

South Operations Area Project for an additional ten years. The mine expansion would involve an additional disturbance of 839 acres of public land and 553 acres of private land. The agency preferred alternative consists of the proposed action plus backfilling of the Mac pit, one of two small, inactive open pit mines within the project boundary.

A copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement has been sent to all individuals, agencies, and groups who have expressed interest in the project or as mandated by regulation or policy. A limited number of copies are available upon request from the Bureau of Land Management at the address listed above. The Environmental Impact Statement is also available at the Elko Bureau of Land Management website: www.nv.blm.gov/elko. Public participation has occurred during the Environmental Impact Statement process. A Notice of Intent was filed in the **Federal Register** in June 1997 and an open scoping period was held for 30 days. A public scoping meeting to solicit comments and ideas was held in July 1997. All comments presented to the Bureau of Land Management throughout the Environmental Impact Statement process have been considered.

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Helen Hankins,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-930-00-1040-DF]

Availability of Four Final Environmental Impact Statements (FEISs) and Proposed Riparian and Aquatic Habitat Management Plans (HMPs)

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

The Four documents are for:

- (1) The Taos Field Office,
- (2) The Farmington Field Office,
- (3) The Rio Puerco Area of the Albuquerque Field Office, and
- (4) The Mimbres Area of the Las Cruces Field Office.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of four Final Environmental Impact Statements and Proposed Riparian and Aquatic Habitat

Management Plans. The four documents are for Taos Field Office, Farmington Field Office, the Rio Puerco Area of the Albuquerque Field Office and the Mimbres Area of the Las Cruces Field Office. The agency's preferred alternative is shown in each of the above listed documents. The documents also contain the public comments received and the responses to substantive comments. Following the 30-day availability for the FEISs and the HMPs a Record of Decision (ROD) will be prepared for each project. Copies of the ROD will be mailed to those on the mailing list. Individuals wanting to comment on the changes made in preparing the FEIS or the HMP should send the comments as shown below:

ADDRESSES: Comment on the Taos Field Office Proposed Riparian and Aquatic Habitat Management Plan and FEIS should be sent to: Taos Field Office, Taos HMP/EIS/RMPA Team Leader, 226 Cruz Alta Road, Taos, NM 87571-5983.

Comment on the Farmington Field Office Proposed Riparian and Aquatic Habitat Management Plan and FEIS should be sent to: Farmington Field Office, Farmington HMP/EIS/RMPA Team Leader, 1235 La Plata Highway, Farmington, NM 87401-1808.

Comment on the Albuquerque Field Office Proposed Riparian and Aquatic Habitat Management Plan and FEIS should be sent to: Albuquerque Field Office, Rio Puerco HMP/EIS/RMPA Team Leader, 435 Montano Road, NE, Albuquerque, NM 87107-4935.

Comment on the Las Cruces Field Office Riparian and Aquatic Habitat Management Plan and FEIS should be sent to: Las Cruces Field Office, Mimbres HMP/EIS/RMPA Team Leader, 1800 Marquess Street, Las Cruces, NM 88005-3371.

All comments received will be considered in preparing the RODs. Comments must be mailed to the BLM at the address provided above during the 30-day period which ends October 10, 2000.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the above address during regular business hours (8 am to 4:30 pm) Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comments. Such request will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals

identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

- (1) Taos Field Office—Pam Herrera—505-751-4705
- (2) Farmington Field Office—Bob Moore—505-599-6311
- (3) Albuquerque Field Office—Jim Silva—505-761-8901
- (4) Las Cruces Field Office—Bill Merhege—505-525-4369

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The four Proposed Riparian and Aquatic Habitat Management Plans and Final Environmental Impact Statements are being prepared to provide comprehensive riparian and aquatic management guidance for restoring and protecting riparian habitat under BLM jurisdiction.

Dated: August 25, 2000.

Richard A. Whitley,

Associate State Director, New Mexico.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-110-0777-30-24-1A; HAGO-0346]

Notice of Temporary Travel Restrictions for Motorized and Non-Motorized Mechanized Vehicles in the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument, Oregon.

SUMMARY: All motorized and non-motorized mechanized travel is temporarily prohibited on specific roads in the recently established Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument. The affected land is located southeast of Ashland, Oregon in Jackson County.

EFFECTIVE DATES: The restrictions will become effective September 1, 2000 and will remain in effect until completion of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument management plan. The planning process may result in a decision to maintain or modify this prohibition.

Discussion of the Restrictions: The roads affected by these restrictions are as follows: The Schoheim Road (#41-2E-10.1). The Randcore Pass Road (#40-4E-19.2) past the junction with road #40-4E,31.0. The Skookum Creek Road (#s 40-3E-28 and 40-3E-27.2) past the junction with road #40-3E-27.1 Road #41-2E-3.0 past the point where it crosses the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail. Road #41-2E-9.0 past the barricade in T. 41 S., R. 2 E., Section 9,

SW¼NW¼. The Lone Pine Ridge Road (#40-3E-31) past the block in T. 40 S., R. 3 E., Section 31. An unnumbered road which crosses the Oregon-California border, at the section line between Sections 7 and 18, T. 41 S., R. 4 E. An unnumbered road which crosses the Oregon-California border, at the south section line of Section 13, T. 41 S., R. 2 E.

Closure signs will be posted at the above locations. Maps of the closure area and information on the restrictions may be obtained from the Medford District Office.

This action is in accordance with the Presidential Proclamation dated June 9, 2000, which closed the Schoheim Road and directed the Secretary of the Interior to prepare a management plan that includes appropriate transportation planning. The plan will address actions, including road closures or travel restrictions, necessary to protect the objects identified in the proclamation. The temporary closure of the additional roads will protect those objects pending completion of the management plan.

Discussion of the Rules: These rules will apply to the public lands within the boundaries of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument, Oregon

Supplementary Rules for Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument

Under 43 CFR 8364 and 16 U.S.C. 431, the Bureau of Land Management will enforce the following rules on public land within the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument.

1. You must not operate motorized or non-motorized mechanized vehicles on roads closed to that use.

Motorized and non-motorized vehicles include, but are not limited to: automobiles, off-road vehicles, motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, bicycles, scooters and other wheeled vehicles.

Exemptions: Persons who are exempt from the prohibition include: (1) Any federal, state, or local officers engaged in fire, emergency and law enforcement activities; (2) BLM employees in official duties; (3) persons authorized to travel on designated routes by the Ashland Field Office Manager.

Penalties: The authority for this closure is found under section 303(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1733(a) and 16 U.S.C. 431, any person who violates this restriction may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined no more than \$500. Such violations may also be subject to the enhanced fines provided for by 18 U.S.C. 3571.

ADDRESSES: Field Office Manager, Ashland Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, Oregon 97504.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Samuelson, (541) 618-2313.

Dated: August 18, 2000.

Richard J. Dreihobl,
Ashland Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Emergency Motor Vehicle Closure

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: A temporary closure to motor vehicle use on public lands within and adjacent to the area of the Ormsby Fire (T802) administered by the Bureau of Land Management, Casper Field Office.

SUMMARY: On August 10 and 11, 2000, the Ormsby Fire burned approximately 11,050 of public, state and, private land in Converse County, Wyoming. About 4,970 acres of public land administered by the Bureau of Land Management were burned in T. 36 N., R. 76 W., secs. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10; T. 36 N., R. 77 W., secs. 1, 11 and 12; T. 37 N., R. 76 W., secs. 9, 19, 20, 30 and 31; and, T. 37 N., R. 77 W., secs. 24, 25 and 26, all in the 6th Principal Meridian.

Because of the damage caused by the fire and fire-fighting activities, this closure is necessary to prevent erosion, to prevent the creation of new motor vehicle routes and to enhance fire rehabilitation efforts within and adjacent to the burned area. A map of the Ormsby Fire area is available at the Casper Field Office.

Prohibited Act: Pursuant to 43 CFR 8364.1, motorized vehicle use is prohibited on public land administered by the Bureau of Land Management within and near the boundary of the Ormsby Fire. This includes all fire lines created by bulldozers and graders. Public access routes to and through the area will be signed as closed to motor vehicles.

Penalties: The authority for this closure is found under section 303(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1733(a)), 43 CFR 8360.0-7 and 43 CFR 8364.1. Any person who knowingly and willfully violates this closure and is convicted may be fined no more than \$1,000 or imprisoned no more than 12 months, or both.

Exceptions: This closure applies to all motorized vehicles excluding (1) any emergency or law enforcement vehicle while being used for emergency purposes; (2) any vehicle used for planning and implementing the rehabilitation plan for the fire area; and, (3) any vehicle whose use is expressly authorized in writing by the Field Manager, Casper Field Office.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This emergency closure is effective September 1, 2000, and will continue through November 30, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: James K. Murkin, Field Manager, Casper Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 2987 Prospector Drive, Casper, WY 82604-2968. Telephone: 307-261-7600.

Dated: August 22, 2000.

James K. Murkin,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Arizona: Notice of Realty Action

SUMMARY: This notice modifies the proposed and initial classification orders dated April 4, 1982, and June 4, 1982, respectively, to correct the total number of acres classified to be 31 acres, more or less. The classification orders listed above classified the land for lease or patent under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869, *et seq.*) but incorrectly cited the acreage affected as being 18.5 acres, more or less. The lands are currently leased to and used by the City of San Luis under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869, *et seq.*) for a wastewater treatment plant. The City will receive a patent to these lands in the near future. This notice also informs the public that the lands previously identified in the classification order listed above have been re-surveyed and are now legally described as follows:

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona

T. 11 S., R. 25 W.,
sec. 2, lots 2 and 3; sec. 11, lots 27 and 28.
Containing 31.0, more or less.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lands are currently classified and are segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease or conveyance under the R&PP Act and leasing under the