

personal injury, or death that may occur as a result of their access to the closure area and will indemnify and hold harmless the United States. All such incidents shall immediately be reported to the BLM Field Office.

The purpose of this closure is to protect human life, ensure public safety, and to prevent human contact with a known hazardous situation. A map of the area affected by this closure is on file and may be viewed at the Vernal Field Office of the BLM.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The closure order is effective from September 1, 1998, through December 31, 2000, unless, prior thereto, it is rescinded or modified by the authorized officer.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: This closure is under the authority of 43 CFR 8364.1. Persons violating this closure shall be subject to the penalties provided in 43 CFR 8360.0-7, including a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 and/or imprisonment not to exceed one year.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The BLM Vernal Field office, 170 South 500 East, Vernal, Utah 84078, (435) 781-4400.

Dated: September 17, 1998.

David E. Howell,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK-040-96-003; AA-76879, AA-77643, AA-77776, AA-76936, AA-76935, AA-77839]

Notice of Realty Action; Sale of Public Lands in Southwest and Southcentral Alaska and Notice of Approved Plan Amendment to the Southwest and Southcentral Management Framework Plans (MFP) in Southwest and Southcentral Alaska

SUMMARY: The BLM has amended the Southwest and Southcentral MFPs to allow for the sale of public lands needed for church-group related development and to resolve several land occupancy problems. The following described public lands have been examined through the land use planning process and have been found suitable for disposal pursuant to Section 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1713. Parcel Two of the following described lands is also classified as suitable for lease and sale under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended, 43 U.S.C. 969.

Parcel One (AA-76879): Seward Meridian, Alaska

T. 20 N., R. 8 E., Sections 23 and 26.
Containing approximately 80 acres.

Parcel Two (AA-77643): Seward Meridian, Alaska

T. 15 N., R. 1 W., Lot 53, Section 19.
Containing approximately 1.42 acres.

Parcel Three (AA-77776): Seward Meridian, Alaska

T. 17 N., R. 2 E., Section 26, Lot 22.
Containing approximately 0.94 acre.

Parcel Four (AA-76396): Kateel River Meridian, Alaska

T. 27 S., R. 22 E., Section 32.
Containing approximately 45 acres.

Parcel Five (AA-76935): Kateel River Meridian, Alaska

T. 27 S., R. 22 E., Section 32.
Containing approximately 1 acre.

Parcel Six (AA-77839): Seward Meridian, Alaska

T. 2 N., R. 12 W., Sections 21 and 22.
Containing approximately .72 acre.

The above lands contain approximately 129 acres.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert P. Rinehart, Anchorage Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 6881 Abbott Loop Rd., Anchorage, Alaska, 99507-2599, (907) 267-1272.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this sale is to allow three church groups to pursue needed development and to resolve three inadvertent land occupancy situations. Conveyance of the above public lands will be subject to:

A right-of-way thereon for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States: Act of August 30, 1890, 26 Stat 391; 43 U.S.C. 945.

Conveyance of Parcel One also would be subject to execution of a "hold harmless agreement" for any liability arising from Victory Ministries activities on the site, before or after the sale.

For a period of 45 days from the date this notice is published in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments on the sale to the Field Manager, Anchorage Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 6881 Abbott Loop Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99507-2599. Any adverse comments will be evaluated by the State Director, who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any objections, this proposed realty action will become final.

Nick Douglas,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management [CA-180-1430-00; CACA 37328]

Notice of Plan Amendment and Notice of Decision for Land Exchange

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management, Folsom Field Office, is amending the 1988 Sierra Planning Area Management Framework Plan Amendment (MFPA) to allow for a boundary adjustment of the Ione Tertiary Oxisol Soils Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), located in Amador County, CA. The boundary adjustment is necessary to allow for exchange of public land currently within the ACEC in order to acquire adjacent private land of higher resource value to be added to the ACEC. The plan amendment and exchange are made pursuant to Sections 202 and 206 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1712 and 1716). The lands are described as follows:

Public land to be disposed of and excluded from the ACEC

T. 5 N., R. 10 E.,
Sec. 17, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$,
N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, and
W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 6.875 acres in Amador County.

Private land to be acquired and added to the ACEC

T. 5 N., R. 10 E.
Sec. 17, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The area described contains 7.5 acres in Amador County. In addition, an easement will also be acquired in order to secure access to the remaining public lands.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This ACEC was established to protect unique soil profiles. Intensely weathered soils were formed during the Eocene epoch when the area had a tropical climate. This soil has been exposed due to natural erosion of overlying strata revealing a soil with properties of oxisols, a soil order of the tropics. Adjustment of the ACEC boundary allows for the inclusion of 7.5 acres of land to be acquired that is currently adjacent to the existing boundary. This land to be acquired contains exceptional examples of Oxisol soils. In exchange, BLM will also adjust the ACEC boundary to exclude the above described public land which will allow for disposal of this parcel because it possesses inferior soil examples than

the land to be acquired. The exchange will be with TNH/Glenmoor Ltd., an adjacent landowner to the ACEC. Disposal of the public land will also allow access by TNH/Glenmoor to their land in the same area. This exchange meets the objectives of the MFPA and the Ione Tertiary Oxisol Soils Area Management Plan (1992), by protecting the area and preserving its intrinsic scientific and educational importance.

The public land parcel would be transferred subject to a reservation to the United States for a right-of-way for ditches and canals and for a road to access the remaining public land.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Beck, Realty Specialist, Bureau of Land Management, Folsom Field Office, 63 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630 or by phone at (916) 985-4474.

DATES: 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. The protest must be in writing and filed with the Director, Bureau of Land Management, 1800 "C" Street, N.W., Washington D.C. 20240, on or before October 26, 1998.

Land Exchange Protests: On or before November 9, 1998, interested parties may submit comments or protests regarding the land exchange to the Field Manager, Folsom Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 63 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630.

This notice will also serve to satisfy the requirement contained in 43 CFR 1610.7-2(b) regarding designation of areas of critical environmental concern.

In the absence of any planning protest or objections regarding the land exchange, the decision will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior and the Planning amendment will be in effect.

Dated: September 16, 1998.

James M. Eichler,

Acting Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-950-5700-77; AZA 30550 et al.]

Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Arizona; Correction

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Correction.

SUMMARY: This action corrects the Notice of Proposed Withdrawal, 63 FR

13686, published March 20, 1998 as FR Doc. 98-7199.

1. On page 13686, third column, under T. 15 N., R. 2 W., replace "sec. 19, lot 4; sec. 30, lot 1." with "Portions of lot 4, sec. 19 and lot 1, sec. 30, more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows: BEGINNING at the section corner of secs. 19, 30, 24, and 25, T. 15 N., Rs. 2 and 3 W., thence south along the west section line of sec. 30, 50 feet, thence along a line parallel with the north section line of sec. 30, 125.2 feet to the west right-of-way line of the Williamson Valley Road, a.k.a., Prescott-Simmons County Highway; thence North 23 degrees West, 320.5 feet along said right-of-way line to the west section line of sec. 19; thence south along said section line, 245 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING."

2. In the third column, under T. 15 N., R. 3 W., delete "sec. 24, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$."

3. In the third column, line 24, after The area described, replace "81.07 acres" with "2.92 acres."

Dated: September 17, 1998.

Phillip D. Moreland,

Acting Deputy State Director, Resources Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-040-1430-00]

Closure and Restriction Order for Certain Public Lands in Washington County, Utah

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

ACTION: The temporary closure of certain public lands in Washington County, Utah to off-road travel other than on existing roads.

The following public lands, formerly know as the Smith Ranch, are affected:

Salt Lake Meridian

T.39 S., R. 11 W.,
Sec. 30, W2NE, W2SENE, SESW, W2SE,
W2SESE;

Sec. 31, Lots 3-4, NE, E2SW, SE;
Sec. 32, SW.

T. 40 S., R. 11 W.,
Sec. 5, Lots 3-11, SENW, EWSW;
Sec. 6, Lot 1, S2NE;
Sec. 8, Lots 1-2, E2NW, NESW.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 24, 1998.

This interim closure and restriction order will terminate upon transfer of the subject lands out of federal ownership or be superseded upon completion of a management plan applicable to the lands described above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mark Harris, BLM Ranger, Dixie Resource Area, 345 E. Riverside Dr., St. George, Utah 84790, phone (435) 688-3371.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: To protect valuable natural resources and wildlife habitat and to preserve relative values of lands being considered for exchange to benefit Zion National Park, lands recently acquired by the Bureau of Land Management will be protected by restricting motorized vehicle travel to existing roads. For the purpose of this action, roads are defined as well-established two-tracks or routes regularly used or maintained for the passage of motorized vehicles. Parking of vehicles for the purpose of camping, hunting, or other authorized activities shall occur within fifty (50) feet of existing roads.

The above restrictions do not apply to emergency and law enforcement vehicles and vehicles in official use by representatives, employees, or contractors of the United States, the State of Utah, or Washington County.

Authority: The authority for issuing a restriction order is contained in 43 CFR 8364. Violations are punishable as class A misdemeanors.

Dated: September 8, 1998.

James D. Crisp,

Area Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Central Valley Project Improvement Act, Criteria for Evaluating Water Management Plans

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of draft decision of evaluation of water management plans.

SUMMARY: To meet the requirements of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) and the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982, Reclamation developed and published the Criteria for Evaluating Water Conservation Plans, dated April 30, 1993, and revised and renamed in September 1996 to Criteria for Evaluating Water Management Plans (Criteria). These Criteria were developed based on information provided during public scoping and review sessions held throughout Reclamation's Mid-Pacific (MP) Region. Reclamation uses these Criteria to evaluate the adequacy of all water management plans developed by Central Valley Project contracts in the