

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[OR-986-6332; G8-0311]

Designation of the Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Land Classifications Within the Tillamook Resource Area, Salem District, Oregon**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management Interior.**ACTION:** This notice supplements the **Federal Register** Notice OR-080-95-6350-00-G5-161, Availability of the Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision, Salem, Oregon and establishes the designation of OHV management classifications (open, limited or closed) of all public lands within the Tillamook Resource Area, Salem District, Oregon.**SUMMARY:** The location of the public lands to be classified lie within Tillamook, Yamhill, Clatsop, Columbia, Washington and Multnomah Counties in northwest Oregon. The Salem District Resource Management Plan (RMP) allocated acres in each of the three major OHV classifications and indicated that mapping of these classifications would be completed under subsequent planning. Areas of unique resource value was designated in the RMP as closed to use of OHV's. Areas where OHV's could be used with certain restrictions were described. The remaining area was listed as open. The mapping has been completed and is available for distribution and implementation.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following areas as identified in the RMP are CLOSED to the use of OHV's: High Peak/Moon Creek ACEC/RNA, 1538 acres; Elk Creek ACEC, 1577 acres; The Butte ACEC/RNA 40 acres; Raymond Creek Bald Eagle Roost Area and the nearby alternate roost area, 320 acres; progeny test sites, 113 acres. The following areas are designated as LIMITED: Nestucca River ACEC, 1062 acres; Sheridan Peak ACEC, 299 acres; Walker Flat ACEC, 10 acres; Yampo ACEC, 13 acres; the remainder of majority of the lands which correspond to the area designated as Late Successional Reserve and the unmapped riparian reserves within the Tillamook Resource Area, approximately 80,000 acres. The remainder of the Tillamook Resource Area is designated as OPEN. Definitions of these classifications may be found in 43 CFR 8340.0-5.

In addition, all OHV's used in the Upper Nestucca OHV area will be required to be equipped with mufflers

which limit sound emissions to a maximum of ninety-nine dB(A) when measured according to stationary testing procedure SAE J1287.

Authority for this action is contained in 43 CFR 8342.1. Any person who fails to comply with a restriction order may be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months. Penalties are contained in 43 CFR 8340.0-7. Only delegated Federal Law Enforcement Officers, or other law enforcement and emergency personnel, or officials of the United States Departments of Interior, while engaged in these official duties, shall be exempt from this order.

DATES: This order is in effect January 1, 1999, and is permanent until cancelled, amended or replaced.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dana R. Shuford, Area Manager. Bureau of Land Management, Tillamook Resource Area, 4610 Third Street, Tillamook, OR 97141. 503-815-1100.

Dated: September 4, 1998.

Dana R. Shuford,*Resource Area Manager.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[MT-020-1430-01; MTM 88630, MTM 88631]

Notice of Proposed Realty Actions, Montana**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice.**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management proposes a direct, noncompetitive sale of Public Land; and classification of Public Land as suitable for conveyance or lease under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act.**DATES:** For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments to the Field Manager, Billings Field Office, 810 East Main Street, Billings, Montana 59105. In the absence of timely objections, this proposal shall become the final determination of the Department of Interior.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** J. Thomas Carroll, Billings Field Office, 406-238-1544.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The lands in this notice were originally withdrawn under MTM 40730, MTM 40731, and MTM 40733; these withdrawals werepartially revoked by Public Land Order No. 7354, published in the **Federal Register** on August 27, 1998. The referenced partial withdrawal revocations cover the two tracts of land described in this notice in their entirety.

The first tract of land, serialized as MTM 88630, has been found suitable for direct sale under Section 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (90 Stat. 2750, 43 U.S.C. 1713), at not less than the estimated fair market value of \$6,500. The land will not be offered for sale until at least 60 days after the date of this notice.

MTM 88630, Abandoned Streets and Alleys*Principal Meridian, Montana*

T. 2 N., R. 27 E.,

Secs. 24 and 25, alleys in blocks 15, 16, 18 and 20; Beech Street between blocks 16 and 18; Cane Street between blocks 14 and 15; Cane Street between blocks 18 and 20; First Street North situated between blocks 16, 18, and 20 on the north and blocks 14 and 15 on the south; Second Street North situated between blocks 17, 19, and 21 on the north and blocks 16, 18, and 20 on the south.

The area described contains 6.54 acres in Huntley Townsite, Yellowstone County.

The second tract of land, serialized as MTM 88631, and appraised at \$900, will be classified as suitable for conveyance or lease under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act:

MTM 88631, Town Lot*Principal Meridian, Montana*

T. 2 N., R. 27 E.,

Sec. 25, lot 47, block 9.

The area described contains 3,500 square feet or .080 acre in Huntley Townsite, Yellowstone County.

All of the lands in this notice area hereby segregated from appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, pending disposition of these actions or 270 days from the date of publication of this notice, whichever occurs first.

The first tract of land, MTM 88630, is being offered for direct noncompetitive sale to the Sportsman's Conservation Club of Huntley; the second tract of land, MTM 88631, will be conveyed or leased under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act (43 CFR 2740) to the Huntley Water and Sewer District.

The conveyances or lease, when issued, will be for the surface estate only, and will be subject to certain reservations to the United States. Detailed information concerning these reservations as well as specific conditions of the sale and Recreation and Public Purposes conveyance or lease are available for review at the Billings Field Office, Bureau of Land

Management, 810 East Main Street, Billings, Montana 59105.

Dated: September 8, 1998.

David C. Jaynes,

Assistant Field Manager, Billings Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

60 Day Notice of Intent To Request Clearance for Collection of Information; Opportunity for Public Comment

AGENCY: Big Thicket National Preserve, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service proposes to conduct visitor surveys to assess the social and visual impacts of oil and gas activities within Big Thicket National Preserve (Preserve). The overall project goals are: (1) to provide critical decision-making information that is currently fragmented and/or loosely organized for the purposes of evaluating impacts of oil and gas exploration and development on federal lands throughout the United States, and particularly within the Preserve; (2) to identify the critical variables and their relative importance in affecting standards of performance for oil and gas activities within the Preserve; (3) to illustrate how social and visual impacts can be assessed and incorporated into management decisions under alternative operational procedures affecting oil and gas activities within the Preserve; and (4) to adapt standard methodologies for assessing user perceptions, visitor behavior, and landscape attributes (including policy capture evaluations) that can be incorporated in environmental impact statements addressing oil and gas operations on federal lands. Such information would be incorporated in the forthcoming Draft Oil and Gas Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement for the Preserve.

Under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR Part 1320, Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements, the National Park Service (NPS) is soliciting comments on the need for gathering information in the proposed surveys. The NPS further requests comments on the practical utility of the information being gathered; the accuracy of the burden hour estimate; ways to enhance the

quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden to respondents, including use of automated information collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Public comments will be accepted on or before November 16, 1998.

SEND COMMENTS TO: Rick Strahan, Division of Resources Management, Big Thicket National Preserve, 3785 Milam Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701; phone: 409/839-2689, ext. 224; fax: 409/839-2599.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Strahan, phone: 409/839-2689, ext. 224; fax: 409/839-2599; e-mail: rick_strahan@nps.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Big Thicket National Preserve Visitor Trip Fact Sheet.

Bureau Form Number: None.

OMB Number: To be requested.

Expiration Date: To be requested.

Type of request: Request for new clearance.

Description of need: The National Park Service needs information regarding changes in visual perception and social acceptance as alternative activities associated with oil and gas operations are considered. Such information would be incorporated in the forthcoming Draft Oil and Gas Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement for the Preserve.

Automated data collection: Surveys will be both mailed to respondents and administered at selected areas by NPS personnel and Michigan State University faculty and students trained in survey administration. Collection of data in the field will occur during peak visitation periods (June–August) and off-peak visitation periods (September–December). Automated collection of data is limited to survey by mail.

Description of respondents: To achieve a statistically valid survey, surveys must be completed and received from approximately 491 trail users, 334 boaters, and 525 hunters who use the Preserve.

Estimated average number of respondents: 1350.

Estimated average number of responses: Each respondent will respond only once, therefore the number of responses will be the same as the number of respondents.

Estimated average burden hour per response: 20 minutes.

Frequency of Response: one time per respondent.

Estimated annual reporting burden: 450 hours.

Betsy Chittenden,

Acting Information Collection Clearance Officer, WASO Administrative Program Center, National Park Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Final Lake Crescent Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement, Olympic National Park, Washington

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the final Lake Crescent management plan/environmental impact statement (FEIS), Olympic National Park, Washington. The FEIS presents the proposed action and alternatives for management of the Lake Crescent area for the next 10 to 15 years. The proposed action best satisfies the park and NPS mission, as well as the park's management objectives and long-term vision for Lake Crescent. It recognizes both the need to protect natural and cultural resources and to provide appropriate recreational opportunities for visitors and area residents.

The draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) for this action was released for public review on October 18, 1996, (**Federal Register**, Vol. 61, No. 203) and the public comment period closed on March 19, 1997. The FEIS contains five alternative strategies for management of the Lake Crescent area. The range of alternatives includes the four alternatives presented in the draft plan, with modifications based on public comment received and further impact analysis. In addition, another alternative has been added since publication of the draft plan. This alternative, depicted in the final plan as Alternative E, was submitted for consideration during the public comment period by the Friends of Lake Crescent.

The FEIS contains letters received from agencies and organizations during the public comment period, and responses to all substantive comments are included. A summary of comments received during public meetings on the DEIS is also contained in the FEIS, as is a representative sample of comment letters received from individuals during the public comment period.

During the public comment period, controversy arose over recreational use