

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dave Wolf, Recreation Manager, or Ron Crayton, Ranger, Ken Burger, Ranger, at the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas, Field Office, 4765 W. Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89108, telephone number (702) 647-5000.

Dated: February 17, 1998.

Michael F. Dwyer,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-055-1220-00]

Shooting Closure on Certain Public Lands Managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Shooting closure on selected public lands in Clark County, Nevada.

SUMMARY: The Manager of the Las Vegas Field Office announces a Shooting Closure on selected Public Lands, under its administration within the Las Vegas Valley. The Closure is intended to compliment and supplement an existing Clark County shooting closure. The rapid increase in population and growth of the Las Vegas Valley has created conflicts between new urban areas and traditional public land users accustomed to target shooting on public lands around Las Vegas. There have been incidents of indiscriminate shooting toward residential areas and other public land users, destruction of property, injury, and one fatality. Trash accumulation from items being used as targets are impacting public lands. This action is being taken to help ensure public safety, prevent environmental degradation, and provide consistency with the Clark County shooting closure. This Closure does not apply to hunting under the laws and regulations of the State of Nevada.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The closure will be effective March 12, 1998.

Closure Area

Public Lands affected are within the following generally described area and townships: Lake Mead Blvd. (State Route 147), on the South; West to the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Boundary; on the North Lee Canyon (State Route 156) and the southern boundary of the Desert Game Range; and on the East the Lake Mead National Recreation Area Boundary.

Including lands within Townships 17 S to 22 S and Ranges 59 E to 63 E MDM. Also included but not described above are public lands contained within the portions of the existing Clark County Shooting Closure that are outside the above boundaries (Goodsprings Township).

Maps depicting the area affected by this closure order are available for public inspection at the Las Vegas, Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 4765 W. Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Exceptions to Closure

(1) Hunting with valid state hunting license and in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State of Nevada; and (2) Areas which may be designated by the Las Vegas Field Office Manager as target shooting areas. Such designation may be made by the publishing of notices in the local media and by the posting of appropriate signs marking the boundary of such area(s).

Closure Restrictions

Unless otherwise authorized, within the closure area no person shall:

- Discharge any firearm.
- Possess an unregistered firearm, when registration of firearms is required by the State of Nevada or Clark County.
- Possess an illegally obtained firearm.
- Possess any firearm in violation of Federal, State or County regulations.
- Unless specifically addressed by regulations set forth in 43 CFR, the laws and regulations of the State of Nevada and Clark County shall govern the use and possession of firearms. Such state and county laws and regulations which are now or may later be in effect are hereby adopted and made part of this closure.

Definitions

Firearm: Any weapon capable of firing a projectile including but not limited to rifle, shotgun, handgun, BB-gun, pellet gun, etc.

This closure order is issued under the authority of 43 CFR 8364.1. Violations of any of the terms, conditions, or restrictions contained within this closure order, may subject the violator to citation or arrest, with penalty of fine or imprisonment or both as specified by law.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dave Wolf, Assistant District Manager, Recreation; Ron Crayton, Law Enforcement Ranger; and Ken Burger, Law Enforcement Ranger; Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, 4765 W. Vegas Drive, Las Vegas,

Nevada 89108, telephone number (702) 647-5000.

Dated: February 17, 1998.

Michael F. Dwyer,

Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-055-1220-00]

Off-Highway Vehicle Closure of Certain Public Lands in the Las Vegas Valley Managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Closure of selected public lands in Clark County, Nevada to use by off highway vehicles.

SUMMARY: The Field Office Manager of the Las Vegas Field Office announces the Closure of certain public lands under its administration in the Las Vegas Valley to Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) use. The lands included are public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management which, due to urban expansion, are now included with or are immediately adjacent to urban areas developed for residential or business purposes. This action is being taken to reduce the amount of dust and particulate matter generated from the use of the public lands, ensure health and public safety and prevent environmental degradation. This action will assist local governmental efforts to meet Environmental Protection Agency air quality standards and to reduce dust production from unpaved roads within the Las Vegas Valley Non-attainment Area.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 12, 1998.

Closure Area

Public Lands affected are within the following generally described area and townships: Lake Mead Blvd. (State Route 147), on the South; West to the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Boundary; on the North, Lee Canyon (State Route 156) and the southern boundary of the Desert Game Range; and on the East the Lake Mead National Recreation Area Boundary. Including lands within Townships 17 S to 22 S and Ranges 59 E to 63 E MDM. Maps depicting the area affected by this closure order are available for public inspection at the Las Vegas Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 4765 W. Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Exceptions to Closure

(1) OHV use areas which may be designated by the Las Vegas Field Office Manager. Such designations may be made by the publishing of notice in the local media and by the posting of appropriate signs and marked boundaries; (2) Roads and trails designated and signed for OHV use; and (3) Roads included within transportation systems managed by Clark County and/or the cities of Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, and Henderson.

Closure Restrictions

Unless otherwise authorized, within the closure area no person shall:

a. Operate an OHV or motor vehicle off of designated roads and/or trails within the area closure.

b. Take, drive, or operate any OHV or motor vehicle through, around or beyond a restrictive sign, barricade, fence, or traffic control barrier or device.

c. Failure to follow orders or directions of an authorized officer relating to this closure order.

d. Obstruct, resist, or attempt to elude a law enforcement officer, or fail to follow their orders or directions.

e. If under 21 years of age, possess or consume any alcoholic beverages.

f. Unless specifically addressed by regulations set forth in 43 CFR, the laws of the State of Nevada and Clark County shall govern the use and operation of motor vehicles. Such state and county laws which are now in effort or may be added later, are hereby adopted and made part of this closure.

Definitions

Designated Road means a road or roads identified on a map of designated roads which will be available for public inspection at the Las Vegas Field Office, Bureau of Land Management.

Designated Trails means a trail, trails or routes, identified on a map or by appropriate posted signs.

Designated Areas means areas that are designated within the closed area by the Las Vegas Field Office Manager as OHV use areas. These areas will be signed with set boundaries. Maps will be made available at the Las Vegas Field Office. "Off-Highway Vehicle" (OHV) means any motorized or non-motorized mechanized vehicle designed for or capable of travel off maintained roadways including but not limited to 2 and 4 wheel drives vehicles, motorcycles, ATVs, and mountain bikes.

This closure order is issued under the authority of 43 CFR 8364.1. Violation of any of the terms, conditions or

restrictions contained within this closure order, may subject the violator to citation or arrest, with a penalty of fine or imprisonment or both as specified by law.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dave Wolf, Assistant District Manager, Recreation; Ron Crayton, Law Enforcement Ranger; or Ken Burger, Law Enforcement Ranger, at the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, 4765 W. Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89108, Telephone Number (702) 647-5000.

Dated: February 17, 1998.

Michael F. Dwyer,

Field Officer Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-027-1220-00]

Modification of Firearms Closure To Allow the Use of Shotguns During the Spring Turkey Season on Howrey Island, Treasure County, MT

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Montana, Miles City District, Powder River Resource Area, Interior.

SUMMARY: On May 31, 1994, the Bureau announced, through the **Federal Register**, a rule to close Howrey Island to firearms from December 16 through August 31 annually. During the rulemaking BLM inadvertently overlooked the spring turkey season. Therefore, BLM is proposing to change the rule as follows: The area of public land known as Howrey Island is closed to discharge of firearms from December 16 through August 31 annually, except that shotguns are allowed during the legal spring turkey hunting season. For the purpose of this rule, firearms are rifles, pistols and shotguns. The public land affected by this closure is described as:

Principal Meridian, Montana

T. 6N., R. 35E.,

Sec. 15. Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Sec. 21. Lot 5

Sec. 22. Lots 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9

Consisting of 864.3 acres of surface estate.

DATES: Comments on the proposed rule change must be submitted on or before April 6, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted to Area Manager, Powder River Resource Area, 111 Garryowen Rd, Miles City, MT 59301.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Todd Christensen, Area Manager, BLM, Powder River Resource Area, 111 Garryowen Rd, Miles City, MT 59301, or call (406) 233-2829.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Barring any comments that cause BLM to reconsider the modification, the proposed rule will become a final rule after the public comment period and without further public notice. Opening this area will require public participation and an opening order published in the **Federal Register**. Authority for this action is outlined in Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations, subpart 8364 (43 CFR 8364.1). Any person who fails to comply with this closure is subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

Dated: February 17, 1998.

Todd Christensen,

Powder River Area Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ES-960-1420-00] ES-49341, Group 34, Missouri

Notice of Filing of Plat of Survey; Missouri

The plat, in three sheets, of the survey of the Lock and Dam No. 26 acquisition boundary, Township 48 North, Range 6 East, Fifth Principal Meridian, Missouri, will be officially filed in Eastern States, Springfield, Virginia at 7:30 a.m., on March 30, 1998.

The survey was requested by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

All inquiries or protests concerning the technical aspects of the survey must be sent to the Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Eastern States, Bureau of Land Management, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153, prior to 7:30 a.m., March 30, 1998.

Copies of the plat will be made available upon request and prepayment of the reproduction fee of \$2.75 per copy.

Dated: February 17, 1998.

Stephen G. Kopach,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor.

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