

operation, hiking, and sightseeing, from May 28, 1997 through November 15, 1997. The closure is made under the authority of 43 CFR 8364.1.

The public roads affected by this emergency closure are specifically identified as follows:

The unnamed road passing through the NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, section 4, T12N, R14W, P.M.M. and all spur roads accessed by this road.

The following persons, operating within the scope of their official duties, are exempt from the provisions of this closure order: Bureau employees, state, local, and federal law enforcement, and fire protection personnel; the unpatented mine claimant within the area accessed by the closed road and his employees and subcontractors. Access by additional parties may be allowed, but must be approved in advance in writing by the Authorized Officer.

Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this closure order may be subject to the penalties provided in 43 CFR 8360.0-7, which include a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

The public roads temporarily closed to public use under this order will be posted with signs at points of public access.

The purpose of this emergency temporary closure is to protect persons from potential harm from mining operations, particularly the hazards associated with ore hauling on narrow roads.

**DATES:** This closure is effective from May 28, 1997 through November 15, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the closure order and maps showing the location of the closed roads are available from the Garnet Resource Area Office, 3255 Fort Missoula Road, Missoula, MT 59804-7293.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** DeLon Potter, Garnet Resource Area Manager, at (406) 329-3914.

Dated: May 27, 1997.

**DeLon Potter,**

*Garnet Resource Area Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NV-033-97-1220-00]

### 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.

**SUMMARY:** The Acting Assistant District Manager, Non Renewable Resources 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.

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** June 28, 1997: Top Gun 250 Desert Race, July 26, 1997: Top Gun Twilight Desert Race, August 31, 1997: Yerington to Fallon and Back Desert Race.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Fran Hull, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Carson City District, Bureau of Land Management, 1535 Hot Springs Road, 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. Spectators and chase personnel must stay at least 25 feet away from the disturbed edge of the race course, must remain on the outside perimeter or the race route unless an authorized access route exists, and may not create additional routes accessing or paralleling the race route unless authorized to do so for rescue purposes. Persons camping on public lands in conjunction with the event must be a minimum fifty yards away from the race route centerline.

### Specific Race Information

1. Top Gun 250 Desert Race: This closure will be in effect from 6:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 28, 1997 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 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 at Top Gun Drag Strip located south of Fallon on Highway 95 and certain Check Points selected by race and BLM officials.

2. Top Gun Twilight Desert Race: This closure will be in effect from noon until midnight on Saturday, July 26, 1997 during the conduct of a multiple-lap OHV race on roads and washes near Fallon, Nevada in Churchill and Lyon Counties. Public lands affected are located within T16N R25E; T16N R26E; T16N R27E; T16N R28E; T16N R29E; T17N R26E; T17N R27E, M.D.M. Portions of Simpson Pass and Wildhorse Basin Roads between Hooten Well and Top Gun Drag Strip are included within the Closure area. Public lands to be closed include the race route and adjacent lands identified with colorful flagging, paper directional arrows and race related warning signs. Spectators are welcome at the Start/Finish area at Top Gun Drag strip located on Highway 95 south of Fallon 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, August 31, 1997 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 imprisonment for not more than 12 months, or a fine in accordance with the applicable provisions of 18 U.S.C. 3571, or both.

Dated: May 23, 1997.

**Daniel L. Jacquet,**

*Acting A D M, Non-Renewable Resources.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[ID-030-1430-01]

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare a Land Use Plan Amendment

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare a land use plan amendment.

**SUMMARY:** The Pocatello Resource Area, Upper Snake River Districts, is proposing to amend the Pocatello Resource Management Plan to allow the disposal of a 20 acre parcel of public land in Bingham County, Idaho.

**DATES:** The public, state and local governments, and other Federal agencies are invited to participate in the amendment process. Identification of issues, concerns, or other written comments pertaining to this notice will be accepted until July 10, 1997.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed plan amendment would allow the transfer into Bingham County ownership, the following described parcel of public land:

#### Boise Meridian, Idaho

T. 2S., R. 38E.

Sec. 5: S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ,

E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Comprising 20 acres of public land, more or less.

Disposal of the parcel is proposed to be made pursuant to the Recreation and Public Purposes Amendment Act of 1988. It would be used by Bingham County as a small part of their proposed Rattlesnake Canyon landfill.

The parcel is currently used for wildlife habitat, recreation and livestock grazing as part of the Blackfoot Mountains grazing allotment, #04396.

Public participation in the amendment process will include publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** and local newspapers and the sending of this notice to state and local governments, private individuals, and other interested parties. Depending on the amount of public interest, public meetings may be held in the Pocatello Resource Area Office, Pocatello, Idaho.

**ADDRESSES:** Any comments on this notice should be mailed by close of business on July 10, 1997 to the Bureau

of Land Management, Snake River Resource Area, Attention: Scott Barker, 15 East 200 South, Burley, ID 83318.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Scott D. Barker, Realty Specialist, (208)-677-6678.

Dated: May 29, 1997.

**Scott D. Barker,**

*Realty Specialist.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[ES-020-1310-02]

#### Notice to Lessees; Non-Producing Wells

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Public notice.

**SUMMARY:** A Notice to Lessees (NTL) has been prepared by the Jackson District of the Bureau of Land Management to implement onshore oil and gas regulations relating to non-producing wells.

**DATES:** The NTL is scheduled to become effective on August 1, 1997. Public comments will be received until July 10, 1997.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sid Vogelpohl, BLM, Division of Mineral Resources, 411 Briarwood Drive, Suite 404, Jackson, Mississippi 39206. Phone (601) 977-5400.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This NTL, entitled "Non-Producing Wells", defines "shut-in" and "temporarily abandoned" wells and specifies that tests will be required to ensure well integrity and either well productivity or that the well is being properly maintained as shut-in for non-production uses. The NTL applies to lessees and operators of Federal and Indian oil and gas leases within the Jackson District. The Jackson District encompasses the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

A copy of the NTL is available by contacting Sid Vogelpohl at the address or phone number provided above.

**Bruce E. Dawson,**

*District Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[AK-931-1430-01; AA-8964, AA-11330]

#### Public Land Order No. 7263; Transfer of Administrative Jurisdiction of Public Lands; Alaska

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Public Land Order.

**SUMMARY:** This order transfers administrative jurisdiction of approximately 8.94 acres of public lands located within the boundaries of the Tongass National Forest from the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management to the Department of Agriculture, Forest Service for a period of 20 years in order to provide the Forest Service with the opportunity to pursue legislation to have the lands permanently returned to the Tongass National Forest. The lands are unpatented homesites that were excluded from the Forest by previous Executive orders.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 9, 1997.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Shirley J. Macke, BLM Alaska State Office, 222 W. 7th Avenue, No. 13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599, 907-271-3266.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1994), it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, administrative jurisdiction of the following described lands is hereby transferred from the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, to the Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, to be included in the Tongass National Forest, and to be managed in accordance with the various acts that govern uses of National Forest System lands:

#### Copper River Meridian

(a) Fish Creek (AA-8964)

Executive Order No. 5947, dated November 16, 1932, excluded Homesite No. 197 from the Tongass National Forest. The parcel, located within sec. 23, T. 68 S., R. 99 E., is more particularly described by metes and bounds as: Beginning at corner No. 1, Homesite No. 197, lying westerly of the Salmon River Road on the right bank of Fish Creek, and just northerly of its confluence with the Salmon River, at approximate latitude 55°56' North, longitude 130°02' West; Thence N. 5°30'