

and water quality problems. Instead, the Hatchery constructed a conventional fish ladder and holding ponds adjacent to the spillway dam. The ladder and holding ponds are currently in use.

On March 10, 1999, the Service published in the **Federal Register** a Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement. The stated Purpose and Need was: to provide long term, year-round, sustainable passage of native fish to habitat above the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery; to provide riverine fish habitat through the Hatchery grounds.

The Service invites the public to comment on the draft Environmental Impact Statement. All comments received will become part of the public record and may be released. The public will have 45 days to review and comment on the draft Environmental Impact Statement. This notice is provided pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (40 CFR 1506.6).

Date: June 27, 2001.

Rowan W. Gould,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA670-1150DK]

Closure of Lands to Vehicular Camping, Imperial County, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, California Desert District, Interior.

ACTION: Temporary camping closure order for a portion of lands within and adjacent to the East Mesa area of critical environmental concern (California Desert Conservation Area ACEC #70), Imperial County, CA.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management will implement a Temporary Camping Closure in accordance with 43 CFR 8364.1. This closure to camping will include the following portion of land known as "East Mesa," west of the Old Coachella Canal: *T16S., R. 20 E., SBM Sec. 31* (portion west of canal and north of old Interstate 80). These lands are located on BLM managed lands west of the old Coachella Canal and extending north of old Highway 80 just west of the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area. This closure will be in effect for a period of 1 year. Posting of closure boundaries and approved routes of travel will be accomplished in this area. Vehicular

traffic in this area is restricted to approved routes of travel.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this closure is to implement the conference opinion (U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service #1-6-97-F-8), for the use of Herman Schneider Memorial Bridge, also known as Gray's Well Bridge, located on the All American Canal just west of the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area.

The purpose for constructing Herman Schneider Memorial Bridge was to connect the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area south of Interstate 8 to the Recreation Area north of Interstate 8. In consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, BLM is implementing reasonable and prudent measure number 2, which requires this area be identified as closed to vehicular camping.

Since 1989, the area north of Interstate 8 and west of the old Coachella Canal has sustained an increase in vehicular camping due to overflow from the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area. Closure of the lands to camping will eliminate intensive riding activities normally found in and around campsites, which adversely impacts Flat Tailed Horned Lizard habitat. Flat Tailed Horned Lizard habitat which is closed to camping is expected to recover from impacts resulting from intensive use.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This closure will be effective on April 06, 2001 and will remain in effect for a period of one year.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roxie C. Trost, BLM Resources Branch Chief, Bureau of Land Management, El Centro Resource Area, 1661 4th St, El Centro California 92243, (760) 337-4420.

Dated: March 30, 2001.

Roxie C. Trost,

Acting Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID-074-1220-PA-241A]

Final Notice of Closure of Certain Lands

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Final notice of closure of certain lands to off-highway vehicle use to implement the Medicine Lodge Resource Management Plan, and Big

Desert Management Framework Plan, Upper Snake River District, Idaho.

SUMMARY: With the publication of this Notice, the Bureau of Land Management announces the closure of seasonal restriction of certain BLM-administered lands within the Idaho Falls Field Office. A complete description of these lands and the off-highway vehicle restrictions was previously published in the **Federal Register** [66 FR 6653-6655].

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: No public comments were received within the 30 day deadline following publication, which ended February 21, 2001. The closures include small parcels of land in the following areas: Tex Creek/Willow Creek, Stinking Springs, Big Bend Ridge, and lands adjacent to the South Fork of the Snake and Main Snake Rivers. More information on these closures is available in the **Federal Register** Notice cited above, or at the BLM office listed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Gardetto, Wildlife Management Biologist, BLM Idaho Falls Field Office, 1405 Hollipark Dr., Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401. Telephone (208) 524-7500.

Dated: April 6, 2001.

Joe Kraayenbrink,

Idaho Falls Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-090-01-9922-EK]

Proposal of a Supplemental Rule Restricting Recreational and Sport Shooting To Protect Human Health and Safety in the Vicinity of the BLM Lands in Potter County, Texas

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, Amarillo Field Office, Amarillo, Texas.

ACTION: This notice proposes that on those public lands administered by the BLM in Potter County, Texas, (Sections 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 45, and 48 in Block 5 of G.M. Survey; Sections 1, 3 and 4 in Block 4 of G.M. Survey; Sections 19, 21, 27, 29 and 35 of Block 21-W of G.C.&S.F.R.R. Survey) firing any handgun, shotgun or rifle is prohibited. Archery hunting with bow and arrow would be allowed pursuant to State of Texas, Parks and Wildlife regulations.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations § 8365.1-6, the State Director may establish

supplementary rules in order to provide for the protection of persons, property and public lands and resources. Failure to comply with this proposed supplementary rule would be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100,000 and/or imprisonment not exceed 12 months. The environmental effects of the proposed rule will be analyzed separately by Environmental Assessment 090-2001-002.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing to the BLM on or before August 6, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments shall be mailed to the following address: Mr. Paul Tanner, Natural Resource Specialist, Bureau of Land Management, 801 S. Fillmore, Suite 500, Amarillo, Texas 79101-3545.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Uncontrolled shooting on the subject public lands in Potter County, Texas, creates a public health and safety hazard by firing solid projectile firearms, that have a long range, into and about a populated rural area. Portions of the area of concern receive heavy use by ranchers, oil and gas development personnel and BLM employees. This proposed supplemental rule would prohibit the firing of any firearm. By prohibiting all gunfire a safer environment on both public and private lands will be created. This proposed rule only affects public lands administered by BLM. This special rule is in addition to existing rules and regulations previously established under Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations as well as other Federal laws applicable to the use of public lands.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: BLM Amarillo Field Office, 801 S. Fillmore Street, Suite 500, Amarillo, Texas 79101-3545, telephone (806) 324-2602.

Dated: May 8, 2001.

M.J. Chavez,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID-070-1210-PA-241E]

Extension of Restrictions, ID

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of extension of restrictions adjacent to and within the Sand Mountain WSA, Idaho.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Title 43 Group 8000-Recreation Programs, and in accordance with the principles established by the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, Notice is hereby given that temporary restrictions previously published in the **Federal Register** are hereby extended. These actions are under the authority of 43 CFR 8364.

The restrictions extended include the following Notices:

- Notice of restricted motor vehicle use [57 FR 36405]
- Notice of Recreation Use Restrictions and Regulations for Egin Lakes Access and Red Road Recreation Sites Adjacent and Within the Sand Mountain Wilderness Study Area (WSA), Idaho [64 FR 27804]
- Notice of Recreation Use Restrictions and Regulations for Egin Lakes Access and Red Road Recreation Sites Adjacent and Within the Sand Mountain Wilderness Study Area (WSA), Idaho [64 FR 46935]

DATES: The restrictions will be extended for the period on or before July 8, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Bureau of Land Management, Idaho Falls Field Office, 1405 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401. Telephone (208) 524-7500.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Sand Mountain WSA includes 21,000 acres of public land that is part of the larger St. Anthony Sand Dunes Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) in Fremont and Jefferson Counties. The aforementioned **Federal Register** Notices established various restrictions within the WSA and SRMA. These include:

Within the WSA

1. Lands within the WSA are restricted to unlicensed off-road vehicles, including ATVs (3 and 4-wheelers), dual purpose off-road motorcycles and dune buggies or dune rails. All licensed vehicles (with the exception of dual purpose motorcycles) are prohibited, including passenger automobiles, pick-up campers, camp trailers, self-contained campers and similar vehicles.

2. All permitted use must occur on the open sand areas or on designated roads or trails.

3. Glass containers for food and beverages are prohibited within the WSA boundaries.

4. Safety equipment such as helmets, boots, and protective clothing, are strongly recommended.

5. Each vehicle is required to have a "whip flag" not less than 6 feet in length with brightly colored material on the end of the flag.

6. Open campfires are prohibited within the WSA, except in the designated Red Road Open Sand Campfire Area. Within the Red Road Open Sand Campfire Area, burning any foreign material other than wood in all campfires is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to pallets, treated lumber, tires, glass, aluminum, etc.

7. Use of personal water craft or other motorized vehicle or craft is prohibited on any body of water within the WSA.

Within the SRMA

1. Quiet hours will be observed within the Egin Lakes Access Site and Red Road Recreation Area from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. nightly.

2. Burning any foreign material other than wood in all campfires is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to pallets, treated lumber, tires, glass, aluminum, etc.

3. Engaging in fighting is prohibited.

4. Addressing any offensive, derisive, or annoying communication that has a direct tendency to cause acts of violence by the person to whom, individually, the remark is addressed, is prohibited.

5. No person under the age of twenty-one (21) shall possess or consume any alcoholic beverage, as defined by Idaho Code Title 23-105.

These restrictions are intended to reduce the possibility of injury to individuals, or damage to the natural resources within the WSA and the SRMA. Recreational use on the St. Anthony Sand Dunes has increased more than 1000% since 1984, with an estimated 150,000 visitors last season.

Maps of the areas where the restrictions and regulations apply will be available at the Idaho Falls Field Office. Signs with the rules and regulations will be posted at all entrances into the WSA as well as at the recreation sites and areas. For more complete information on these restrictions, please refer to the previously mentioned **Federal Register** Notices.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill Boggs, Bureau of Land Management, Upper Snake River District, Idaho Falls Field Office, 1405 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401, (208) 524-7527.

Dated: April 3, 2001.

Joe Kraayenbrink,

Idaho Falls Field Manager.

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