

ACTION: The announcement of temporary restrictions on recently-acquired public lands in Washington known as the Escure Ranch. This action is taken to protect ranch buildings, facilities, and sensitive riparian and upland resources from vandalism, wildfire, and damage.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management recently completed a land exchange which resulted in the transfer of the Escure Ranch along Rock Creek in Adams and Whitman Counties into public ownership. The property includes buildings, fences, other improvements, and sensitive riparian and upland resources. This area is now known as the Escure Ranch (Rock Creek Area). Interim action is needed to protect these features until permanent measures are implemented to provide long-term management and protection. Development of a long-term management plan is underway which will provide for management and protection of the improvements and natural resources. These recently-acquired lands are open to public use with restrictions on overnight use, campfires, and off-highway vehicle use.

EFFECTIVE DATES: These restrictions go into effect October 19, 1999 and will remain in effect until modified by the Authorized Officer but no later than the completion of the management plan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Clifford Ligons, Border Field Office Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Spokane District Office, 1103 N. Fancher Road, Spokane, Washington, 99212-1275; or call (509) 536-1200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public lands affected by these restrictions are described as follows:

Willamette Meridian, Washington

- T. 17 N., R. 38 E.,
Sections 1, 3, & 12, All;
Section 4, E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$;
Section 11, All that portion lying North & East of Adams County Zornes Road.
- T. 18 N., R. 38 E., Section 13, All that portion lying South of Adams County Paxton Road, Except that portion conveyed to Adams County by Deed recorded January 13, 1911 in Book 42 of Deeds, page 200;
Section 15, that portion of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ lying East of the S.P. & S. Railway and South of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific Railway rights-of-way as conveyed in Deeds, Vol. 23, Pg. 410; Vol. 23, Pg. 467; Vol. 26, Pg. 331; Vol. 26, Pg. 329; & Vol. 30, Pg. 308;
Section 22, that portion of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ lying East of the S.P. & S. Railway Right-of-way; and those portions, if any, of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ lying East of said Right-of-Way;
Sections 23, 24, 25, 26, & 35, All;

Sections 27, 33 & 34, all those portions lying East of the S.P. & S. Railway right-of-way, Except those portions conveyed to the Portland & Seattle Railway Co. By Deed recorded in Vol. 26 of Deeds, Pg. 115.

Aggregating 7,598 acres, more or less, in Adams County, Washington.

Willamette Meridian, Washington

- T. 17 N., R. 39 E.,
Sections 5, 6, 7 and 8, All.
- T. 18 N., R. 39 E.,
Section 7, All that portion lying South of Paxton County Road No. 4130;
Section 17, All that portion lying West of the Revere-Winnona County Road No. 4010;
Section 18, All, Except that portion of the N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ lying North of the Paxton County Road No. 4130 conveyed by Deed to John & Jacqueline Brown, recorded under Microfilm No. 498387;
Sections 19, 30, & 31, All.
- Aggregating 5,149 acres, more or less in Whitman County, Washington.

These lands are open to public recreational uses with the following exceptions: (1) The lands are closed to overnight use. Day use is allowed between the hours of 5 am and 10 pm, Pacific Time; (2) Motorized vehicle use is limited to designated roads only. Designated roads are marked on the ground with a green dot on a brown post. If a road is not posted with this green dot system, it is closed to vehicle use under this order. Closed roads are also posted with signs at the intersections; (3) Campfires and charcoal fires are not allowed; (4) All ranch buildings and their premises are closed to the public.

The exceptions to these restrictions include emergency, utility or law enforcement personnel, BLM personnel, participants in tours or events sponsored by the BLM, and others authorized in writing by the Authorized Officer of the BLM. The authorities for these restriction orders are 43 CFR 8341.2 and 8364.1. Any person violating 43 CFR 8364.1(d) by failing to comply with any of these restrictions may be subject to fines and/or imprisonment in accordance with the applicable provisions of 43 CFR 8360.0-7 and 18 U.S.C. 3571.

Dated: October 12, 1999.

Joseph K. Buesing,

Spokane District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-952-09-1420-00]

Filing of Plats of Survey; Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to inform the public and interested State and local government officials of the filing of Plats of Survey in Nevada.

EFFECTIVE DATES: Filing is effective at 10:00 a.m. on the dates indicated below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David J. Clark, Chief, Branch of Geographic Services, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd., P.O. Box 12000, Reno, Nevada 89520, 775-861-6541.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. The Plat of Survey of the following described lands was officially filed at the Nevada State Office, Reno, Nevada on July 22, 1999:

The plat, representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the north boundary and a portion of the subdivisional lines, the subdivision of section 5, and a metes-and-bounds survey in section 5, Township 23 South, Range 62 East, Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada, under Group No. 782, was accepted July 20, 1999.

This survey was executed to meet certain administrative needs of the Bureau of Land Management.

2. The Supplemental Plat of the following described lands was officially filed at the Nevada State Office, Reno, Nevada on September 23, 1999:

The supplemental plat, showing a subdivision of original lot 4 and the W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of sec. 6, T. 14 N., R. 71 E., Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada, was accepted September 21, 1999.

This plat was prepared to meet certain administrative needs of Baker Ranches, Inc. and the Bureau of Land Management.

3. The Supplemental Plat of the following described lands was officially filed at the Nevada State Office, Reno, Nevada on September 23, 1999:

The supplemental plat, showing a subdivision of the W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of sec. 7, T. 14 N., R. 71 E., Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada, was accepted September 21, 1999.

This plat was prepared to meet certain administrative needs of Baker Ranches, Inc. and the Bureau of Land Management.

4. The Supplemental Plat of the following described lands was officially

filed at the Nevada State Office, Reno, Nevada on September 23, 1999:

The supplemental plat, showing a subdivision of original lots 2, 3, and 4 of sec. 18, T. 14 N., R. 71 E., Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada, was accepted September 21, 1999.

This plat was prepared to meet certain administrative needs of Baker Ranches, Inc. and the Bureau of Land Management.

5. The above-listed surveys are now the basic records for describing the lands for all authorized purposes. These surveys have been placed in the open files in the BLM Nevada State Office and are available to the public as a matter of information. Copies of the surveys and related field notes may be furnished to the public upon payment of the appropriate fees.

Dated: September 30, 1999.

David J. Clark,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Nevada.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Notice on Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Lease Sales

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service, Interior.

ACTION: List of Restricted Joint Bidders.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Minerals Management Service by the Joint bidding provisions of 30 CFR 256.41, each entity within one of the following groups shall be restricted from bidding with any entity in any other of the following groups at Outer Continental Shelf Oil and gas lease sales to be held during the bidding period from November 1, 1999, through April 30, 2000. The List of Restricted Joint Bidders published March 26, 1999, in the **Federal Register** at 64 FR 14751 covered the period from May 1, 1999, through October 31, 1999.

Group I. Exxon Corporation; Exxon Assets Management Company

Group II. Shell Oil Co.; Shell Offshore Inc.; Shell Western E&P Inc.; Shell Frontier Oil and Gas Inc.; Shell Consolidated Energy Resources Inc.; Shell Land & Energy Company; Shell Onshore Ventures Inc.; Shell Deepwater Production Inc.; Shell Offshore Properties and Capital, II, Inc.

Group III. Mobil Oil Corporation; Mobil Oil Exploration & Producing Southeast Inc.; Mobil Producing

Texas & New Mexico Inc.; Mobil Exploration & Producing North America Inc.; and Mobil Exploration & Producing U.S. Inc.
Group IV. BP Exploration & Oil Inc.; BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc.; and Amoco Production Company

Dated: October 12, 1999.

Walt Rosenbusch,

Director, Minerals Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Wastewater Treatment Project (West Side) Environmental Impact Statement, Glacier National Park, Montana

AGENCY: National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement for the Wastewater Treatment Project (West Side), Glacier National Park.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act, the National Park Service is preparing an environmental impact statement for the Lake McDonald/Park Headquarters Wastewater Treatment System Rehabilitation for Glacier National Park. This statement will be approved by the Intermountain Regional Director.

The existing system collects throughout the Lake McDonald/Headquarters area via a series of gravity sewer lines and sewage lift stations and force mains. The existing wastewater treatment facility is comprised of a single cell aerated lagoon, irrigation pond, control building and spray irrigation system. At the wastewater treatment facility, raw wastewater flows to a 4.8 million gallon aerated lagoon where bacteria reduce the biological oxygen demand (BOD) and suspended solids concentration of the wastewater. The treated wastewater flows to an adjacent .5 million gallon irrigation pond where an irrigation pump takes flow from the pond to a 55 acre spray irrigation field, currently located in the 100 year floodplain of McDonald Creek. This project and EIS has been proposed to analyze alternatives for addressing these issues.

The effort will result in a proposed course of action for park managers to address the issues above. A range of alternatives are being considered to improve the existing wastewater treatment facility incorporating different disposal and treatment approaches. A variety of factors will be considered

including an evaluation of site constraints, State of Montana Department of Environmental Quality current standards, available treatment technology, operation and maintenance concerns, wildlife, water quality and vegetation concerns and sustainable design. Several alternatives will look at upgrading and rehabilitating the existing treatment process while continuing to utilize the existing spray irrigation system as the method of disposal. Others will consider removing the existing system from the floodplain. The use of advanced nitrogen removal treatment by utilizing sequencing batch reactors (SBR) prior to discharge to the groundwater through rapid infiltration basins will be considered. Due to the uncertainty of the suitability of the soils for rapid infiltration basins, another alternative will also be considered which is based on discharge of the effluent to the Middle Fork of the Flathead River and would involve construction of a tertiary treatment plant. A no action alternative will also be considered as required.

Major issues include that due to the location of the spray irrigation field, wastewater cannot be discharged during the winter and spring when the ground surface is frozen, saturated or underwater from stream flooding. As a result, the wastewater treatment facility operates as a holding facility during the winter and spring until ground conditions at the spray field allow disposal without runoff to McDonald Creek. In addition, the system needs to be rehabilitated enabling it to operate as it was originally designed to operate.

An open house has been scheduled for October 26 to be held at the Community Building in West Glacier from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent, Glacier National Park, 406/888-7901.

Dated: October 8, 1999.

Michelle D. Synder,

Acting Regional Director, Intermountain Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Missouri National Recreational River (59-mile District) Availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement and General Management Plan.

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.