

will be live-trapped and translocated. In situations where translocation sites cannot accommodate demand, landowners may be issued limited permits under the Act Section 4(d) rule, to remove the remaining allowed animals by shooting or trapping.

In the case of areas previously developed which have not undergone an Act Section 10 clearance, but which have become occupied by Utah Prairie Dogs, the area would be treated similarly to undeveloped sites. If a landowner wanted Utah Prairie Dogs removed in order to conduct otherwise lawful activities he/she would be required to conduct a clearance survey, complete an assessment of take, and schedule to have Utah Prairie Dogs trapped and translocated. Annual reports summarizing the impacts of the Proposed Action would be submitted to the Service by the Iron County Commission and the Division.

Because of the patchy distribution of Utah Prairie Dogs in Iron County, as well as the large percentage of occupied habitat and numbers of Utah Prairie Dogs on non-Federal lands, development of a county-wide HCP was analyzed. A county-wide HCP (1) allows for establishment of long-term levels of take and cumulative effects monitoring, (2) reduces costs of individuals land owners, (3) allows for planning and reduces time delays for builders, (4) facilitates cooperation between local, State, and Federal agencies and individuals, and (5) does not preclude, and may be designed to promote, Utah Prairie Dog recovery.

A no-action alternative to the proposed action was considered. This would result in no lawful development in Utah Prairie Dog habitat unless each individual landowner who wanted to develop his/her property submitted an application for, and was subsequently issued, an Act section 10 incidental take permit. In order to lawfully develop within Utah Prairie Dog Habitat, each individual landowner would also be required to develop and implement a habitat conservation plan. The non-action alternative was rejected for reasons including loss of use of the private property resulting in significant economic loss to County residents and excessive expense, in both time and money, for County residents and Service employees who must process each individual permit and ensure its suitability. The Applicants also considered an alternative which would require the purchase (in fee title or of conservation easements), preservation, and long-term management of existing Utah Prairie Dog habitat on land currently owned by private entities.

However, this alternative was rejected for a number of reasons. First, such a configuration of Utah Prairie Dog habitat would have poor potential for genetic exchange among isolated Utah Prairie Dog colonies and would therefore probably not be conducive to long-term maintenance and recovery of the species. It would also disturb local and land-use patterns to an unacceptable degree. Finally, costs associated with land acquisition may be prohibitive.

Authority: The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*).

Dated: May 6, 1998.

Terry Terrell,

Regional Director, Region 6.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WO-350-4210-01]

Reinstatement of Information Collection on Indian Allotments; OMB Approval No. 1004-0023

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces its intention to request reinstatement of approval for the collection of information from those persons who are applying for conveyance of public land under the General Allotment Act of 1887. Section 4 of that Act provides for issuing a deed to eligible Indians who are entitled to an allotment of public lands. The BLM uses the information collected on the Indian Allotment Application Form (Form 2530-1) to determine eligibility and identify legal information to assist in conveying title to the applied-for lands. **DATES:** Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by July 13, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Commenters may hand-deliver comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L St., NW, Washington, D.C., or mail comments to: Bureau of Land Management, Administrative Record, 1849 C St., NW, Mail Stop 401LS, Washington, D.C. 20240. Commenters may transmit comments electronically by way of the Internet to WOCComment@wo.blm.gov. Please

include "Attn.: 1004-0023" in your message. Comments will be available for public inspection at the L Street address during regular business hours (7:45 am. to 4:15 pm), Monday through Friday, except holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carl Gammon, (202) 452-7777.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.8(d), BLM is required to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a proposed collection of information to solicit comments on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Any individual seeking to acquire an allotment must make an application and provide information essential to complying with law, regulations, and procedures. Information is collected on Form 2530-1. Specific items on the form are as follows: Items 1-5 identify the applicant, mailing address, and, if appropriate, the minor child for whom the application is filed. Item 6 describes the land for which the application is filed. Item 7 requires the listing of prior allotments. Items 8 indicates whether the applicant or the minor child placed any improvements on the described land. Item 10 tells whether the applicant or minor child claims a bona fide settlement. Item 11 describes the manner in which settlement was made on the described land. Item 12 asks if the required petition for classification has been attached to the application. Specifically, completing Items 6 through 12 is necessary to determine the eligibility of the applicant/minor and the validity of the claim. Any eligible individual desiring an allotment of public lands must file a fully completed application. Items 6 through 12 are justified pursuant to the requirements of the regulations at 43 CFR Subparts 2530 and 2531. Section 4 of the Act provides that a patent cannot be issued unless a completed application form has been received by BLM. If the information required by 43 CFR Subpart 2531 were

not collected, BLM would not be able to carry out the mandate of section 4 of the Act.

Based on its experience in administering the regulations at 43 CFR Part 2530, BLM estimates that the public reporting burden for the information collection is 30 minutes per application. The respondents are individuals who seek to acquire public lands for Indian allotment purposes per the Act. The frequency of response is once per application. The BLM estimates that approximately 10 Indian allotment applications will be filed annually, for a total of 5 burden hours. Copies of Form 2530-1 may be obtained by contacting the individual under "For Further Information Contact."

All responses to the notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval. All comments will also become part of the public record.

Dated: May 4, 1998.

Carole J. Smith,

Bureau of Land Management, Information Collection Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-030-98-1330-00]

Notice of Closure of Public Lands to Off-Road Vehicle Use and Discharge of Firearms, Carson City, NV

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

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that certain public lands in the vicinity of Highland Ranch Parkway, Sun Valley, Nevada are closed to off-road motorized vehicle use and the discharge of firearms. This closure is necessary to prevent impacts to soil and vegetative resources at a recently reclaimed BLM community pit.

EFFECTIVE DATES: This closure will take effect June 11, 1998, and will remain in effect until the BLM Authorized Officer determines the reclamation at the pit is successful and the closure is no longer needed. Interested parties may submit comments to the Carson City District Manager, John O. Singlaub.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This closure applies to all motorized vehicle traffic and discharge of firearms except for emergency and law enforcement personnel during the conduct of their official duties. The public lands affected by this closure are described as follows.

Mt. Diablo Meridian.

T. 20 N., R. 20 E., Sec. 9, S¹/₂SE¹/₄SW¹/₄

Authority: 43 CFR 8364-Closure and Restriction Orders; 8365.1-6-Supplementary Rules of Conduct; 8341.2-Off-road Vehicles Conditions of Use, Special Rules.

Penalty: Any person who fails to comply with this closure may be subject to imprisonment for not more than 12 months, or a fine in accordance with the applicable provisions of 18 USC 3571, or both.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ronald J. Tauchen, Bureau of Land Management, Carson City Field Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, Nevada 89701 Telephone: (702) 885-6000

A map of the closed area is available at the Carson City Field Office.

Dated: May 5, 1998.

John O. Singlaub,

District Manager, Carson City District.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-033-98-1230-00-MTNMAN]

Temporary Closure of Public Lands: Nevada, Carson City District

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior Department.

ACTION: Temporary closure of approximately 600 acres of public lands in Douglas County during the conduct of a mountain man rendezvous encampment authorized under Special Recreation Use Permit Number NV-030-97-047. The lands are located within T13N R23E Sections 5 and 8, M.D.M.

SUMMARY: The Assistant District Manager, Non-Renewable Resources announces the temporary closure of selected public lands under his administration. This action is being taken to provide for public safety during shooting events and to provide an uninterrupted atmosphere during the conduct of rendezvous activities. The permittee is required to clearly mark and monitor the area during the closure period. Only registered event participants and authorized officials may occupy the event area. A map of the closure area may be obtained at the contact address.

EFFECTIVE DATES: June 19 through 29, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fran Hull, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Carson City Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 5665 Morgan Mill Road,

Carson City, Nevada 89701, Telephone: (702) 885-6161.

Exemptions: Closure restrictions do not apply to fire suppression, medical/rescue, 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 orders 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.

Event Specific Information: Pacific Rendezvous Corporation is sponsoring their regional, annual gathering, mountain man encampment. The encampment promotes the study and reenactment of North American fur trader history during the 1670-1840 time period. Event activities include: primitive camping, black powder target shooting, tomahawk, archery and knife skills, flintknapping and tool making, educational seminars, and trading of period goods. Motor vehicles are not used during the 10 day encampment. 300 to 700 participants are expected. The event area will be returned to a natural condition after the event.

Dated: May 5, 1998.

Clifford D. Lignons,

Assistant District Manager, Non Renewable Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-040-1430-00; WYW-45359]

Recreation and Public Purposes Classification and Application to Amend Lease in Lincoln County; Wyoming

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

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management published a Notice of Realty Action in the **Federal Register** of April 15, 1998, notifying the public of decisions made concerning a Recreation and Public Purpose lease for a ski area in Lincoln County, Wyoming. The notice contained an incorrect legal description.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Hatchel, Realty Specialist, Kemmerer Resource Area, Bureau of Land Management, 312 Highway 189 North, Kemmerer, Wyoming 83101, (307) 877-3933 extension 107.