

resource management projects, ethnographic studies, erosion control, fire protection, hazardous fuel reduction, housing construction and rehabilitation, gathering baseline subsistence data (Alaska), janitorial services, maintenance, natural resource management projects, range assessment (Alaska), reindeer grazing (Alaska), road repair, solid waste collection and disposal, and trail rehabilitation.

- Special Programs: Beringia research and Elwha River restoration.

NPS initial point of contact for questions regarding Self-Governance is Dr. Patricia Parker, American Indian Liaison Office, National Park Service (MS 3410-MIB), PO Box 37127, Washington, D.C. 20013-7127; telephone (202) 208-5475.

F. Eligible Programs of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) Aspects of the following programs or functions are potentially eligible for negotiations:

- Regulatory Program.
- Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Program.

OSM initial point of contact for questions regarding Self-Governance is Maria Mitchell, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Avenue NW (MS 210-SIB), Washington, D.C. 20240; telephone (202) 208-2727.

G. Eligible Programs of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Aspects of the following programs or functions are potentially eligible for negotiations:

- Mineral, Environmental, and Energy Assessments.
- Earthquake Hazard Reduction Program.
- Water Resources Data Collection and Investigations.
- Biological Resources Inventory, Monitoring, Research, and Information and Transfer Activities.

Biological resources activities described above are those of the National Biological Service (NBS), which will be merged with the USGS on or before October 1, 1996. NBS will be renamed the Biological Resources Division of USGS, and will continue its programmatic activities in a substantially unchanged manner.

USGS initial point of contact for questions regarding Self-Governance is Sue Marcus, American Indian/Alaska Native Liaison, U.S. Geological Survey (MS 105), National Center, Reston, VA 22092, telephone 703-648-4437.

III. Programmatic Targets

Each of the non-BIA bureaus will successfully negotiate at least one annual funding agreement with a Self-Governance Tribe for Fiscal Year 1997.

Dated: May 10, 1996.

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Counselor to the Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

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Bureau of Land Management

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Temporary Closure of Public Lands: Nevada; Carson City District

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior Department.

ACTION: Temporary closure of certain public lands in Churchill, Lyon and Douglas Counties on and adjacent to three Off Highway Vehicle race courses: June 22, 1996: Top Gun 250 Desert Race July 27, 1996: Fallon 250 at Night Desert Race September 1, 1996: Yerington to Fallon and Back Desert Race

SUMMARY: The Carson City District announces the temporary closure of selected public lands under BLM administration. This action is being taken to provide for public safety and to protect adjacent resources during the official running of the above named Off Highway Vehicle Races.

EFFECTIVE DATES: June 22, July 27 and September 1, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fran Hull, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Carson City District, Bureau of Land Management, 1535 Hot Springs Road, Suite 300, Carson City, Nevada 89706, Telephone: (702) 885-6000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Valley Off-Road Racing Association has been authorized to conduct these race events across public lands under permit number NV-030-9610. A map of each closure may be obtained from Fran Hull at the contact address. The event permittee is required to clearly mark and monitor the event route during the closure periods. Spectators shall remain in safe locations as directed by event officials and BLM personnel.

Spectator and support vehicles are restricted to existing access roads. Driving cross-country is prohibited without specific authorization from BLM. Persons camping on public lands in conjunction with the event must be a minimum of fifty yards away from the race course centerline.

Specific Race Information

1. *Top Gun 250 Desert Race:* This course will be in effect from 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 22, 1996 during the conduct of a multiple-

lap OHV race on roads and washers near Fallon, Nevada in Churchill and Lyon Counties. Public lands affected are located within T16N R25E; T16N 26E; T16N R27E; T16N R28E; T16N R29E; T17N R26E; T17N R27E, M.D.M. Public lands to be closed include the race route and adjacent lands identified with colorful flagging, paper directional arrows and race related warning signs. Portions of Simpson Pass and Wildhorse Basin Roads between Hooten Well and Top Gun Race Way are included within the Closure area. Spectators are welcome at the Start/Finish area at Top Gun Race Way located on Highway 95 south of Fallon and certain Check Points selected by race and BLM officials.

2. *Fallon 250 at Night Desert Race:* This closure will be in effect from noon until midnight on Saturday, July 27, 1996 during the conduct of a multiple-lap OHV race on roads and washes near Fallon, Nevada in Churchill County. Public lands affected are located within T15N R31E; T15N R32E; T16N R30E; T16N R31E; T16N R32E; T17N R30E; T17N R31E, M.D.M Public lands to be closed include the race route and adjacent lands identified with colorful flagging, paper directional arrows and race related warning signs. Portions of Simpson Pass and Four Mile Canyon Roads between Salt Wells and Sand Springs are included within the Closure area. Spectators are welcome at the Start/Finish area near Sand Mountain Recreation Area located east of Fallon on Highway 50 and certain Check Points selected by race and BLM officials.

3. *Yerington to Fallon and Back Desert Race:* This closure will be in effect from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 1, 1996 during the conduct of a point-to-point OHV race on roads and washes between Yerington and Fallon, Nevada in Lyon and Churchill Counties. Public lands affected are located within T13N R24E; T13N R25E; T14N R24E; T15N R24E; T16N R24E; T16N R24E through 31E; T17N R30E; T17N R31E and T18N R30E, M.D.M. Public lands to be closed include the race route and adjacent lands identified with colorful flagging, paper directional arrows and race related warning signs. Portions of Singatse Pass, Churchill Canyon, Adrian Valley, and Eightmile Flat Roads are included within the Closure area. Spectators are welcome at the Yerington and Fallon start/finish areas in addition to certain Check Points as directed by event officials and BLM personnel.

The above restrictions do not apply to race officials, law enforcement and agency personnel monitoring the event.

Authority: 43 CFR 8364 and 43 CFR 8372.

Penalty

Any person failing to comply with the closure order may be subject to the penalties provided in 43 CFR 8360.7.

Dated: May 6, 1996.

James M. Phillips,

Assistant District Manager, Non-Renewable Resources.

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Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council Meeting Location and Time

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Resource Advisory Councils' Meeting Location and Time.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), 5 U.S.C., the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Council meetings will be held as indicated below. The agenda for each meeting includes approval of minutes of the previous meeting, continuation of Council orientation, discussion of Standards and Guidelines for management of the public lands within the jurisdiction of the Council and determination of the subject matter for future meetings.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. The public comment period for the Council meeting is listed below. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need further information about the meeting, or need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the District Manager at the Elko District Office, 3900 E. Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89803, telephone 702-753-0200.

DATES, TIMES: The time and location of the meeting is as follows: Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council, BLM Office, 3900 E. Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89803; June 1, starting at 9:00 a.m.; public comments will be June 1 at 10:00 a.m. and at 1:00 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Weeks, Team Leader for the Northeastern Resource Advisory

Council, Battle Mountain Office, telephone 702-635-4000.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: The purpose of the Council is to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues, associated with the management of the public lands.

Dated: May 10, 1996.

Gerald M. Smith,

District Manager, Battle Mountain.

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Availability of the Final Sweet Grass Hills Resource Management Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Statement, Liberty and Toole Counties, MO

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the final Sweet Grass Hills resource management plan amendment and environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321-4327) the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Final EIS on the final amendment and environmental impacts statement (EIS) addresses future management options for land tenure adjustment, off-road vehicle use, oil and gas leasing, and locatable mineral development for lands and minerals administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in the Sweet Grass Hills in Toole and Liberty Counties, Montana, and amends the West HiLine Resource Management Plan (1988 and 1992). This includes approximately 7,717 surface acres, 19,765 acres of all mineral estate, and 1,644 acres of only oil and gas estate. These lands are administered by the BLM through the Great Falls Resource Area. The proposed alternative and three other alternatives have been developed to provide management options for the Sweet Grass Hills.

DATES: A record of decision will be prepared no earlier than 30 days after the Notice of Availability for the Final EIS is published in the Federal Register by the Environmental Protection Agency.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Final EIS are available from the Bureau of Land Management, Great Falls Resource Area, 812 14th Street North, Great Falls Montana 59401 or the Lewistown District Office, P.O. Box 1160,

Lewistown, Montana 59457-1160. Public reading copies will be available for review at the following locations: Bureau of Land Management, Office of External Affairs, Main Interior Building, Room 5600, 18th and C Streets NW, Washington, DC; Bureau of Land Management, External Affairs Office, Montana State Office, 222 North 32nd Street, Billings, Montana; Bureau of Land Management, Lewistown District Office, Airport Road, Lewistown, Montana; and Great Falls Resource Area, 812 14th Street North, Great Falls, Montana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tad Day, Team Leader, Great Falls Resource Area, 812 14th Street North, Great Falls, Montana 59401, (406) 727-0503.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Sweet Grass Hills are significant because of their importance as a religious and cultural use area for Native Americans; they are an integral part of the peregrine falcon reintroduction area; they contain high value recreational lands; and they support diverse wildlife populations. In August 1993, the BLM segregated the Federal mineral estate in the Sweet Grass Hills for a two-year period which closed the area to the location of new mining claims until August 1995. The BLM also began amending the West HiLine Resource Management Plan to reevaluate current management decisions for the Sweet Grass Hills.

About 500 copies of the Draft EIS were distributed to the public and other federal and state agencies in February 1995. During the 90-day public comment period, the BLM held four public meetings to receive oral comments. In addition to oral comments, the BLM received 397 letters on the Draft EIS. All comments, written and oral, were reviewed and considered in preparation of the Final EIS. Comments that presented new data, questioned facts or analyses, or raised questions or issues bearing directly upon the alternatives or environmental analysis, are responded to in the Final EIS. The Final EIS incorporates comments and suggestions made on the Draft EIS during the public review period. Changes were made to the preferred alternative in the Draft EIS including: all Federal minerals (19,765 acres) would be recommended for a 20 year term withdrawal and all BLM land would remain in public ownership.

The amendment to the West HiLine Resource Management Plan will provide specific direction concerning locatable mineral development and will recommend whether all of the area should be closed to mining claim location. If the record of decision