

agency's estimate of the burden (hours and cost) of the 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 the information on the respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Each proposed information collection contains the following: Type of Review requested; e.g., new, revision, extension, reinstatement, existing; Title; Summary of collection; Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; respondents and frequency of collection; Reporting and/or Record keeping burden.

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Higher Education Grant Program Annual Report Form.

This is a compilation of data from tribes and tribal organizations that participate in the Bureau of Indian Affairs Higher Education Grant Program. The information is used to account for the funds appropriated for this program.

OMB approval number: 1076-0106.

Frequency: Annually.

Description of respondents: Tribes, Tribal Organizations.

Estimated completion time: 3 hours.

Number of Annual responses: 125.

Annual Burden hours: 375 hours.

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Higher Education Grant Program Application.

The information is used by the tribe or tribal organization to determine the eligibility of the respondents for this program.

OMB approval number: 1076-0101.

Frequency: Annually.

Description of respondents: Eligible American Indian and Alaska Native students.

Estimated completion time: 1 hour.

Number of Annual responses: 14,000.

Annual Burden hours: 14,000 total hours.

Dated: April 20, 2001.

James H. McDivitt,

Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs (Management).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Emergency Closure

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

ACTION: Notice of Closure of Public Lands; Utah. Notice of a emergency closure to motorized vehicles and mountain bikes on a crucial "lek" (strutting and breeding ground) and adjacent habitat area for the greater sage grouse. This area is located west and north of Parowan Gap in Iron County, Utah.

SUMMARY: This notice closes to motorized vehicle and mountain bike use approximately 1,735 acres of public land administered by BLM land located in all or parts of sections 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 17, 20, 21; T. 33 S., R.10 W; SLBM. All public lands including motorized vehicle routes within the area will be closed, except access to a wildlife guzzler located adjacent to the west boundary road in Section 8 will be allowed. The authority for this action is 43 CFR 8341.2.

DATES: This closure is seasonal from March 1st to May 15th each year will begin immediately and remain in effect pending amendment of the land use plan for the Cedar City Field Office area.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Steve Hedges, Bureau of Land Management, 176 East DL Sargent Drive, Cedar City, Utah 84720, telephone (435) 865-3035.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject area is important year long sage grouse habitat and contains a crucial lek or strutting ground, which is considered to be the center of spring breeding activity for resident sage grouse populations. This lek (strutting and breeding ground) has been monitored annually since 1974 by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) and is one of the few remaining active leks in Iron County. The greater sage grouse is listed by Utah BLM and UDWR as a state sensitive species. BLM policy for sensitive species as stated in the 6840 Manual is that they should be managed to ensure that actions funded, authorized, or carried out by the BLM do not contribute to the need to list them as threatened or endangered species. UDWR classifies the sage grouse as a species of special concern with declining populations and limited distributions. As such, it is crucial to protect the lek sites of this species. The area is currently designated as open to OHV use as documented in the Off Road Vehicle Designation and

Implementation Plan for Beaver River Resource Area completed in 1987. The OHV plan also prescribes that BLM monitor ongoing OHV activity and, if necessary, adjust the time, location, or quantity of use. The subject area has received considerable increase in OHV use, extending existing routes, and creating new routes. This activity is having an adverse impact on the sage grouse in that the breeding activities are being disrupted by vehicles driving through the lek during the time which the birds are on the lek. Therefore, BLM is temporarily closing to all vehicle use the area as described above.

Dated: April 9, 2001.

A.J. Meredith,

Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-933-01-1220-00]

Notice of Implementation of Special Area Permit Fees in Utah

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, Salt Lake City, Utah.

ACTION: Notice of implementation of special area permit fees on public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Utah.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that day use and overnight special area permit fees are being charged for all individual (private, non-commercial) users and for guests of commercial users at the areas listed below. Failure to pay fees may result in a fine of up to \$100 added to the initial fee amount.

Paria Canyon-Vermillion Cliffs

Wilderness Area: \$5 per person/per day, \$5 per dog/per day

Westwater Canyon—\$7 per person/per trip

Desolation Canyon—\$18 per person/per trip

San Juan River—Sand Island to Mexican Hat—\$6 per person/per trip; Mexican Hat to Clay Hills—\$12 per person/per trip; Sand Island to Clay Hills—\$18 per person/per trip

Cedar Mesa—Overnight permit \$8 per person/per trip, 7 day pass (day use) \$5 per person, Single day (day use) pass \$2/per person, Seasonal day use pass \$20 per person

The implementation of special area permit fees is effective immediately for the areas listed as required on a year-round or seasonal basis under the above listed permit systems.