

*Affected Entities:* State courts and individual Indians eligible for payment of attorney fees pursuant to 25 CFR 23.13 in order to obtain a benefit.

*Estimated number of respondents:* 4.

*Proposed frequency of response:* 1.

(2) *Estimate of total annual reporting and record keeping burden that will result from the collection of this information:* 12 hours.

*Reporting:* 2 hours per response  $\times$  4 respondents = 8 hours.

*Recordkeeping:* 1 hour per response  $\times$  4 respondents = 4 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 12 hours.

*Estimated Annual Costs:* \$540.00 (12 hours  $\times$  \$45.00 per hour).

(3) *Description of the need for the information and proposed use of the information:* Submission of this information is required in order to receive payment for appointed counsel under 25 CFR 23.13. The information is collected to determine applicant eligibility for services.

#### IV. Request for Comments

The Department of the Interior invites comment on:

(a) Whether the 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 agencies' estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information, 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 collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information, to search data sources, to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

The comments, names and addresses of commenters will be available for

public view during regular business hours. If you wish us to withhold this information, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will honor your request to the extent allowable by law.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget control number.

Dated: August 9, 2000.

**Kevin Gover,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

(AZ030-1610-HN-00; AZA-31069)

#### Notice of Availability of Cane Springs Land Exchange Environmental Assessment/Plan Amendment and; Notice of Realty Action.

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and notice of realty action.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 206 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1716), as amended and section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, the Bureau of Land Management, Kingman Field Office, Arizona, has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA)/Plan amendment to analyze the effect of a proposed land exchange and a proposed plan amendment to the Kingman Resource Management Plan. The EA addresses the effects of a proposal to exchange approximately 17,500 acres of public land for approximately 18,000 acres of private land. The proposed land exchange is entirely within Mohave County, Arizona. The amendment is needed because the Proponent selected public lands that were not identified for disposal through exchange in the Kingman Resource Management Plan. It is proposed to amend the Kingman Resource Management Plan to change 478.11 acres located in Lots 1, 2, NE1/4, E1/2NW1/4, SE1/4 of section 31 in Township 22 North, Range 18 West from available for disposal through Recreation and Public Purpose Uses to available for disposal through exchange. There would be 158.25 acres in Lots 3,4, E1/2SW1/4 of section 31 of Township

22 North, Range 18 West for Recreation and Public Purpose Uses.

The Realty Action is in accordance with sections 1 and 7 of the Taylor Grazing Act, 43 U.S.C. 315 and 315f, the selected public lands described in the EA are hereby classified for disposal by exchange.

**DATES:** Written protests on the proposed plan amendment must be postmarked no later than September 27, 2000.

#### Plan Protest Procedures:

The BLM's planning process includes an opportunity for administrative review via a plan protest to the BLM Director. This plan protest procedure is only applicable to the proposed plan amendment.

The protest must specifically address the proposal to change 478.11 acres of land classified as available for disposal through Recreation and Public Purpose uses to a classification of available for disposal through exchange. Currently, no decision has been made on the overall exchange, so the exchange itself cannot be protested. Only the proposal to amend the Kingman RMP can be protested. To protest the proposed plan amendment, file a letter of protest with: Director, Bureau of Land Management, Attention: Ms. Brenda Williams, Protests Coordinator, WO-210/LS-1075, Department of the Interior, Washington, DC 20240.

The overnight mail address is: Director, Bureau of Land Management Attention: Ms. Brenda Williams, Protests Coordinator (WO-210) 1620 L Street NW, Room 1075, Washington, DC 20036.

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.

WO-210 will immediately acknowledge receipt of the protest and fax/e-mail a copy to the appropriate BLM State Director and the assigned field support staff. Protests filed late or filed with the BLM State Director or district, field or area manager shall be rejected by the BLM Washington Office (WO-210).

At minimum, the letter of protest must contain the following information.

1. The name, mailing address, telephone number and interest of the person filing the protest.

2. A statement of which parcel or parcels (by township, range and section) are being protested.

3. A copy of each document addressing the parcels proposed to be categorized as disposal lands, such as letters sent during the plan amendment

process that addresses parcels within the proposed plan amendment.

4. A statement of reasons why the BLM State Director's proposed decision to place the lands in the disposal category is believed to be incorrect. All relevant facts need to be included in the statement of reasons. These facts, reasons and documentation are very important to understand the protest rather than merely expressing disagreement with the proposed decision.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the document are available at the following locations: Bureau of Land Management, Kingman Field Office, 2475 Beverly Ave., Kingman, Arizona, 86401-3629 and Bureau of Land Management, Arizona State Office, 222 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85004-2203.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL:** Don McClure, phone: (520) 692-4400.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The land exchange includes both public and non-public land in Mohave County in northwestern Arizona, encompassing approximately 35,500 acres. Issues that have been addressed are ranching, biological resources, recreation/access, soil erosion, cultural resources, realty, riparian areas, mineral resources, and Proposed modifications to the Kingman Resource Management Plan have been integrated with the proposed Land Exchange, and the impacts presented in a single EA-level analysis.

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*Field Manager, Kingman Field Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CA-320-1820-XQ]

#### Resource Advisory Council Meeting: Northwest California Resource Advisory Council, Redding, CA

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committees Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (Pub. L. 94-579), the U. S. Bureau of Land Management's Northwest California Resource Advisory Council will meet Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2000, for a regular business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting begins at 10 a.m. in the

Conference Room of the BLM's Redding Field Office, 355 Hemsted Drive, Redding, CA. Items on the agenda include discussion of a feasibility study for Lake Berryessa management, an update on Headwaters Forest Reserve management, management issues in the Knoxville Off Highway Vehicle Area, and standards and guidelines for rangeland health. Time will be set aside at 1 p.m. for public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak, a time limit may be established.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Contact Lynda J. Roush, BLM Arcata Field Manager, at (707) 825-2300.

**Joseph J. Fontana,**  
*Public Affairs Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CA-660-00-1220-HA]

#### Restrictions on Use of Public Lands and Facilities

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office, Desert District, California.

**ACTION:** Notice—Temporary closure of routes to use by motorized vehicles except as specifically exempted; temporary closure of certain public lands to motorized-vehicle use except on approved routes.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Subpart 8364.1(c), notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is temporarily closing public land portions of Palm Hills Drive, also known as Dunn Road, to motorized vehicles. The public land portions of Palm Hills Drive subject to the temporary closure occur within E $\frac{1}{2}$  Section 5, W $\frac{1}{2}$  Section 8, Sections 16, 29, 32, and 33, Township 5 South, Range 5 East, San Bernardino Meridian (SBM); and Sections 4, 8, 9, and N $\frac{1}{2}$  Section 16, Township 6 South, Range 5 East, SBM. The BLM is also temporarily closing all other motorized-vehicle routes of travel on these public lands and Section 30, Township 5 South, Range 5 East, SBM. The following motorized vehicles are exempt from this order: (1) Fire, military, emergency or law enforcement vehicles when used for emergency or patrol purposes; (2) vehicles whose use is expressly authorized by the Authorized Officer;

and (3) vehicles used for official purposes by employees, agents, or designated representatives of the Federal Government or one of its contractors. These restrictions shall be in effect year-round from October 1, 2000, until completion of the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat and Natural Communities Conservation Plan which addresses motorized-vehicle use on the subject public lands. The designation criteria at 43 CFR 8342.1 were applied in establishing this temporary closure order. The order to temporarily close Palm Hills Drive and other routes to motorized vehicles is based on protection of the resources of the public lands, promotion of the safety of all users of the public lands, and minimization of conflicts among various uses of the public lands. Non-motorized uses of Palm Hills Drive (e.g., hiking, bicycling, horseback riding) and other routes on public lands are not affected by this order. Trails developed primarily for non-motorized use are also not affected by the temporary closure.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Palm Hills Drive traverses the northern Santa Rosa Mountains from Cathedral City Cove on the north to State Highway 74 on the south, within and beyond an area annexed by the City of Palm Springs. The road was constructed by Mr. Michael Dunn and his partners beginning in 1966, and use of Palm Hills Drive was controlled by Mr. Dunn by maintaining two locked gates situated on private land. Those portions of Palm Hills Drive that cross public lands were constructed absent proper authorization from the BLM. The BLM filed a civil suit in Federal District Court in 1968 after negotiations to settle the unauthorized use failed. In 1975, a Final Judgement was entered between the BLM and Mr. Dunn resolving the dispute. The Court found that Mr. Dunn did not hold an easement by way of necessity across public lands at any time, and Mr. Dunn renounced any claim to any such easement. In 1997, the BLM acquired the private land upon which the two locked gates are located. The only other gate controlling access at this time is located on U.S. Forest Service lands near the opposite end of the road.

On March 18, 1998, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) declared through publication of a final rule that the distinct vertebrate population segment of bighorn sheep occupying the Peninsular Ranges of southern California is endangered pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. The current population of bighorn sheep in the United States,