

assistance requirements (general assistance, TWEP, child welfare assistance, and miscellaneous assistance) during FY 1999.

Method of Distribution

There will be two distributions of welfare assistance funds in FY 1999. The first distribution will be an amount equal to 75 percent of projected expenditures for FY 1998 minus prior year unliquidated balances. The second and final distribution of welfare assistance will be made on or about June 1, 1999. This distribution will be based upon submission and analysis of the Mid-Year Analysis of Funds Report for all Bureau operated programs and tribal contractors/compactors. If the nationwide Mid-Year Analysis of Funds Report indicates that the undistributed balance will not be sufficient to cover the entire need for welfare assistance, this amount will be distributed pro rata, so that all programs (Bureau, contractors and compactors), will receive the same percentage level of funds.

Area offices are responsible for collecting data and providing technical assistance to all non-compact tribes (Pub. L. 93-638 contract and Pub. L. 102-477 grant) and agencies on completion of the Mid-Year Analysis of Funds Report. Self-Governance tribes will submit their reports through the Office of Self-Governance in Washington, D.C. The area offices will collect these reports from all Bureau offices and tribes operating programs within their jurisdiction with the exception of the Self-Governance tribes. The area offices will consolidate the data including the expenditures and cases into one report for the entire area. Those locations which do not submit reports will not receive any additional funds. The area offices and the Office of Self-Governance will submit their consolidated reports with all individual tribe and agency reports to the Office of Tribal Services by May 15, 1999. Area offices and the Office of Self-Governance should also provide a short narrative explaining significant changes in caseload and expenditures or other circumstances affecting program operation. An example would be action by a State resulting in termination of Indian clients formerly served by the State Temporary Assistance For Needy Families program.

Dated: December 11, 1998.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Closure of Public Lands; Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

ACTION: Temporary Closure of Selected Public Lands in La Paz County, Arizona, during the operation of the 1999 Whiplash Parker 400K (kilometer) Desert Race.

SUMMARY: The Lake Havasu Field Office Manager announces the temporary closure of selected public lands under its administration in La Paz County, Arizona. This action is being taken to help ensure public safety and prevent unnecessary environmental degradation during the official permitted running of the 1999 Whiplash Parker 400K Desert Race.

DATES: January 8, 1999, through January 10, 1999.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Specific restrictions and closure periods are as follows:

Designated Course

1. The portion of the race course comprised of BLM lands, roads and ways located 2 miles either side of:

(a) Shea Road from the eastern boundary of the Colorado River Indian Tribes Reservation to the junction with Swansea Road and 2 miles either side of Swansea Road from its junction with Shea Road to the eastern bank of the Central Arizona Project Canal.

(b) Swansea Road from its junction with Shea Road to the Four Corners intersection.

(c) The unpaved road that runs from "Midway", north to Mineral Wash and then west to the CAP Canal is closed to public use from 6:00 a.m. Friday morning, January 8, 1999, to 6:00 p.m. Sunday, January 10, 1999.

2. The entire designated race course is closed to all vehicles except authorized and emergency vehicles.

3. Vehicle parking or stopping in areas affected by the closure is prohibited except in the designated spectator areas. Emergency parking for brief periods of time is permitted on roads open for public use.

4. Spectator viewing (on public land) is limited to the designated spectator areas located South and North of Shea Road, as signed, app. 7 miles east of Parker, Arizona.

5. The following regulations will be in effect for the duration of the closure: Unless otherwise authorized, no person shall:

a. Camp in any area outside of the designated spectator areas.

b. Enter any portion of the race course or any wash located within the race course, including all portions of Osborne Wash.

c. Spectate or otherwise be located outside of the designated spectator areas.

d. Cut or collect firewood of any kind, including dead and down wood or other vegetative material.

e. Firearms must be unloaded and cased, and are not to be used during the closure.

f. Fireworks are prohibited.

g. Operate any vehicle (other than registered event vehicles), including an off-highway vehicle (OHV), which is not legally registered for street and highway operation, including operation of such a vehicle in spectator viewing areas, along the race course, and in designated pit areas.

j. Park any vehicle in violation of posted restrictions, or in such a manner as to obstruct or impede normal or emergency traffic movement or the parking of other vehicles, create a safety hazard, or endanger any person, property or feature. Vehicles so parked are subject to citation, removal and impoundment at the owner's expense.

k. Take any vehicle through, around or beyond a restrictive sign, recognizable barricade, fence or traffic control barrier.

l. Fail to keep their site free of trash and litter during the period of occupancy or fail to remove all personal equipment, trash, and litter upon departure.

m. Violate quiet hours by causing an unreasonable noise as determined by the authorized officer between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Mountain Standard Time.

n. Allow any pet or other animal in their care to be unrestrained at any time. Signs and maps directing the public to the designated spectator areas will be provided by the Bureau of Land Management and/or the event sponsor. The above restrictions do not apply to emergency vehicles and vehicles owned by the United States, the State of Arizona or to La Paz County. Vehicles under permit for operation by event participants must follow the race permit stipulations. Operators of permitted vehicles shall maintain a maximum speed limit of 35 mph on all La Paz County and BLM roads and ways. Authority for closure of public land is found in 43 CFR 8340, Subpart 8341; 43 CFR 8360, Subpart 8364.1, and 43 CFR 8372. Persons who violate this closure order are subject to arrest and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than

\$100,000 and/or imprisoned for not more than 12 months.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bryan Pittman, District Law Enforcement Ranger, or Myron McCoy, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Lake Havasu Field Office, 2610 Sweetwater Avenue, Lake Havasu City, Arizona 86406, (520) 505-1200.

Dated: December 9, 1998.

Robert M. Henderson,

(Acting) Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-610-1020-00]

Extension of the Environmental Assessment Comment Period for the Proposed Amendment of the California Desert Conservation Area Plan, 1980

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management announces an extension of the comment period until January 25, 1999. The extension is in response to public requests for additional time to submit comments on the proposed plan amendment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Larry Morgan, Rangeland Management Specialist, U.S.D.I., Bureau of Land Management, California Desert District Office, 6221 Box Springs Blvd., Riverside, California 92507-0714 tel.: (909) 697-5388.

Dated: December 16, 1998.

Alan Stein,

Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-030-1610-00]

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement on the Fallon Range Training Complex Requirements Document for the U.S. Navy Fallon Range Training Complex, Fallon, Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Carson City Field Office U.S. Naval Air Station Fallon, Nevada.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on the U.S. Navy Fallon Range Training Complex Requirements Document; and

notice of scoping period and public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Carson City Field Office and the U.S. Navy Fallon Range Training Complex (Navy) will jointly direct the preparation of an EIS to be produced by a third-party contractor on the impacts (direct, indirect, and cumulative) from required Navy training on public and Navy-owned lands in central Nevada. The BLM and the Navy invite comments on the scope of the analysis.

EFFECTIVE DATES: Four public scoping meetings will be held in January, 1999 to allow the public an opportunity to identify issues and concerns to be addressed in the EIS. Representatives of the BLM and the Navy will be available to answer questions about the Fallon Range Training Complex Requirements Document and the EIS process. Comments will be accepted until February 5, 1999.

The scheduled public meetings are: Eureka, NV (7:00-9:00 p.m.)—January 20, 1999, Eureka Opera House Austin, NV (7:00-9:00 p.m.)—January 21, 1999, Austin High School Fallon, NV (7:00-9:00 p.m.)—January 27, 1999, Fallon Convention Center, 100 Campus Way, Fallon, NV Reno, NV (7:00-9:00 p.m.)—January 28, 1999, BLM Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno, NV

A Draft EIS (DEIS) is expected to be completed by April, 1999 and made available for public review and comment. At that time a Notice of Availability (NOA) of the DEIS will be published in the **Federal Register**. The comment period on the DEIS will be 60 days from the date the NOA is published.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Scoping comments may be sent to: Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701. ATTN: Navy EIS Project Manager.

For additional information, write to the above address or call Terri Knutson (BLM) at (702) 885-6156 or Sam Dennis (Navy) at (650) 244-3007.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Navy has submitted the Fallon Range Training Complex Requirements Document for the update, consolidation, and analysis of all Navy training requirements on public and Navy-owned lands in central Nevada. The Navy requirements document includes: Electronic Warfare, Airspace, Target Complex (Bravo-17, Bravo-19, Bravo-20), Tracking/Communications, and Land Training.

The EIS will address issues brought forth through scoping comments and

will be evaluated by an interdisciplinary team of specialists. A range of alternatives and mitigating measures will be considered to evaluate and minimize environmental impacts and to assure that the proposed action does not result in undue or unnecessary degradation of public lands.

Federal, state, and local agencies and other individuals or organizations who may be interested in or affected by the BLM/Navy decision on the Fallon Range Training Complex Requirements Document are invited to participate in the scoping process with respect to this environmental analysis. These entities and individuals are also invited to submit comments on the DEIS.

It is important that those interested in the Navy activities participate in the scoping and commenting processes. To be most helpful, comments should be as specific as possible.

The project schedule is as follows:

Begin Public Comment Period—

December, 1999

Issue Draft EIS—April, 1999

Issue Final EIS—July, 1999

Issue Record of Decision—September, 1999

End 30-day Appeal Period/

Implementation—October, 1999

The BLM/Navy's scoping process for the EIS will include: (1) Identification of issues to be addressed; (2) Identification of viable alternatives; (3) Notification of interested groups, individuals, and agencies so that additional information concerning these issues, or other issues, can be obtained.

Dated: December 10, 1998.

Karl Kipping,

Associate Manager, Carson City Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Designation of Off-Road Vehicle Use Areas in the White Mountains National Recreation Area

This notice of designated Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) use areas applies to all lands and water surfaces within the White Mountains National Recreation Area and BLM-managed lands between the White Mountains NRA and the Steese and Elliott Highways, as shown on the White Mountains National Recreation Area Off-Road Vehicle Designations Map, and is subject to valid existing rights.

This order is issued pursuant to 43 CFR subpart 8342 and in accordance