

by Paragraph V.A.4 of the Memorandum of Agreement and Consent Decree entered into by the United States of America and the State of Alaska on August 27, 1991, and approved by the United States District Court for the District of Alaska in settlement of *United States of America v. State of Alaska*, Civil Action No. A91–081 CV.

The EVOS Public Advisory Committee meeting agenda will include discussion of outreach proposals and habitat parcels. An opportunity for public comments will be provided. The final agenda and materials for the meeting will be posted on the EVOS Trustee Council website at www.evostc.state.ak.us. All EVOS Public Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public.

Public Input

Submitting Written Information or Questions

Interested members of the public may submit relevant information or questions for the Committee to consider during the public meeting. Written statements must be received by March 26, 2018, so that the information may be made available to the Committee for their consideration prior to this meeting. Written statements must be supplied to Dr. Philip Johnson (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** above) in the following formats: One hard copy with original signature and/or one electronic copy via email (acceptable file formats are Adobe Acrobat PDF, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or rich text file).

Public Disclosure of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comments, please be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Meeting Minutes

Summary minutes of the conference will be maintained by the Council Designated Federal Officer (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). They will be available for public inspection within 90 days of the meeting.

Philip Johnson,

Regional Environmental Officer, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Temporary Closure of Public Land in Lander County, Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of temporary closure.

SUMMARY: As authorized under the provisions of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Battle Mountain District Office will temporarily close and restrict uses of certain public land surrounding and including the Mill Creek Recreational Campground (Campground) in Lander County, Nevada, to all public use to provide for public safety during restoration and rehabilitation activities occurring at the site.

DATES: The temporary closure will go into effect April 16, 2018 and will remain in effect until June 14, 2018. BLM will post notice that the Campground is closed upon publication of the closure notice in the **Federal Register**, but the closure will not be enforced until 30 days have passed, in accordance with 43 CFR 4.21(a)(1) and 43 CFR 4.411(a), which outlines Rules of Procedure for Appeals to the Interior Board of Land Appeals.

ADDRESSES: The temporary closure order, communications plan and map of the closure area will be posted at the BLM Battle Mountain District Office, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820, and on the BLM website at <http://www.blm.gov/nevada>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kyle Hendrix, 775–635–4000. Khendrix@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Mill Fire started on Wednesday June 28, 2017, and was contained on July 1, 2017. It burned 479 acres: 249 acres on private land and the rest on BLM land within the Battle Mountain District. The fire started in the Mill Creek Campground. Before the fire was contained, the entire campground was engulfed, resulting in extensive damage

to structures and recreation areas at the site. In the Campground, a toilet, two footbridges, and a kiosk/interpretive sign burned down. All 16 campsites lost their wooden barricades and one lost a picnic table. A fence that restricted cattle from access to the Campground lost most of its wooden posts and braces. This temporary closure provides for public safety while the BLM Battle Mountain District restores and rehabilitates the Campground. The public lands affected by this closure are described as follows:

Mount Diablo Meridian

T. 29 N, R. 44 E,

Sec. 26, S2SWNE, SWNWNW, S2NW,
N2NESW, SWNESE, NWSE, NESWSE,
and SESE.

The area described contains 230 acres, more or less, in Lander County, Nevada.

The temporary closure order, communications plan and map of the closure area will be posted at the BLM Battle Mountain District Office, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820, and on the BLM website at <http://www.blm.gov/nevada>. This information will also be posted at the access point to the Campground and at the entrance to Mill Creek Road off of SR 305 and around the communities of Battle Mountain and Austin, Nevada.

Roads leading into the public lands under the temporary closure will be posted to notify the public of the temporary closure. Under the authority of Section 303(a) of the FLPMA (43 U.S.C. 733(a)), 43 CFR 8360.0–7 and 43 CFR 8364.1, the BLM will enforce the following rules in the area described above: All public use, whether motorized, on foot, or otherwise, is prohibited.

Exceptions: Temporary closure restrictions do not apply to activities conducted under contract with the BLM, agency personnel monitoring the restoration, or activities conducted under an approved plan of operation. Authorized users must have in their possession a written permit or contract from BLM signed by the authorized officer.

Penalties: Any person who violates this temporary closure may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined in accordance with 18 U.S.C. 3571, imprisoned no more than 12 months under 43 U.S.C. 1733(a) and 43 CFR 8360.0–7, or both. In accordance with 43 CFR 8365.1–7, State or local officials may also impose penalties for violations of Nevada law.

Authority: 43 CFR 8360.0–7 and 8364.1.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Availability of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the West Mojave Route Network Project and Draft Land Use Plan Amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan in the West Mojave Planning Area, Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Draft Land Use Plan Amendment (LUPA) and Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) for the West Mojave Route Network Project (WMRNP) within the West Mojave (WEMO) Planning Area of the California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) and by this Notice is announcing the opening of the 90-day public comment period.

DATES: To ensure public comments will be considered, the BLM must receive written comments on the DSEIS/LUPA within 90 days following the date the Environmental Protection Agency publishes its Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register**. The BLM will announce future meetings or hearings and any other public participation activities at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media releases, and/or mailings.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments related to the WMRNP by any of the following methods:

- **Email:** blm_ca_wemo_project@blm.gov.
 - **Fax:** 951–697–5299; Attn: WMRNP Plan Amendment.
 - **Mail:** Bureau of Land Management, California Desert District, Attn: WMRNP Plan Amendment, 22835 Calle San Juan de Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, CA 92553.
- Copies of the WMRNP Draft LUPA and DS EIS are available in the

California Desert District Office at the above address; the Ridgecrest Field Office, 300 S. Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest, CA 93555; and the Barstow Field Office, 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow CA 92311. Copies are also available online at <https://www.blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/plans-development/california/west-mojave-plan-route-network>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matt Toedtli, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, CA 92311; telephone 760–252–6026; email mtoedtli@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service at 1–800–877–8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The WMRNP will delineate travel management areas, adopt transportation and travel management strategies, and designate routes on public lands in the WEMO Planning Area. The WEMO Planning Area covers 9.4-million acres of the CDCA in the western portion of the Mojave Desert in southern California, including parts of San Bernardino, Los Angeles, Riverside, Kern, and Inyo counties. The WMRNP applies to the 3.1-million acres of public lands within the WEMO Planning Area. In March 2006, the BLM signed the Record of Decision (ROD) for the WEMO Plan and Amendment to the CDCA Plan. In January 2011, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California partially remanded the 2006 WEMO Plan Amendment ROD back to the BLM and directed the BLM to amend the CDCA Plan and reconsider route designation throughout the WEMO Planning Area, as well as other specified issues in the 2006 WEMO Plan (Center for Biological Diversity v. U.S. Bureau of Land Management Order Re: Remedy (N.D. Cal. Jan 28, 2011)). The court's order: (1) Invalidated the “decision tree” instrument used to evaluate and designate routes; (2) found that the authorization of off-highway vehicles (OHV) routes that were not in existence in 1980 were inconsistent with the governing land use plan; (3) found that there was not a reasonable range of alternatives to the proposed action, including an inadequate discussion of the No Action alternative; and (4) found that BLM had done an inadequate analysis of impacts from the route network and the grazing program to specific resource values, including soils,

cultural resources, certain biological resources, and air quality.

On September 13, 2011, the BLM issued a Notice of Intent (amended May 2, 2013, 78 FR 25758), inviting comments on the proposed scope and content of the WMRNP. The WMRNP includes a LUPA to the CDCA Plan for livestock grazing, recreation, and motor vehicle access elements for the WEMO Planning Area; an associated travel management framework; and activity-plan level route designations and implementation strategies. The lands covered in the WMRNP are those that are within livestock grazing allotments or designated as “Limited” to designated routes for motorized access. Areas “Closed” to motorized access are not proposed for change in this plan amendment and are not within the scope of the planning effort.

The 9.4-million acres WEMO Planning Area includes several large Department of Defense facilities, covering almost 3 million acres; a portion of one national park; 3 million acres of private lands; and approximately 100,000 acres of State lands, including Red Rock Canyon State Park. The planning area is also adjacent to four national parks/preserves and four national forests. Much of the planning area is managed as part of the BLM's National Landscape Conservation System, including 18 wilderness areas, three wilderness study areas, and portions of the Pacific Crest Trail and the Old Spanish National Historic Trail. The planning area also includes 60 Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, five California Desert National Conservation Lands, seven National Register Archaeological or Historic Districts, and four Critical Habitat Units for the federally listed desert tortoise.

The planning area also includes eight OHV Open Areas that provide major points of ingress to and egress from the adjacent areas “Limited” to designated routes on public land. No changes are proposed to these OHV Open Areas or their boundaries.

The BLM used a public scoping process to determine issues, impacts, and possible alternatives that could influence the scope of the environmental analysis, and to help guide the agency from planning-level decision-making to route designation in order to comply with the court order.

The BLM initially published a Notice of Availability for the DSEIS for the West Mojave Route Network Project in March 2015, which was made available for public comment. Concurrently, the BLM was considering amending the CDCA Plan through the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan