 1535 Hot Springs Road, Carson City, Nevada 89706.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Abbett, BLM Carson City District Office, 702-885-6000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 4, 1996, a petition was approved allowing the Bureau of Land Management to file an application to withdraw the following described public land from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. Ch. 2), subject to valid existing rights:

Mount Diablo Meridian

T. 10 N., R. 20 E.,

Sec. 9, S $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, excepting therefrom the lands conveyed to the

county of Alpine by deed recorded August 17, 1970, in Book 13, Page 145 Official Records of Alpine County, aggregating approximately 74 acres in Alpine County.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to the Carson City District Manager of the Bureau of Land Management.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the Carson City District Manager within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the Federal Register at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting. The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2300.

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register, the land will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. The temporary uses which may be permitted during this segregative period are land use permits by BLM under existing laws and regulations.

Dated: November 6, 1996.

David McIlnay,

Chief, Lands Section.

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Minerals Management Service

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection Solicitation.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Minerals Management Service (MMS) is soliciting comments on an information collection, Cooperative Agreements (OMB Control Number 1010-0087).

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 24, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments sent via the U.S. Postal Service should be sent to:

Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, Rules and Procedures Staff, P.O. Box 25165, MS 3101, Denver, Colorado, 80225-0165; courier address is: Building 85, Room A-212, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225; e-Mail address is: David_Guzy@smtp.mms.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dennis C. Jones, Rules and Procedures Staff, phone (303) 231-3046, FAX (303) 231-3194, e-Mail Dennis_Jones@smtp.mms.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Section 3506 (c)(2)(A), each agency shall provide notice and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning this collection of information in order to solicit comment to: (a) evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The MMS is requesting the continuation of this collection of information, Cooperative Agreements. The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) is authorized by the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 (FOGRMA) at 30 U.S.C. 1732, to enter into cooperative agreements utilizing the capabilities of States and Indian Tribes to carry out royalty audits and related investigation and enforcement activities. Cooperative agreements benefit both the Minerals Management Service (MMS) and the State or Tribe involved by helping to ensure proper product valuation, correct and timely production reporting, and correct and timely royalty payment through the application of an aggressive and comprehensive audit program. To be considered for a cooperative agreement States and Indian Tribes must comply with the regulations at 30 CFR 228 by submitting a request to the Director, MMS, and preparing an application detailing the work to be done. While working under a cooperative agreement, the State or Tribe must submit quarterly vouchers to claim reimbursement for the cost of eligible activities. Information

required for the application is supplied voluntarily.

The MMS has simplified the process of applying for and lessened the burden of participating in cooperative agreements. The information requested is the minimum necessary to determine an applicant's ability to perform royalty audits. The MMS provides telephone assistance, written guidelines, and onsite assistance for the preparation of cooperative agreement applications, annual work plans, and quarterly reimbursement vouchers.

The initial information collection burden to cooperative agreement applicant involves becoming acquainted with the requirements and preparing the original request to the Director and preparing the application. If the agreement is approved, the burden in subsequent years includes preparing an annual work plan and budget and a quarterly request for reimbursement voucher. MMS estimates that the burden estimate to the applicant for preparing the request and application is approximately \$2500 (100 hours \times \$25/hour). In addition, the agency estimates the burden for the annual work plan and budget (40 hours) and the quarterly request for reimbursement voucher (10 hours per quarter) is \$2,500 (80 hours \times \$25/hour).

Dated: November 13, 1996.

James W. Shaw,

Associate Director for Royalty Management.

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of information collection solicitation.

SUMMARY: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Minerals Management Service (MMS) is soliciting comments on an information collection, the Payor Information Form for Oil and Gas (OMB Control Number 1010-0033). The Royalty Policy Committee recommendations and the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act of 1996 may require MMS to make changes to this information collection. MMS is evaluating both of these issues.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 24, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments sent via the U.S. Postal Service should be sent to: Minerals Management Service, Royalty