

hazardous and potentially carcinogenic metal, which results in high disposal and recycling costs and potentially hazardous exposure to analysts. The new method is potentially advantageous because hazardous or carcinogenic reagents are not used, making this procedure a more environmentally sound practice. This new analytical method, as with all other methods, is only approved after validation. This CRADA deals with an approach to validate new analytical methodology.

**ADDRESSES:** Inquiries may be addressed to the National Water Quality Laboratory, U.S. Geological Survey, P.O. Box 25046, Denver Federal Center, Building 95, MS 407, Denver, CO 80225-0046; Telephone (303) 236-3501, facsimile (303) 236-3499; Internet [mshockey@usgs.gov](mailto:mshockey@usgs.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Merle W. Shockey, address above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is to meet the USGS requirement stipulated in Survey Manual

Dated: December 18, 2000.

**Robert M. Hirsch,**

*Associate Director for Water.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[ID-075-2822 JL F604]

#### Notice of Emergency Closure

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

**ACTION:** Notice of emergency closure.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that effective immediately, certain public lands in Oneida County, Idaho shall be closed to all vehicle traffic to prevent erosion and allow vegetation to recover from the Taylor Mountain wildfire. The restriction will remain in effect until March 1, 2003.

The fire burned approximately 8,197 acres of public land within portions of each of the following sections: From Boise Meridian; T. 16S., R. 33E., sections: 2,3,4,5,6,8,9,10,11,12,14,15 and T. 15S., R. 33E., sections: 15,22,25,26,27,28,32,33,34,35.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The closure is in conformance with principles established by the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and in accordance with 43 CFR 8341.2. The vehicle closure is required to prevent environmental damage by motorized vehicles to soils, vegetation,

wildlife values, and associated resources. This closure does not apply to Bureau of Land Management personnel, or an authorized representative of the Bureau of Land Management, or Idaho Department of Fish & Game personnel.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeff Steele, Field Office Manager, Pocatello Field Office, Bureau of Land Management—1111 N 8th Ave, Pocatello, ID (208)-478-6340. Maps of the closed areas are available in the Pocatello Field office and the Malad Field Station—138 So. Main St., Malad City, ID (208)-766-4866.

Dated: November 13, 2000.

**Jeff S. Steele,**

*Pocatello Field Office Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Closure to Livestock Grazing Use and Notice of Intent To Impound

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

**ACTION:** Notice of closure to livestock grazing use and notice of intent to impound.

**SUMMARY:** Effective immediately, the entire East Holbrook allotment, #06361, is closed to livestock grazing, as well as the burned portions of the following areas: Hansel Mountain allotment, #06365, referred to as the Hansel Mountain pasture; Ridgedale allotment, #06360; and Grandine pasture of the Curlew allotment, #16001. This closure will remain in effect until March 1, 2003; or until such time as the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Pocatello Field Office determines the closure may be lifted.

This closure is a direct result of a wildland fire which burned this area in September of 2000 and of the subsequent rehabilitation efforts of the BLM. The closure will promote the reestablishment of vegetation on this site and improve the potential for recovery of wildlife and livestock forage.

This notice is also to inform the public/permittees that any unauthorized livestock grazing upon public land or other lands under the BLM's control is in violation of 4140.1(b)(1) and may be impounded. The unauthorized livestock may be impounded after 5 days from

delivery of this notice or any time after 5 days from publishing and posting this notice. Unauthorized livestock within the entire East Holbrook allotment, #06361 as well as those portions of the other allotments listed above may be impounded without further notice any time in the 12 month period beginning 5 days from receipt of this notice as authorized by 43 CFR 4150.4-2. This notice is issued in accordance with 43 CFR 4150.4-1(a) and (b); any impoundment of unauthorized livestock in connection with this notice will be done in accordance with 43 CFR 4150.4-2. Pursuant to 43 CFR 4150.4-4, any owner or his agent, or both, or lienholder of record of the impounded livestock may redeem them under these regulations or, if a suitable agreement is in effect, in accordance with State law, prior to the time of sale upon settlement with the United States under Sec. 4150.3 or adequate showing that there has been no violation.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The area of closure and impoundment affected by this notice is specifically the following allotments within the Upper Snake River Districts: East Holbrook, Hansel Mountain, Ridgedale, and Curlew, and is more specifically described wholly or partially: From Boise Meridian, T. 15 S., R. 33 E., secs. 1, 2, 10, 11, 15, 22, 23, 27, 28, 32, 33, 34; and T. 16 S., R. 33 E. secs. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 14, and 15. Detailed maps of the area closed to livestock grazing are available at the Malad Field Station, Malad, Idaho.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The BLM Malad Field Station, 138 S. Main, Malad, ID 83252 or the BLM Pocatello Field Office, 1111 N. 8th Avenue, Pocatello, ID 83201.

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**Jeff S. Steele,**

*Pocatello Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NV-058-01-1610-DG]

#### Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, Las Vegas, NV

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management; Interior

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Public Law 103-621 (11/2/94) which expanded the boundaries of RRCNCA as designated in the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Establishment Act (Public