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II. Procedural Matters

Executive Order 12630, Governmental Actions and Interference With Constitutionally Protected Property Rights (Takings)

This rule does not represent a government action capable of interfering with Constitutionally-protected property rights. It is simply a ban on certain conduct that has implications to natural and cultural resource protection. Therefore, the Department of the Interior has determined that this rule will not cause a taking of private property or require further discussion of takings implications under this Executive Order.

Executive Order 13132, Federalism [Replaces Executive Orders 12612 and 13083]

This rule will not have a substantial direct effect on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government. This rule does not come into conflict with any State law or regulation. Therefore, in accordance with Executive Order 13132, BLM has determined that this rule does not have sufficient Federalism implications to warrant preparation of a Federalism Assessment.

Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform

Under Executive Order 12988, the Office of the Solicitor has determined that this rule would not unduly burden the judicial system and that it meets the requirements of sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of the Order.

Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments [Replaces Executive Order 13084]

In accordance with Executive Order 13175, we have found that this rule does

not include policies that have tribal implications. None of the lands included in this rule affects Indian lands or Indian Rights. Coordination was conducted through preparation of the WECO ROT Plan with all affected tribes.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This rule does not contain information collection requirements that the Office of Management and Budget must approve under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.* The information collection requirements contained in the proposed rule are exempt from the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3518(c)(1). Federal criminal investigations or prosecutions may result from this rule and are exempt from the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Authors

The principal author of this rule is Chief Ranger Robert Zimmer.

Supplementary Rule

Under 43 CFR 8365.1–6, the Bureau of Land Management will enforce the following rule on public lands in Imperial County, CA, El Centro Field Office, California Desert District. A more detailed explanation as to the need for such a rule may be found in the Western Colorado Desert Routes of Travel Designation Decision Record signed January 31, 2003.

You must follow this rule:

1. No person may camp on public lands located along either side of Kane Spring Road (Route T670084) within Imperial County, CA. This rule applies to public lands within: SBM, T.12S., R.10E., Secs. 26, 33, 34, 35; T.12S., R.11E., Secs. 20, 30; T.13S., R.10E., Secs. 3, 4, 5, 6.

Penalties

Under section 303(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1733(a)) and 43 CFR 8360.0–7 if you violate this supplementary rule on public lands within the boundaries established in the rule, you may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined no more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for no more than 12 months, or both. Such violations may also be subject to the enhanced fines provided for by 18 U.S.C. 3571.

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J. Anthony Danna,

Acting California State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Supplementary Rule for Public Lands in California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Camping closure of selected Federal lands, Imperial County, CA.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) El Centro Field Office is issuing a supplementary camping closure rule. This rule applies to public lands in the Elliot Mine area in Imperial County, CA. This rule is being issued in order to protect the flat-tailed horned lizard and will continue a current camping closure.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lynnette Elser, Resources Branch Chief, 1661 So. 4th St., El Centro, CA 92243 (760) 337–4420.

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II. Procedural Matters

Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review

This supplementary rule is not a significant regulatory action and is not subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866. This supplementary rule will not have an effect of \$100 million or more on the economy. It will not adversely affect in a material way the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, public health or safety, or State, local, or tribal governments or communities. This supplementary rule

will not create a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with an action taken or planned by another agency. This supplementary rule does not alter the budgetary effects of entitlements, grants, user fees, or loan programs or the right or obligations of their recipients; nor does it raise novel legal or policy issues. The supplementary rule simply bans camping in certain areas in order to protect natural and cultural resources.

Clarity of the Regulations

Executive Order 12866 requires each agency to write regulations that are simple and easy to understand. We invite your comments on how to make this supplementary rule easier to understand, including answers to questions such as the following:

1. Are the requirements in the supplementary rule clearly stated?
2. Does the supplementary rule contain technical language or jargon that interferes with their clarity?
3. Does the format of the supplementary rule (grouping and order of sections, use of headings, paragraphing, etc.) aid or reduce clarity?
4. Is the description of the supplementary rule in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this preamble helpful in understanding the supplementary rule? How could this description be more helpful in making the supplementary rule easier to understand?

Please send any comments you have on the clarity of the rule to the address specified in the **ADDRESSES** section.

National Environmental Policy Act

BLM prepared an "Environmental Assessment and Draft Plan Amendment for Western Colorado Desert Routes of Travel Designation" (EA) dated October 2002 that anticipates this supplementary rule. This was followed by a December 13, 2002, "Proposed Amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan for Western Colorado Desert Routes of Travel Designation and Errata Sheet for the Environmental Assessment." In these documents, BLM found that the supplementary rule would not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment under section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C). The Finding of No Significant Impact was signed January 31, 2003. A detailed statement under NEPA is not required. BLM has placed the EA and the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on file in the BLM Administrative Record at the

address specified in the **ADDRESSES** section.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

Congress enacted the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980, as amended, 5 U.S.C. 601–612, to ensure that Government regulations do not unnecessarily or disproportionately burden small entities. The RFA requires a regulatory flexibility analysis if a rule would have a significant economic impact, either detrimental or beneficial, on a substantial number of small entities. This supplementary rule simply bans camping in certain areas in order to protect natural and cultural resources, and does not affect commercial or business activities of any kind. Therefore, BLM has determined under the RFA that this supplementary rule would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (SBREFA)

This supplementary rule is not a "major rule" as defined at 5 U.S.C. 804(2). The supplementary rule simply bans camping in certain areas in order to protect natural and cultural resources, and does not affect commercial or business activities of any kind.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

This supplementary rule does not impose an unfunded mandate on State, local, or tribal governments or the private sector of more than \$100 million per year; nor does it have a significant or unique effect on State, local, or tribal governments or the private sector. The supplementary rule simply bans camping in certain areas in order to protect natural and cultural resources, and does not affect tribal, commercial, or business activities of any kind. Therefore, BLM is not required to prepare a statement containing the information required by the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (2 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*)

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You must follow this rule:

1. No person may camp on public lands more than 25 feet from the centerline of designated routes in the Elliot Mine area within Imperial County, CA. This rule applies to public lands within: SBM, T.18S., R.9E., Secs. 5, 7, 8.

Penalties

Under section 303(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1733(a) and 43 CFR 8360.0-7) if you violate this supplementary rule on public lands within the boundaries established in the rule, you may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined no more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for no more than 12 months, or both. Such violations may also be subject to the enhanced fines provided for by 18 U.S.C. 3571.

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Notice of Supplemental Rule for Public Lands in California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, El Centro Field Office, California Desert District, Interior.

ACTION: Supplemental rule; camping rule for selected Federal lands, Imperial County, CA.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) El Centro Field Office is issuing a supplementary camping rule. This rule is being issued to protect the flat-tailed horned lizard and will apply to public lands within the Yuha Basin Area of Critical Environment Concern (ACEC). Camping will only be allowed in the non-Wilderness portions of the ACEC within the boundaries of a designated camping area.

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