

half mile of the following highways and roads is limited to developed campgrounds and designated sites on a year-round basis to protect scenic values, reduce damage to soils and vegetation, and provide for public safety:

- (1) Utah Highway 313;
- (2) The Island in the Sky entrance road between Utah Highway 313 and Canyonlands National Park;
- (3) The Gemini Bridges route (primarily Grand Co. No. 118) and the spur route from it into "The Bride Canyon;"
- (4) The Kane Creek Canyon Rim route from U.S. Highway 191 to where it crosses the eastern boundary of section 20, T. 27 S., R. 22 E. exclusive of the state and private land west of Blue Hill; and
- (5) Lands within Long Canyon north of the Colorado Riverway Recreation Area and south of the State land at the head of the canyon within one-half mile of the Long Canyon Road (Grand Co. No. 135).

#### Other Camping Restrictions

Camping with vehicles on BLM administered public lands is also limited for the above reasons to developed campgrounds and designated sites on a year-round basis in the following areas:

- (1) The lands along both sides of U.S. 191 bounded by Arches National Park on the east, private lands in Moab Valley on the south, the Potash Rail Spur on the west, and private and State land near the lower Gemini Bridges Trailhead on the north;
- (2) Lands located between the road to Nefertiti Rapid (Grand Co. No. 154) and the shoreline of the Green River along the east side of the river from the public land boundary near Swaseys Take-out upstream to the upper end of the Nefertiti Rapid parking area;
- (3) Lands including the Pace Hill, Castle Rock, Ida Gulch, Professor Valley, Mary Jane Canyon, and the upper Onion Creek areas that are south of the Colorado Riverway Recreation Area as established in 1992, below the rims of Adobe and Fisher Mesas, and west of the private land in Fisher Valley;
- (4) Lands along the Potash Trail (Grand Co. No. 134, the road between the western end of Utah Highway 279 and Canyonlands National Park) that are east of Canyonlands National Park; south of Dead Horse Point State Park, and other state and private lands, north of the Colorado River, and west of the Colorado Riverway Recreation Area as established in 1992, excluding riverside campsites accessible by water craft from the Colorado River; and

(5) Lands within the Mill Creek Canyon Planning Area.

Backpack type camping within the Mill Creek Planning Area is allowed at sites one-quarter mile or farther from designated roads and greater than 100 feet from Mill Creek and from archaeological sites. All camping continues to be prohibited in the Powderdam and Flat Pass areas under a previously published notice.

For all of the above locations, at developed campgrounds and designated sites where camping is authorized, camping and vehicle travel may be limited to posted site boundaries and parking areas.

Possession and use of portable toilets for solid human body waste is required for overnight use at all designated campsites in the areas described above, except at sites where constructed toilets are provided. Disposal of portable toilet waste off public land is required.

#### Wood Cutting and Gathering Restrictions

Wood cutting and gathering, including Christmas tree cutting, on BLM administered public land, within all of the areas described above under Camping Restrictions, is prohibited at all times to protect scenic values and vegetation. In addition, wood cutting and gathering, including Christmas tree cutting, is prohibited within the Sand Flats Recreation Area.

#### Exceptions

Camping and wood cutting and gathering restrictions do not apply to activities permitted by the BLM (including traditional and historic uses by Native Americans); BLM official uses; or military, fire, emergency, or law enforcement actions.

#### Implementation

Maps showing these and all current Moab Field Office camping and wood cutting and gathering restrictions are available for public review at the Moab Field Office. These restrictions are also shown on a map on the Moab Field Office's website at <http://www.blm.gov/utah/moab>. BLM will provide public land users with information about these camping and wood cutting and gathering restrictions using brochures, signs, and bulletin boards with maps at major entry areas. Enforcement actions will be taken as necessary.

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**Sally Wisely,**  
State Director.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[UT-062-01-1220-AA]

#### Notice of Travel Restrictions

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM), DOI.

**ACTION:** Notice of Travel Restrictions, Moab Field Office, Utah.

**SUMMARY:** This notice places restrictions on travel by off-road vehicles (ORV's) and mountain bikes on specific public land administered by the BLM Moab Field Office. These actions are necessary to halt ongoing impacts and prevent future degradation of resource values. They are being implemented on an interim basis to protect resource values and public safety, pending revision of the Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the area administered by the BLM Moab Field Office. This notice also affirms and describes previous travel restrictions that remain in effect.

**DATES:** This notice is effective January 22, 2001, and shall remain in effect until modified or the RMP is amended.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Russell von Koch, Resource Advisor, BLM Moab Field Office, 82 East Dogwood Avenue, Moab, Utah 84532 or telephone 435-259-2100.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In 1985, the Grand Resource Area RMP left the majority of the public land currently administered by the Moab Field Office as "Open to Off-road Vehicle Use." Since publication of the plan, specific public land areas administered by the Moab Field Office have become destinations for travel by off-road vehicles users and mountain bikers. Cross-country travel off established roads and trails by motorized vehicles and mountain bikes is causing damage to scenic, cultural, soil, vegetation, and wildlife habitat resources in the high use areas identified below and, in some cases, is causing or threatens to cause considerable adverse effects to those resource values. Short-cutting, making parallel routes, detouring around challenging segments, and widening routes threaten the integrity of existing routes, reduce their value for commercial recreation and special events, and make them less attractive for recreation use. The proliferation of multiple routes off long established roads and trails also contributes to confusion among users as to their location on the ground and has led to more frequent search and rescue activity.

On several historic, interpretive, or recreational single-track trails, certain

uses are incompatible with the protection of significant resource values or involve safety or management concerns. Specific actions are necessary to manage these routes.

#### **New Travel Restrictions, Moab Travel Management Area (MTMA)**

Travel by ORV's and mountain bikes, on public land in five areas administered by the Moab Field Office, is now limited to existing roads and trails, except where more restrictive designations apply as described below under Existing Designations. Cross-country travel in these five areas, collectively referred to as the Moab Travel Management Area (MTMA), is prohibited, except for travel by mountain bike and two-wheel motorcycle on established slickrock riding areas (Bartlett Wash slickrock area, Tusher Canyon slickrock area, and slickrock areas along the Monitor and Merrimac and Lower Monitor and Merrimac trails), where such use does not further disturb vegetation or soils. To protect public safety and enhance user experience, BLM will provide maps of, and sign and mark recommended routes.

Under this action, approximately 245,642 acres currently designated as Open to ORV travel will be managed as ORV and mountain bike Travel Limited to Existing Roads and Trails. This change involves 25 percent of the land currently Open to ORV use and 13 percent of the total public land within the Moab Field Office. The intent of these year-round ORV designation changes is to protect natural resource and scenic values from the adverse effects of cross-country travel, maintain the integrity of established travel routes, and provide for public safety until the RMP is revised.

MTMA 1 (approximately 15,031 acres, in 3 parcels) is northwest of Moab along the boundary of Arches National Park. It includes all public land south of Township 22 S, west of Arches National Park, east of U.S. Highway 191 and north of the private land at the mouth of Moab Canyon.

MTMA 2 (approximately 189,939 acres) is northwest of Moab. It includes all public land west of U.S. Highway 191; south of the Canyonlands Field Airport, the Mancos shale land already limited to existing roads and trails, the Levi Well Road, and the Tenmile Point Road; east of the public land already limited to existing roads and trails along the east side of the Green River rims, and north of the northern boundary of Canyonlands National Park, the block of State and Private land around Dead Horse Point State Park and Potash, and

the land north of Utah Highway 279. Land inside this boundary (in South Sevenmile Canyon and the Colorado Riverway), where ORV travel is already limited to designated roads and trails remains so designated.

MTMA 3 (approximately 28,266 acres) is west and south of Moab. It includes all public land west of U.S. Highway 191; north of the southern rim of Kane Creek Canyon and the land on Hatch Point already designated as limited to existing roads; and east and south of the Colorado River. Land in the Behind the Rocks Wilderness Study Area (WSA), which is closed to ORV use (subject to valid existing rights), and within the Colorado Riverway, where ORV use is limited to designated roads and trails, remains so designated.

MTMA 4 (approximately 6,558 acres) is northeast of Moab along the Entrada Bluffs Road. It includes an area bounded on the south by a one-half mile wide corridor along County Road 105 (Entrada Bluffs Road) and on the north by land already limited to existing roads and trails along the Dolores River.

MTMA 5 (approximately 5,848 acres) is northeast of Moab along the Utah/Colorado border. The area, which includes May Flat, is approximately 8 miles long and 2 miles wide. It is bordered by areas where ORV travel is currently limited to existing roads and trails on the north and west; private land to the southwest; the Colorado River on the south, and the Colorado-Utah state line near Rabbit Valley on the east.

#### **Interpretive Trails Closed to Motorized and Mountain Bike Travel**

The Sauropod Dinosaur Trackway Interpretive Trail, and the Mill Canyon Dinosaur Interpretive Trail are closed to motorized travel and mountain bike use to prevent resource damage to paleontological resources, scenic values, vegetation, and soils.

#### **Single-Track Trails Closed to Motorized Travel**

The following single-track trails are closed to motorized travel to prevent further damage to scenic values, soils, and vegetation along these narrow trails and to provide for public safety: (1) The entire Portal Trail from Jaycee Park to the top of Poison Spider Mesa; (2) the Hunter Canyon Rim Trail from the drill hole at the end of the Hunter Canyon Rim ORV route to the Kane Creek Road; (3) the Hidden Valley Trail from its trailhead in Spanish Valley to the boundary of the Behind the Rocks WSA.

#### **Implementation**

Maps showing all current Moab Field Office ORV designations are available for public review at the Moab Field Office. The designations are also shown on a map on the Moab Field Office's website at <http://www.blm.gov/utah/moab>. BLM will provide public land users with information about travel restrictions using brochures, signs, and bulletin boards with maps at major entry areas. It will protect key areas from further cross-country travel using signs and simple barriers as appropriate. Enforcement actions will be taken as necessary. BLM will provide maps of, and mark and sign recommended routes.

#### **Future Planning**

These travel restrictions are an interim measure to protect resource values and route integrity by prohibiting cross-country use and use on the specific single-track trails identified above until the RMP is revised. Revision of the RMP will address long term travel management across a range of management options.

#### **Existing Designations**

Except for those formerly Open areas where travel is now Limited to Existing Roads and Trails, this notice does not change the ORV designations made through the RMP or previously published **Federal Register** travel notices covering the public land administered by the Moab Field Office. These designations are affirmed and described below. The travel designation map on the Moab Field Office website shows all applicable travel designations.

#### *Closed Areas*

The Behind the Rocks Wilderness Study Area, Negro Bill Canyon, and the east side of Westwater Canyon are closed to ORV use subject to valid existing rights. The Windwhistle and Hatch Point Campgrounds, the Canyonlands, Needles, and Anticline Overlooks, and the Onion Creek sensitive plant site are closed to ORV use off developed roads. The Black Ridge Wilderness Area is also closed to ORV and mechanized travel by act of Congress through the Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area and Black Ridge Canyons Wilderness Act of 2000.

#### *Limited to Designated Roads and Trails Areas*

ORV Travel in the Mill Creek and East Mill Creek areas and the Colorado Riverway is limited to designated routes. ORV and mountain bike travel in the Sand Flats Recreation Area, the Kens Lake area, the Sevenmile Canyon

area, and the NW ¼ of Section 24 and the SW ¼ of Section 13, T. 25 S., R. 20 E. S.L.M. in the Little Canyon area is limited to designated routes.

*Limited to Existing Roads and Trails Areas*

The 1985 RMP designated the Mancos shale areas in the Cisco and Green River desert areas; the Colorado, Green, and Dolores river corridors; portions of the Canyon Rims Recreation Area, and the area between Dead Horse Point State Park and the Colorado River as limited to existing roads and trails.

*Exceptions*

The travel restrictions in this notice do not apply to wheelchairs, water craft, military, fire, emergency, or law enforcement vehicles used for emergency purposes, vehicles expressly permitted by the BLM, or BLM vehicles required for official use, and are subject to valid existing rights.

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Dated: January 12, 2001.

**Sally Wisely,**

*State Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[OR-110-6320-AA; HAG01-0071]

**Prohibition of Certain Activities on the Medford District in and Around the Woodrat Mountain hang Gliding Site, Jackson County, Oregon**

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

**ACTION:** Prohibition on Certain Activities on Public Lands in Jackson County, Oregon.

**SUMMARY:** Hang gliding is temporarily prohibited on the Medford District, Jackson County, Oregon, from January 4, 2001 to November 1, 2001, during periods of helicopter logging, or upon cancellation of this notice. This prohibition is being made in the interest of public safety while the Poor Bishop timber sale is taking place in the Woodrat Mountain area.

The following public lands are affected: T. 38 S., R. 3 W, Sections 23, 25, 26; *Williamette Meridian, Jackson County, Oregon.*

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steven Armitage, Forest Manager, at (541) 618-2333.

**Authority:** 43 CFR 8364.

**Penalty:** Any person failing to comply with this prohibition may be subject to imprisonment for not more than 12 months, or a fine in accordance with the applicable provisions of 18 U.S.C. 3571, or both.

Dated: January 4, 2001.

**Rich Dreihobl,**

*Field Office manager, Ashland Field Office.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[OR-110-6320-NW; HAG01-0063]

**Notice of Temporary Restriction on Public Lands; Jackson, County, Oregon**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Medford District, Ashland Field Office, Oregon.

**ACTION:** A temporary restriction of the use of paint ball equipment on public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Ashland Field Office, Medford District, Oregon.

**SUMMARY:** The BLM is temporarily restricting the use of paint ball equipment on certain public lands in Jackson County.

**DATES:** This restriction will take effect upon the published date of this notice. The closure will continue until rescinded by BLM, to allow time for natural restoration to be completed.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Field Office Manager, Ashland Field Office, Medford District, 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, Oregon 97504, telephone (541) 618-2310.

**Discussion of the Rules:** The public lands affected by this closure are all lands administered by the BLM in NE¼SW¼, section 23 of Township 37 South, Range 1 East, Willamette Meridian, Jackson County, Oregon. This area is located on the west side of Antelope Creek, within the riparian reserve zone. Antelope Creek is an anadromous fish stream and is managed in accordance with the Aquatic Conservation Strategy of the Northwest Forest Plan. This area has been used for unregulated paint ball activity, unauthorized cutting of vegetation, trampling of riparian vegetation and crossing of the stream by off-road vehicles. This use is causing soil erosion into streams, loss of vegetation and disturbance to anadromous fish populations. In addition, vehicles are being used for transporting household and commercial trash that is being

illegally dumped, causing further degradation of the soil and water conditions. In order to protect the natural resources, and follow the guidance of the Northwest Forest Plan, paint ball and off-road activity must stop.

Closure and restriction signs will be posted at main entry points. Maps of the closure area may be obtained from the Medford District Office.

**Prohibited Act:** Under 43 CFR 8364.1, the Bureau of Land Management will enforce the following rule within the Antelope Creek closure and restriction area:

a. You must not use paint ball equipment.

b. You must not engage in paint ball activity.

c. You must not drive off established roads.

**Exemptions:** Persons who are exempt from these rules include any federal, state or local officer or employee in the scope of their duties, members of any organized rescue or fire-fighting force in performance of an official duty, and any person authorized in writing by the Bureau of Land Management.

**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 43 CFR 8360.0-7. Any person who violates this closure may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined no more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for no more than 12 months, or both. Such violations may also be subject to the enhanced fines provided for by 18 U.S.C. 3571.

Dated: January 2, 2001.

**Rich Dreihobl,**

*Field Office Manager, Ashland Field Office.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

[MT-092-1610-00]

**Notice of Availability**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Glasgow Field Station, announces the availability of a proposed Resource Management Plan (RMP) Amendment and Environmental Assessment (EA). The proposed plan amendment/EA addresses two potential ACECs in the Glasgow Field Station,