

pollinator, geological formation, vegetation type, and specific soil types; (6) Information on existing management for any of these species and benefits to these species.

The decision on whether to propose critical habitat for any of the subject species will take into consideration the information received in response to this request. Proposed designations or non-designations of critical habitat will also solicit public comments, and any comments received will be considered before making a final decision.

Authority

The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: November 19, 1998.

Thomas J. Dwyer,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-050-1220-00]

Correction to Description of Occupancy and Camping Closure on Certain Public Lands Managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Correction to Occupancy and Camping Closure on Selected Public Lands in Clark County, Nevada.

SUMMARY: This notice corrects the legal and geographic description of a closure notice published in the **Federal Register** Vol. 63, No. 38, page 9858 and 9859 on February 26, 1998 wherein the Field Office Manager of the Las Vegas Field Office announced the Closure of certain public lands in the Las Vegas Valley to occupancy and camping. The original description listed the southern boundary as generally following Lake Mead Blvd. (State Route 147). The correct description should have been *Lake Mead Drive (State Route 146)*. A correction has also been made to remove certain restrictions listed in the original Closure Notice that were confusing, redundant or gave the impression of Federal enforcement of State statute. The increase in population and growth in employment in the Las Vegas area, has attracted many short term and transient residents and workers. Many of these individuals set up residence on public lands under the guise of "camping." This problem is particularly

prone to occur on public lands within the urban Las Vegas Valley.

Trash accumulation and human refuse are impacting public and private lands. There are no public facilities on any of these lands. The existing 14 day camping stay limit has been effective in correcting this situation. In addition, many of these lands are now adjacent to, or included within, private residential and commercial development due to the inter-mixed public-private land ownership pattern in Las Vegas Valley. This action is being taken to help ensure public safety, prevent unnecessary environmental degradation and prevent long-term occupancy of public lands.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective immediately upon publication (November 30, 1998).

Closure Area

Public Lands affective are within the following townships: All public lands within Townships 18 S to 22 S and Ranges 59 E to 64 E and certain lands in Townships 23 S and 24 S Range 61 E to 63 E MDM; which can generally be described as falling within the area encompassed by Lake Mead Drive (State Route 146), on the South; the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Boundary; on the West; the Lee Canyon Road (State Route 156), Corn Creek Road and the southern boundary of the Desert Game Range on the North; and the Lake Mead National Recreation Area Boundary on the East.

Maps depicting the area affected by this closure order are available for public inspection at the Las Vegas, Field Office, Bureau of Land Management.

Exceptions to Closure

Camping locations which may be designated by the Las Vegas Field Office Manager for over night use. Such designations may be by the posting of appropriate signs, by publications in the **Federal Register**, or be made available to the public by other means deemed appropriate by the authorized officer.

Closure Restrictions

Unless otherwise authorized, within the closure area no person shall:

- Camp or engage in camping.
- Park, stop, or leave personal property, whether attended or unattended.
- Park any vehicle in violation of posted restrictions, or in such a manner as to obstruct or impede normal or emergency traffic movement, create a safety hazard, or endanger any person, property, or natural feature. Vehicles so parked are subject to citation and impoundment at the owner's expense.
- Take, drive, or operate any vehicle through, around or beyond a restrictive sign, barricade, fence, or traffic control barrier or device.

Definitions

"Camp" or Camping means the erection of a tent or shelter, preparing a sleeping bag or other bedding material for use, or the parking of a vehicle, motor home, or trailer for the apparent purpose of sleeping or overnight occupancy.

Personal Property includes but is not limited to bicycles, vehicles (whether propelled by living or non-living power sources), motor vehicles, trailers, tents, campers, pets, and livestock.

"Public Lands" means any lands or interest in lands owned by the United States and administered by the Secretary of the Interior through the Bureau of Land Management, except lands on the Outer Continental Shelf and lands held for the benefit of Indians, Aleuts or Eskimos (43 CFR 1601.0-5(I)).

This closure order is issued under the authority of 43 CFR 8364.1. Violation of any of the terms, conditions, or restrictions contained within this closure order, may subject the violator to citation or arrest, with a penalty of fine or imprisonment or both as specified by law.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dave Wolf, Recreation Manager, or Ron Crayton, Ranger, Ken Burger, Ranger, at the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas, Field Office, 4765 W. Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89108, telephone number (702) 647-5000.

Dated: November 18, 1998.

Michael F. Dwyer,

Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-055-1220-00]

Correction to Description of Shooting Closure on Certain Public Lands Managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Shooting Closure on selected Public Lands in Clark County, Nevada.

SUMMARY: This notice corrects the legal and geographic description of a closure notice published in the **Federal Register** Vol. 63, No. 38, page 9860 on February 26, 1998 wherein the Field Office Manager of the Las Vegas Field Office

announced the Closure of certain public lands in the Las Vegas Valley to Shooting. The original description listed the southern boundary as generally following Lake Mead Blvd. (State Route 147). The correct description should have been *Lake Mead Drive (State Route 146)*. A correction has also been made to remove certain restrictions listed in the original Closure Notice that were confusing, redundant or gave the impression of Federal enforcement of State statute. The Closure is intended to compliment and supplement an existing Clark County shooting closure. The rapid increase in population and growth of the Las Vegas Valley has created conflicts between new urban areas and traditional public land users accustomed to target shooting on public lands around Las Vegas. There have been incidents of indiscriminate shooting toward residential areas and other public land users, destruction of property, injury, and one fatality. Trash accumulation from items being used as targets are impacting public lands. This action is being taken to help ensure public safety, prevent environmental degradation, and provide consistency with the Clark County shooting closure. This Closure does not apply to hunting under the laws and regulations of the State of Nevada.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective immediately upon publication (November 30, 1998).

Closure Area

Public Lands affected are within the following townships: All public lands within Townships 18 S to 22 S and Ranges 59 E to 64 E and certain lands in Townships 23 S and 24 S Ranges 61 E to 63 E MDM; which can generally be described as falling within the area encompassed by Lake Mead Drive (State Route 146), on the South; the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Boundary; on the West; the Lee Canyon Road (State Route 156), Corn Creek Road and the southern boundary of the Desert Game Range on the North; and the Lake Mead National Recreation Area Boundary on the East. Also included but not described above are public lands contained within the portions of the existing Clark County Shooting Closure that are outside the above boundaries (Goodsprings Township).

Maps depicting the area affected by this closure order are available for public inspection at the Las Vegas, Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 4765 W. Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Exceptions to Closure

(1) Hunting with valid state hunting license and in accordance with the laws

and regulations of the State of Nevada; (2) Paintball game devices used within approved areas; and (3) Areas which may be designated by the Las Vegas Field Office Manager as target shooting areas. Such designation may be made by the publishing of notices in the local media and by the posting of appropriate signs marking the boundary of such area(s).

Closure Restrictions

Unless otherwise authorized, within the closure area no person shall:

- a. Discharge any firearm.
- b. Possess any firearm in violation of Federal regulations.

Definitions

Firearm: means a loaded or unloaded pistol, rifle, shotgun or other weapon which is designed to, or may be readily converted to, expel a projectile by the ignition of a propellant or release of compressed gases.

"Public Lands" means any lands or interest in lands owned by the United States and administered by the Secretary of the Interior through the Bureau of Land Management, except lands located on the Outer Continental Shelf and lands held for the benefit of Indians, Aleuts and Eskimos (43 CFR 1601.0-5(i)).

This closure order is issued under the authority of 43 CFR 8364.1. Violations of any of the terms, conditions, or restrictions contained within this closure order, may subject the violator to citation or arrest, with penalty of fine or imprisonment or both as specified by law.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dave Wolf, Assistant District Manager, Recreation; Ron Crayton, Law Enforcement Ranger; and Ken Burger, Law Enforcement Ranger; Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, 4765 W. Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89108, telephone number (702) 647-5000.

Dated: November 18, 1998.

Michael F. Dwyer,

Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Correction to Description of Off-Highway Vehicle Closure of Certain Public Lands in the Las Vegas Valley Managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Correction to Closure of selected Public Lands in Clark County, Nevada to use by Off-Highway Vehicles.

SUMMARY: This notice corrects the legal and geographic description of a closure notice published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 63, No. 38, page 9858 on February 26, 1998 wherein the Field Office Manager of the Las Vegas Field Office announced the Closure of certain public lands in the Las Vegas Valley to Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) use. The original description listed the southern boundary as generally following Lake Mead Blvd. (State Route 147). The correct description should have been *Lake Mead Drive (State Route 146)*. A correction has also been made to remove certain restrictions listed in the original Closure Notice that were confusing, redundant or gave the impression of Federal enforcement of State statute. The lands included are public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management which, due to urban expansion, are now included within or are immediately adjacent to urban areas developed for residential or business purposes. This action is being taken to reduce the amount of dust and particulate matter generated from the use of public lands, ensure health and public safety and prevent environmental degradation. This action will assist local governmental efforts to meet Environmental Protection Agency air quality standards and to reduce dust production from unpaved roads within the Las Vegas Valley Non-attainment Area.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective immediately upon publication (November 30, 1998).

Closure Area

Public Lands affected are within the following townships: All public lands within Townships 18 S to 22 S and Ranges 59 E to 64 E MDM and certain lands in Townships 23 S and 24 S Ranges 61 E to 63 E; which can generally be described as falling within the area encompassed by Lake Mead Drive (State Route 146), on the South; the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Boundary; on the