

Ecological Services Field Office, 300 West Congress, Room 4D, Tucson, Arizona 85701 (520-670-4860), or Angie Brooks, Arizona Ecological Services Field Office, 2321 West Royal Palm Road, Suite 103, Phoenix, Arizona 85021, (602-640-2720; Fax 602-640-2730). Documents will be available for public inspection by written request, by appointment only, during normal business hours (7:30 to 4:30), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Tucson or Phoenix, Arizona. Written data or comments concerning the application and EA/HCP should be submitted to the Field Supervisor, Ecological Services Field Office, Phoenix, Arizona (see address above). Please refer to permit number PRT-837858 when submitting comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doug Duncan at the above Tucson Suboffice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the Act prohibits the "taking" of threatened and endangered species such as the Yaqui catfish and Yaqui chub. However, the Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take threatened or endangered wildlife species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for endangered species are at 50 CFR 17.22.

The EA considers the environmental consequences of two alternatives, including the proposed action. Three other alternatives were explored, but were rejected as unworkable. The proposed action alternative is issuance of the incidental take permit and implementation of the HCP as submitted by the Applicant. The HCP provides for a strategy to conserve the listed and unlisted Plan Species and to restore watershed health in the West Turkey Creek drainage. The HCP is designed to provide a net benefit to the Plan Species. The HCP has stipulations for monitoring of species populations and habitats and functioning of the HCP. The HCP also provides for funding the mitigation measures and monitoring. The Service specifically requests comment on the appropriateness of the "No Surprises" assurances contained in this application.

Applicant: El Coronado Ranch plans to pursue ranching and related activities on 1,920 acres of private land and 13,284 acres of leased grazing allotments. The anticipated incidental take will occur on ponds, ditches, and associated structures on private land. El Coronado Ranch is located in the West Turkey Creek watershed of the

Chiricahua Mountains, Cochise County, Arizona.

Renne Lohofener,

Acting Regional Director, Region 2, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Request for Public Comments on Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

A request revising the collection of information listed below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the proposed collection of information and related forms may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's Clearance Officer at the phone number listed below. Comments and suggestions on the requirement should be made within 30 days directly to the Desk Officer for the Interior Department, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington DC 20503 and to the Bureau Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, Reston, VA 20192. As required by OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), the U.S. Geological Survey solicits specific public comments regarding the proposed information collection as to:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the bureau, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
3. The utility, quality, and clarity of the information to be collected; and,
4. How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: Industrial Minerals Surveys.

Current OMB approval number: 1032-0038.

Abstract: Respondents supply the U.S. Geological Survey with domestic production and consumption data on nonfuel mineral commodities. This information is published as Annual Reports, Mineral Industry Surveys, and

in Mineral Commodity Summaries for use by Government agencies, industry, and the general public.

Bureau form numbers: Pending OMB information collection approval. (37 forms)

Frequency: Monthly, Quarterly, Semiannual, and Annual.

Description of respondents: Producers and consumers of Industrial Minerals.

Annual Responses: 15,162.

Annual burden hours: 10,203.

Bureau clearance officer: John E. Cordyack, Jr., 703-648-7313.

K.W. Mlynarski,

Acting Chief Scientist, Minerals Information Team.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Request for Public Comments on Information Collection to be Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

A request extending the collection of information listed below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the proposed collection of information and related forms may be obtained by contacting the Bureau's Clearance Officer at the phone number listed below. Comments and suggestions on the requirement should be made within 30 days directly to the Desk Officer for the Interior Department, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 and to the Bureau Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, Reston, VA 20192. As required by OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), the U.S. Geological Survey solicits specific public comments regarding the proposed information collection as to:

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4. How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of

appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

OMB approval number: 1028-0059.

Abstract: The information, required by the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), will provide the CTBT Technical Secretariat with geographic locations of sites where chemical explosions greater than 300 tons TNT-equivalent have occurred. Respondents to the information collection request are U.S. nonfuel minerals producers.

Bureau form number: 9-3078.

Frequency: Annual.

Description of respondents:

Companies that have conducted in the last calendar year, or that will conduct in the next calendar year, explosions with a total charge size of 300 tons of TNT-equivalent, or greater.

Annual responses: 12,370.

Annual burden hours: 3,092.5.

Bureau clearance officer: John E. Cordyack, Jr., 703-648-7313.

John H. DeYoung, Jr.,

Chief Scientist, Minerals Information Team.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID-035-1110-00]

Seasonal Closure of Public Lands, Medicine Lodge Resource Area

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of seasonal closure of public land in Fremont, Jefferson, Madison, and Clark Counties in Idaho.

SUMMARY: This closure is made pursuant to the December 16, 1997, amendment of the Medicine Lodge Resource Management Plan. In addition to amending existing rights-of-way to Fremont and Jefferson Counties for the Egin-Hamer Road, the amendment establishes a permanent, seasonal closure to all-human-entry of certain public lands in Fremont, Jefferson, Madison, and Clark Counties. The closures do not apply to permittees controlling their livestock during periods of authorized use or while maintaining range improvements. Further, the closures do not apply to persons needing ingress and egress across public land while legally accessing their private lands. The usual, annual closure periods will be from January 1 through April 30 and January 1 through March 31, respectively, north and south of the Egin-Hamer Road. The

lands affected are shown on Map 2 and Map 4 of the proposed amendment/EA distributed on October 10, 1997, and on the map attached to the Decision Record. These maps are hereby incorporated by reference. Generally, the closure boundaries follow existing roads.

DATES: *Effective date:* January 1, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Bureau of Land Management, Upper Snake River Districts, Medicine Lodge Resource Area, 1405 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Gardetto at the above address or at (208) 524-7545.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The authority for this closure is found in title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations at 8364.1. Approximately 10 years ago, the Egin-Hamer Road, which runs through crucial, winter wildlife habitat, was closed in the winter to avoid disturbance to the wildlife—especially elk. The land use plan amendment process recently concluded was begun upon request by the Counties for BLM to consider removing the mandatory road closure and analyze alternative methods of protecting the elk and other big game while in their crucial winter habitat. The proposed amendment/environmental assessment contained the selected alternative which allows conditional removal of the automatic annual road closure. The conditions are that, (a) portions of the crucial habitat adjacent to the road are seasonally closed to all-human-entry and, (b) certain climate and elk occupancy limitations are met. The proposed amendment/EA was not protested; it was subjected to a planning consistency review by Idaho's Office of the Governor; and it is supported by the IDF&G.

Dated: December 16, 1997.

Joe Kraayenbrink,

Area Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council Meeting Location and Time

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Resource Advisory Council's 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 this meeting includes: approval of minutes of the previous meetings, Election of Resource Advisory Council Officers, update on land sales-exchanges-trades, Standards and Guidelines, Columbia River Basin Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Battle Mountain Field Office Fire Management Plan Amendment, Bureau of Land Management water rights and policy in Nevada, Off Highway Vehicle Use, Wild Horse Relocation Proposal, Military Airspace, Road Standards, Bureau of Land Management Appraisal Process and determination of the subject matter for future meetings

All meetings are open 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 special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the District manager at the Elko District Office, 3900 East Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada, 89801, 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 East Idaho Street, Elko, Nevada, 89801; January 23, 1998, starting at 9:00 a.m.; public comments will be at 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.; tentative adjournment 5:00 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Curtis G. Tucker, Team Leader for the Northeastern Resource Advisory Council, Ely District Office, 702 North Industrial Way, HC 33 Box 33500, Ely, NV 89301-9408, telephone 702-289-1841.

SUPPLEMENTARY 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.