

completed within a period of 180 days from the date of publication of Resolution No. 24/86, which was February 23, 1986. For various reasons, the stockpiles of *Eunectes notaeus* skins were not exported within the deadline imposed by Resolution No. 24/86. Recognizing this fact, the CITES Management Authority of Argentina consulted with the CITES Animals Committee to determine how to resolve the situation in order to allow the exportation of these stockpiles. The CITES Animals Committee recommended that the CITES Management Authority of Argentina should make an inventory of all legal stocks of *Eunectes notaeus* specimens. The CITES Management Authority of Argentina announced that it has completed this inventory and registration of *Eunectes notaeus* specimens through the issuance of Resolution No. 333/96, and in so doing, has authorized the exportation of these specimens. On June 2, 1997, the CITES Secretariat issued Notification to the Parties No. 977, which recommended to the Parties that the prohibition of trade with Argentina on specimens of *Eunectes notaeus* be lifted.

The subject of this notice is as follows:

A. Subject: Argentina: ban on imports of specimens of *Eunectes notaeus* from Argentina.

Source of Foreign Law Information: Argentina Resolution No. 333/96.

Action by the Fish and Wildlife Service: Since the publication of Notice of Information No. 13 (52 FR 10955), the Government of Argentina has issued Resolution No. 333/96, to effectively implement the recommendations of the CITES Animals Committee regarding the inventory and registration of all legal stocks of specimens of *Eunectes notaeus*.

The Service is satisfied that Argentina has initiated the action necessary to sufficiently implement the recommendations of the CITES Animals Committee. Therefore, shipments of specimens of *Eunectes notaeus* of Argentine origin may now be imported into the United States provided that such shipments are accompanied by valid CITES reexport certificates from the country of reexport and a copy of the CITES export permit issued by the Management Authority of Argentina indicating that the specimens of *Eunectes notaeus* were legally exported from Argentina in accordance with Resolution No. 333/96.

Dated: August 6, 1997.

Donald Barry,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Request for Public Comments on Information Collection To Be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

A request extending the collection of information listed below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the proposed collection of information and related forms may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's Clearance Officer at the phone number listed below. Comments and suggestions on the requirement should be made within 60 days directly to the Bureau Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 208 National Center, Reston, VA 20192.

As required by OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), the U.S. Geological Survey solicits specific public comments regarding the proposed information collection as to:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the bureau, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The utility, quality, and clarity of the information to be collected; and,
4. How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: Lime.

OMB approval number: 1028-New.

Abstract: Respondents supply the U.S. Geological Survey with domestic production, values, end-use data, and capacity information on the domestic lime industry. This information will be published as an Annual Report for use by Government agencies, industry, and the general public.

Bureau form number: 6-1221-A.

Frequency: Annual.

Description of respondents: Commercial and captive producers of

quicklime, hydrated lime, and dead-burned dolomite.

Annual Responses: 107.

Annual burden hours: 160.5.

Bureau clearance officer: John E. Cordyack, Jr., 703-648-7313.

John H. DeYoung, Jr.,

Acting Chief Scientist, Minerals Information Team.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Operation and Maintenance Rate Adjustment: Flathead Indian Irrigation Project, Montana

ACTION: Notice of proposed operation and maintenance rate increase.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Indian Affairs proposes to change the assessment rates for operating and maintaining the Flathead Indian Irrigation Project for 1998 and subsequent years from the current rate of \$18.45 per acre to \$19.95 per acre, an increase of \$1.50 per acre. The assessment rates are based on a prepared estimate of the cost of normal operation and maintenance of the irrigation project. Normal operation and maintenance means the expenses we incur to provide direct support or benefit to the project's activities for administration, operation, maintenance, and rehabilitation. We must include at least:

- (a) Personnel salary and benefits for the project engineer/manager and our employees under his management control;
- (b) Materials and supplies;
- (c) Major and minor vehicle and equipment repairs;
- (d) Equipment, including transportation, fuel, oil, grease, lease and replacement;
- (d) Capitalization expenses;
- (e) Acquisition expenses; and
- (f) Other expenses we determine necessary to properly perform the activities and functions characteristic of an irrigation project.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Portland Area Office, 911 N.E. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4169, telephone (503) 231-6702.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before September 15, 1997.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The authority to issue this document is vested in the Secretary of the Interior by 5 U.S.C. 301 and the Act of August 15, 1914 (38 Stat. 583, 25 U.S.C. 385). The

Secretary has delegated this authority to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs pursuant to part 209 Departmental Manual, Chapter 8. 1A and Memorandum dated January 25, 1994, from Chief of Staff, Department of the Interior, to Assistant Secretaries, and Heads of Bureaus and Offices.

This notice is given in accordance with Section 171.1(e) of part 171, Subchapter H, Chapter 1, of Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations, which provides for the fixing and announcing the rates for annual operation and maintenance assessments and related information of the Flathead Irrigation Project for Calendar Year 1998 and subsequent years.

The purpose of this notice is to announce a proposed increase in the Flathead Irrigation Project assessment rates proportionate with actual operation and maintenance costs. The assessment rates for 1998 will amount to an increase of 8.1%.

Payments

The irrigation operation and maintenance assessments become due based on locally established payment requirements, but in no case later than May 30 of each irrigation season. No water shall be delivered to any of these lands until all irrigation charges have been paid.

Interest and Penalty Fees

Interest, penalty, and administrative fees will be assessed, where required by law, on all delinquent operation and maintenance assessment charges as prescribed in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 4, part 102, Federal Claims Collection Standards; and 42 BIAM Supplement 3, part 3.8 Debt Collection Procedures. Beginning 30 days after the due date interest will be assessed at the rate of the current value of funds to the U.S. Treasury. An administrative fee of \$12.50 will be assessed each time an effort is made to collect a delinquent debt; a penalty charge of 6 percent per year will be charged on delinquent debts over 90 days old and will accrue from the date the debt became delinquent. No water shall be delivered to any farm unit until all irrigation charges have been paid. After 180 days a delinquent debt will be forwarded to the United States Treasury for further action in accordance with Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-134).

Dated: July 31, 1997.

Ada E. Deer,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-030-1220-00; Closure Notice No. NV-030-97-005]

Emergency Closure of Federal Lands

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that certain public lands west of Red Rock Road, Washoe County, Nevada, are closed to all motorized vehicles. This closure is necessary due to unauthorized road construction and off-road vehicle use which is causing considerable adverse effects to soil, vegetation and wildlife habitat in the area.

DATES: This closure goes into effect on August 15, 1997, and will remain in effect until the Carson City District Manager determines it is no longer needed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Clifford Ligons, Assistant District Manager, Division on Non-Renewable Resources, Carson City District, 1535 Hot Springs Road, Carson City, Nevada 89706. Telephone (702) 885-6000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The authorities for this closure are 43 CFR 8341.2, 43 CFR 8342.3 and 43 CFR 8364.1. Any person who fails to comply with a closure order is subject to arrest and fines in accordance with applicable provisions of 18 U.S.C 3571 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

This closure applies to all motorized vehicles excluding (1) any emergency or law enforcement vehicle while being used for emergency purposes, and (2) any vehicle whose use is expressly authorized in writing by the Carson City District Manager.

The public lands affected by this closure are located north of Reno, Nevada, approximately one mile southwest of Red Rock Road, and include lands within:

Mt. Diablo Meridian

T.22N., R.18E.

Sec. 11, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$.

A map of the area closed to motorized vehicles is posted in the Carson City District Office.

Dated: August 1, 1997.

John O. Singlaub,

Carson City District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-033-1230-00-FR97009]

Temporary Closure of Public Lands; Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior Department.

ACTION: Temporary closure of certain public lands, Carson City District, in Lyon, Mineral, Churchill, and Douglas Counties on and adjacent to two Off Highway Vehicle Race courses:

(1) Best in the Desert Racing—Permit Number NV-055-97-35: Las Vegas to Reno Off-highway Vehicle Race occurring September 19-20, 1997.

(2) High Sierra Motorcycle Club—Permit Number NV-030-97043: Silver State Hare 'N' Hound Off-highway Motorcycle Race occurring September 21, 1997.

PURPOSE: To provide for public safety and to protect adjacent resources.

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 19, 20, 21, 1997.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A map of each closure may be obtained at the contact address. The permittees are required to clearly mark and monitor the event routes during each closure period. Spectators shall remain in safe locations as directed by event officials and BLM personnel. The public lands to be closed to public use include existing roads, jeep trails and dry washes identified on the ground by colorful flagging and paper arrows attached to wooden stakes designating the race route. Specific information pertaining to each event follows:

(1) The 'Vegas to Reno Race is a 550 mile point-to-point event beginning early Friday morning, September 19, in Las Vegas. Racing will end on the Old Como Road south of Dayton. Como Road to Rawe Peak will be closed to all public use. Vehicles include motorcycles and fourwheel drive trucks. The closed route crosses public lands within the following areas from 6 a.m. September 19 through noon, September 20, 1997:

Mineral County—R37E, T5N; R36E, T6N; R35E, T6-11N; R34E, T8-13N; R33-32E, T13N. Churchill County—R32E, T14N; R31E, T15N; R30E, T15-16N, R29-24E, T16N; R24E, T15N; R23-21E, T15N; R21E, T16N. Douglas County—R23E, T14N.

(2) The Silver State Hare 'N' Hound is a one-lap, motorcycle race along 60 to 90 miles of dirt roads and dry wash trails located in the Wassuk foothills east of Yerington, Nevada in Lyon and Mineral Counties within T12N R26-