

The patent, when issued, will contain a reservation to the United States for ditches and canals and will be subject to existing rights-of-way for a buried telephone cable, a power line, and a county road. Lot 1 of Section 25, Township 8 South, Range 24 East (32.02 acres) will remain in public ownership until such time as it is no longer needed as a sheep trail rest area.

DATES: Upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the land described above will be segregated from appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, except the sale provisions of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act. The segregative effect will end upon issuance of patent or 270 days from the date of publication, whichever occurs first.

PLANNING PROTEST: Any party that participated in the plan amendment and is adversely affected by the amendment may protest this action only as it affects issues submitted for the record during the planning process. Any protest must be filed within 30 days of the publication of this notice and sent to the following address: Director, Bureau of Land Management, Attention: Ms. Brenda Williams, Protests Coordinator, WO-210/LS-1075, Department of the Interior, Washington D.C. 20240. The Overnight Mail address is: Director, Bureau of Land Management, Attention: Ms. Brenda Williams, Protests Coordinator, (WO-210), 1620 L Street, N.W., Rm. 1075, Washington, D.C. 20036 [Phone: 202-452-5110]. To expedite consideration, in addition to the original sent by mail or overnight mail, a copy of the protest may be sent by FAX to 202-452-5112 or E-mail to bhudgens@wo.blm.gov. The protest shall contain:

1. The mailing address, telephone number, and interest of the person filing the protest.
2. A statement of the issue or issues being protested.
3. A statement of the part or parts of the amendment being protested.
4. A copy of all documents addressing the issue or issues that were submitted during the planning process by the protesting party or an indication of the date the issues were discussed for the record.
5. A concise statement explaining why the decision is believed to be wrong.

DIRECT SALE COMMENTS: For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments on this notice to the District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 1405

Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, ID, 83401-2100. Objections will be reviewed by the State Director who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any planning protests or objections regarding the land sale, this realty action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior and the planning amendment will be in effect.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Karl Simonson, Realty Specialist, at the Burley Field Office, 15 East 200 South, Burley, ID 83318 or telephone (208)677-6640.

Dated: August 28, 1998.

Tom Dyer,

Snake River Area Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-160-1220-00]

Recreation Regulations Temporarily in Effect on Public Land Adjacent to the North Fork of the Kaweah River

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

ACTION: Regulations addressing recreational use of BLM land along the North Fork of the Kaweah River under the management of the BLM are established.

SUMMARY: To protect natural resources, prevent wildfires, maintain public health and sanitation, and address occupancy and recreational use of BLM land along the North Fork of the Kaweah River the below regulations are established. These regulations are applicable to BLM land in Township 16 South, Range 28 East, Section 13, 23, 24 and 26, MDM under the management of the BLM, Bakersfield Field Office, California.

RULE: Effective September 1, 1998 and pursuant to 43 CFR 8365.1-6 (Supplementary Rules) the following regulations are in effect on BLM land within Township 16 South, Range 28 East, Sections 13, 23, 24, 26 and 34, MDM under the management of the BLM, Bakersfield Field Office.

1. Camping, parking of vehicles, occupancy or placing private property on BLM land within 500 feet of the North Fork of the Kaweah River or within 200 feet of the North Fork Drive is prohibited between the hours of 10:00 PM to 5:00 AM. However, the Authorized Officer and authorized representatives of the BLM may grant

organized groups use of the area consistent with the regulations listed below.

2. Only portable stoves using gas, jellied petroleum or pressurized liquid fuel or charcoal grills may be used for cooking. Used charcoal may not be dumped or discarded onto the ground or into the river. Campfires, warming or cooking fires using wood, vegetation or any other substance, except as described above, are prohibited. Building, maintaining, attending or using any fire other than the above described stove or grill is prohibited. Any emergency fire restriction established by the authorized officer or any government agency of proper jurisdiction will supersede the above upon appropriate signature or required publication.

3. All papers, plastic and paper bags or wrappers must be controlled to prevent their being blown away from the immediate control of their owner. All garbage or food residue such as egg shells, peelings, pits or other waste must be placed in an appropriate container pending proper disposal. Picnic sites must be kept free of refuse. All refuse must be placed into an appropriate container or litter bag pending proper disposal. Refuse means trash, garbage, rubbish, waste papers, empty bottles or cans, debris, litter, oil, solvents, liquid waste, diapers or other items of personal hygiene, or any other discarded materials.

4. The spilling, placing, pumping or other discharge of contaminants, pollutants or other wastes, including human waste, on the ground or into the Kaweah River is prohibited. Used diapers must be placed into an appropriate receptacle as soon as practical and may not be stored or placed within 40 feet of the North Fork of the Kaweah River.

5. The consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on the above defined BLM land. This does not apply to unopened containers in vehicles traveling through BLM land on roads maintained by Tulare County or the State of California.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: These regulations have been effected to curtail the considerable accumulation of refuse and waste on public land adjacent to the North Fork of the Kaweah River. The area receives considerable recreational use in limited accessible locations. Public health and safety, sanitation and the pollution of water resources are of concern.

Nothing herein is intended to in any way restrict or prevent access to or use of private property within the designated area. Public officers or

employees in the performance of their official duties are exempt from these regulations. These regulations do not apply to roads maintained by Tulare County or the State of California. These regulations are not intended to and will not be enforced to hinder or curtail any valid existing right, permit, or authorization. Access and use by owners or legitimate occupants of adjacent private property is permitted at all times.

Authority to create this supplementary rule is contained in 43 CFR 8365.1-6. These regulations affect only public lands within Township 16 South, Range 28 East, Sections 13, 23, 24, 26 and 34, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian. This is in conformance with the May 1997 Caliente Resource Management Plan.

Any violations of the prohibitions of this supplementary rule shall be punished by a fine or not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment of not more than 12 months as noted in 43 CFR 8365.0-7.

DATES: This rule will be in effect September 1, 1998 and will expire upon completion of a special recreation management plan applicable to the Kaweah River area.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Hervey at (805) 391-6121 or at the BLM, Bakersfield field Office, 3801 Pegasus Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93308.

Dated: August 31, 1998.

Ron Fellows,

Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-076-1220-00]

Recreation Management; Recreation Visitor Use Restrictions for Ruby Canyon/Black Ridge; Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior.

ACTION: Notice of travel management and recreation visitor use restrictions.

SUMMARY: This order, issued under the authority of 43 CFR 8341.1 and 8342.1 and 43 CFR 8364.1(d), implements recreation and travel related management actions as identified in the Ruby Canyon Black Ridge Integrated Resource Management Plan signed in March of 1998 by the Colorado State Director and the Grand Junction Resource Area Manager. The identified public lands are in Colorado, Mesa

County, under the management jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, Grand Junction Resource Area, Grand Junction District (T 10 S, R 103 & 104 W.; and T.1 N., R 2 & 3 W., Ute Dm). The area is bounded by the Colorado National Monument and highway 340 on the east, the Colorado/Utah state line on the west, private land and M.8 road (old highway 6&50) on the north, and private land in Glade Park north of the Little Dolores River and BS road. The restrictions and travel management direction consist of:

1. Expand the areas where motorized and non-motorized travel is allowed on designated routes only (no cross country travel) to include the area between I-70 and M.8 road, the area north of the Colorado River between Salt Creek and Loma and the area south of I.3 road and north and east of the Black Ridge Canyons Wilderness Study Area boundary in Kodels, Flume, and Devils Canyons (Devils and Kodels Canyons to be managed for non-motorized use only, Flume Canyon for hiking and equestrian use only).

2. The Upper Bench and Lower Bench roads on Black Ridge will be the primary access routes to the Rattlesnake Arches and will be managed as follows:

—The Upper Bench Road will be opened to all motorized vehicles from April 15 to August 15 only.

—The Lower Bench Road will be opened to all motorized vehicles from August 15 to February 15 only.

—The spur road off of the Lower Bench Road to the Black Ridge Communication Site will be closed year round to all motorized vehicle use (located in T.11 S., R 102 W., SW¹/₄, Sec. 25).

—Both routes will be closed to motorized vehicles from February 15 to April 15 and will be open year round to hikers, mountain bikers and horseback riders.

—Both roads may be closed at any time to prevent resource damage.

3. Overnight camping in the Rabbit Valley Special Recreation Management Area will be limited to no more than 7 consecutive nights within a 30 day period.

4. The number of commercial float outfitters allowed to operate on the Colorado River, Lomo to Westwater stretch will be limited to existing levels (34).

5. Motorized and mechanized access to the river bottom via the east and west Horsethief Benches is prohibited.

6. Overnight camping is prohibited on the bench below and the mesa top above the Rattlesnake Arches.

7. The size of the groups travelling to the Rattlesnake Arches will be limited to no more than 12 people.

8. Overnight parking is prohibited on either side of the cherry stem road to the Rattlesnake Arches and at the Rattlesnake Arches Trailhead.

9. The size of the groups hiking in the lower one and one-half miles of Knowles, Mee, and Rattlesnake Canyons in the Black Ridge Canyons Wilderness Study Area will be limited to no more than 25 people.

10. Portions of the river shoreline may be closed to recreational use on a seasonal or other temporary basis to minimize disruption of bald eagles, peregrine falcons, and other sensitive species.

11. To maintain its suitability for nesting bald eagles, overnight camping will be prohibited on Chow Doggone Island.

12. For the purpose of enhancing public safety, recreational target shooting will be prohibited on BLM lands southwest of Fruita, Colorado. The area closed to target shooting is approximately 2900 acres and is bounded on the north by the Colorado River (includes Skippers Island), the Black Ridge Canyons Wilderness Study Area boundary on the west, the Colorado National Monument on the south, and the boundary between BLM and private lands on the east. For this closure order, shooting is defined as discharge of any weapon for the purpose of recreational target shooting. Bow & arrows, pellet guns and BB guns are included in this definition.

EFFECTIVE DATES: The restrictions shall be in effect year round beginning September 15, 1998 and shall remain in effect until rescinded or modified by the Authorized Officer.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: BLM administers approximately 118,700 acres in the Black Ridge/Ruby Canyon planning area. This area has become increasingly popular for river floating, hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding and OHV use due to its close proximity to Fruita and Grand Junction. Public lands in this area contain important fragile resource values along with providing a variety of recreational opportunities. Changes in the current travel and recreation restrictions in the Black Ridge area are needed to protect desirable recreational opportunities and benefits as well protect erosive soils, wildlife habitat, cultural resources, important scenic values, wilderness values and semi-primitive motorized and non-motorized settings. Growing recreational use in the area is expected to continue, and these travel