

Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1732.

Sixth Principal Meridian

T.30 N., R. 112 W., section 18, NE¼SE¼.

These lands contain 6.90 acres.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Priscilla Mecham, Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Pinedale Resource Area, P.O. Box 768, Pinedale, WY 82941, 307-367-5300. The casefile may be reviewed at the Pinedale Resource Area office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Bureau of Land Management proposes to lease the above described land for haying purposes for a 3-year period on a non-competitive land use permit.

Interested parties may submit comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Field Manager, Pinedale, P.O. Box 768, Pinedale, Wyoming 82941 until [July 9, 2004.] Any adverse comments will be evaluated by the State Director who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any objections, this proposed realty action will become effective on [July 26, 2004.]

Authority: 43 U.S.C. 1712(f) and 43 CFR 2920.4(c)

Dated: February 4, 2004.

Priscilla Mecham,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Temporary Restriction of the Use of Public Lands in the Area Known as Castle Rocks State Park and Castle Rocks Inter-Agency Recreation Area Near Almo, ID

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of temporary restriction.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management announces temporary restriction of use of certain public lands in Cassia County. This closure will prohibit bolting and placement of fixed anchors to rocks, and overnight camping. The BLM intends to take this action to allow time for analysis of a fixed anchor management plan.

DATES: This closure will take effect on June 1, 2004 and shall remain in effect until June 1, 2005.

The Legal Land Descriptions for the Closure are as Follows: The public lands

affected by this closure are all lands administered by the BLM within Section 08 of Township 15 South, Range 24 East, Boise Meridian. This area is known as Castle Rocks State Park and Castle Rocks Inter-Agency Recreation Area. The area covers approximately 320 acres of BLM land. A closure notice including time periods will be posted near the entry point at the Castle Rocks Ranch House.

Exceptions To this Order are Granted To the Following: No exceptions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This closure is effective June 1, 2004 and shall remain effective until June 1, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Dennis Thompson, Burley Field Office, 200 South 15 East, Burley, ID. 83318. Telephone (208) 677-6641. A Map of the closure area is available from the Burley BLM Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The authority for this closure is found under 43 CFR 8364.1. Any person who violates this closure may be subject to the penalties provided in Sec. 8360.0-7 of this title. 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: April 5, 2004.

Wendy Reynolds,
Burley Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

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Joint Counterpart Endangered Species Act Section 7 Consultation Regulations; Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service Alternative Consultation Agreements With U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior. Forest Service, Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries (NOAA Fisheries) (referred to

as the Services), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Forest Service (FS) have approved Alternative Consultation Agreements pursuant to the joint counterpart regulations for consultation under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) to streamline consultation on proposed projects that support the National Fire Plan (NFP).

DATES: The BLM and FS Alternative Consultation Agreements with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service are available on the BLM and FS Web sites.

ADDRESSES: Information on the Alternative Consultation Agreements is available electronically through the Internet sites (<http://www.blm.gov> or <http://www.fs.fed.us>), or from the BLM, 1849 C Street, NW., LSB-204, Washington, DC 20240 or from the FS, Mail Stop 1121, 1400 Independence Avenue, Washington, DC 20250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Peggy Olwell, Bureau of Land Management, Endangered Species Program Lead, 202-452-7764, or peggy_olwell@blm.gov or Marc Bosch, U.S. Forest Service, Endangered Species Program Leader, 202-205-1220, or mbosch@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The counterpart regulations, authorized by 50 CFR 402.04, complement the consultation process by providing an alternative process for completing section 7 consultation for projects that authorize, fund, or carry out actions that support the NFP. The Counterpart Regulations eliminate the need to conduct informal consultations and obtain written concurrence from the Services for those NFP actions that the BLM or FS determines are "not likely to adversely affect" (NLAA) listed species or designated critical habitat.

The final rule for the counterpart regulations was published in the **Federal Register** on December 8, 2003, and became effective on January 7, 2004. Implementation of the counterpart regulations requires BLM and FS to develop and sign an Alternative Consultation Agreement (ACA) with the Services, and to jointly develop a training program, based on the needs of the agency. The BLM and the FS signed separate ACAs with the Services on March 3, 2004. The interagency training program is being developed by BLM, FS, FWS, and NOAA and will be available for agency staff by May, 2004.

The regulations require that the ACA and related oversight or monitoring reports be made available to the public through a **Federal Register** notice of availability. The ACA for the Bureau of