

The mission for the Refuge is to protect, restore, and manage ecological processes within the Kankakee River Basin that benefit threatened and endangered species, migratory birds, native fish, and diverse flora and fauna populations, while providing, to the extent possible, high quality wildlife-dependent environmental interpretation, education, and recreation experiences that build an understanding and appreciation for these resources, and the role humankind plays in their stewardship.

Dated: November 30, 2000.

**Marvin E. Moriarty,**

*Acting Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Indian Gaming

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of approved extension to tribal-state gaming compact.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Pub. L. 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved the Extension of the Tribal-State Compact for the conduct of Class III Gaming between the Coushatta Tribe and the State of Louisiana executed on November 16, 2000.

**DATES:** This action is effective on December 8, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

Dated: December 1, 2000.

**Kevin Gover,**

*Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[MT-073-00-1990-AC]

#### Resource Advisory Council Meeting, Butte, Montana

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Montana Resource Advisory Council will convene on January 9, 2001, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the BLM Butte Field Office, 106 North Parkmont, Butte, Montana, 59701.

The topic for the meeting will be a discussion on future issues to be addressed by the Western Montana Resource Advisory Council.

The meeting is open to the public and written comments can be given to the Council. Oral comments may be presented to the Council at 11:30 a.m. The time allotted for oral comment may be limited, depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard.

Individuals who plan to attend and need further information about the meeting, or who need special assistance, such as sign language or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Jean Nelson-Dean, Resource Advisory Coordinator, at the Butte Field Office, 106 North Parkmont, P.O. Box 3388, Butte, Montana 59702-3388, telephone 406-533-7617.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard Hotaling, Butte Field Manager, 406-494-5059, or Jean Nelson-Dean at the above address and telephone number.

Dated: December 1, 2000.

**Richard Hotaling,**

*Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[MT-924-1430-ET; MTM 89384; Public Land Order No. 7472]

#### Withdrawal of Public Land on the Beaverhead River; Montana

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

**ACTION:** Public land order.

**SUMMARY:** This order withdraws approximately 2,244 acres of public land from surface entry and mining for a period of 50 years for the Bureau of Land Management to protect critical

resource values along the Beaverhead River. The land has been and will remain open to mineral leasing.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 8, 2000.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sandra Ward, BLM Montana State Office, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800, 406-896-5052, or Russ Sorensen, BLM Dillon Field Office, 1005 Selway Drive, Dillon, Montana 59725, 406-683-2337.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1994), it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described public land is hereby withdrawn from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. Ch. 2 (1994)), but not from leasing under the mineral leasing laws, to protect critical resource values along the Beaverhead River:

#### Principal Meridian, Montana

##### Tract 1

T. 8 S., R. 10 W.,

Sec. 35, lots 3 and 4, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .

T. 9 S., R. 10 W.,

Sec. 1, lots 6 to 22, inclusive;

Sec. 2, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ , and S $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

Sec. 11, lot 1 and N $\frac{1}{2}$ , EXCEPTING

THEREFROM that tract of land described in the Deed dated June 22, 1946, recorded in Book 110 of Deeds, Page 263, Records of Beaverhead County, Montana;

Sec. 12, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;

Sec. 13, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , EXCEPTING THEREFROM, Certificate of Survey 889, all those portions conveyed to the State of Montana for State Highway purposes, those portions conveyed for railroad purposes, and those portions taken by the Declaration of Taking dated September 13, 1960.

##### Tract 2

Certificate of Survey 889, which is a parcel of land located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of sec. 11, sec. 2, and lots 9 and 10 of sec. 1, T. 9 S., R. 10 W.

The area described contains approximately 2,244 acres in Beaverhead County.

2. The withdrawal made by this order does not alter the applicability of those public land laws governing the use of the lands under lease, license, or permit, or governing the disposal of their mineral or vegetative resources other than under the mining laws.

3. This withdrawal will expire 50 years from the effective date of this order unless, as a result of a review conducted before the expiration date pursuant to Section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f) (1994), the