

decisions to minimize land use conflicts; consider planning jurisdictions of other federal agencies, and state, local and tribal governments; develop reasonable and sound alternatives; use current scientific data to evaluate appropriate management strategies; analyze socioeconomic effects of alternatives along with the environmental effects; carry forward valid analysis from existing documents; and consider public welfare and safety.

The Socorro Field Office borders the Cibola, Apache, and Gila National Forests, the Alamo Navajo Reservation, the White Sands Missile Range, and the Sevilleta and Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge. Elevations in the area range approximately 4,600 feet along the Rio Grande to over 8,500 feet on Pelona Mountain.

The Socorro Field Office is presently managed under the Socorro RMP (1989, as amended). Information and decisions from the existing Socorro RMP will be reviewed and incorporated in this plan revision to the extent possible.

Management will continue under the Socorro RMP until the revised RMP is approved.

Dated: March 27, 2002.

Richard A. Whitley,

New Mexico Associate State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-110-1060-JJ]

Public Hearings Addressing the Use of Helicopters and Motorized Vehicles During the Capture of Wild Horses

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

ACTION: Notice of public hearings.

SUMMARY: Two public hearings addressing the use of motorized vehicles and helicopters during the capture of wild horses have been scheduled in Colorado in 2002. One hearing will address use in the Piceance-East Douglas Herd Management Area, White River Field Office, Meeker, Colorado; a second hearing will address use in the Little Book Cliffs Wild Horse Range, Grand Junction Field Office, Grand Junction, Colorado.

DATES: The public hearings will be held in May and June, 2002. The White River and Grand Junction field offices will publish exact dates and times for these hearings through public notices, local newspaper announcements and mailings.

ADDRESSES: The hearings will be held at the following locations:

1. White River Field Office; 73544 Highway 64; Meeker, Colorado
2. Grand Junction Field Office; 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, Colorado

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Piceance-East Douglas wild horse gather is scheduled for completion between June 15, 2002 and September 30, 2002.

The Bookcliffs Wild Horse Range wild horse gather is scheduled for completion between June 15, 2002 and September 30, 2002.

For additional information regarding the Meeker, Colorado public hearing contact James Cagney, Associate Field Manager, at 970-878-3803. For further information regarding the Grand Junction, Colorado public hearing contact Gerald Thygerson, Wild Horse Specialist, at 970-244-3000.

Dated: March 15, 2002.

Vernon Rholl,

Acting Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-930-1430-ET; NVN-59476]

Expiration of Public Land Order No. 7253 and Opening of Land; Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Public Land Order No. 7253, which withdrew 21,969.012 acres of public land from surface entry and mining, expired on April 7, 2002. The withdrawal was not extended because land use planning to demonstrate a need for continuation of the withdrawal was not completed. This notice will open the land to surface entry and mining.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 7, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jo Ann Hufnagle, Carson City Field Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, Nevada 89701, 775-885-6000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 7, 2002, Public Land Order No. 7253 expired under its own terms. The purpose of this withdrawal was to protect recreational, cultural, wildlife, riparian, and watershed values in the Pah Rah Range while the Bureau of Land Management completed land use planning for the land. The withdrawal was not extended because land use planning to demonstrate a need for continuation of the withdrawal was not

completed. The land included in the withdrawal was described in the public land order published as FR Doc. 97-8960, 62 FR 16866-16867, April 8, 1997.

At 9 a.m. on June 7, 2002, the land described in Public Land Order No. 7253 will be opened to the operation of the public land laws generally, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. All valid applications received at or prior to 9 a.m. June 7, 2002, shall be considered as simultaneously filed at that time. Those received thereafter shall be considered in the order of filing.

At 9 a.m. on June 7, 2002, the land described in Public Land Order No. 7253 will be opened to location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. Appropriation of any of the land described in this order under the general mining laws prior to the date and time of restoration is unauthorized. Any such attempted appropriation, including attempted adverse possession under 30 U.S.C. 38 (1994), shall vest no rights against the United States. Acts required to establish a location and to initiate a right of possession are governed by State law where not in conflict with Federal law. The Bureau of Land Management will not intervene in disputes between rival locators over possessory rights since Congress has provided for such determinations in local courts.

Dated: April 5, 2002.

John O. Singlaub,

Manager, Carson City Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID-074-1210-PA-241E]

Final Recreation Use Restrictions, ID

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Final Supplementary Rules: Restrictions adjacent to and within the Sand Mountain WSA, Idaho.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 43 CFR 8341.1 and 8365.1-6, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to make permanent the temporary restrictions currently in place within the

Sand Mountain Wilderness Study Area. The temporary restrictions have been in place since 1992 for motor vehicle use, and since 1999 for uses at Egin Lakes Access and Red Road Recreation sites.

DATES: Comments on the direct final rule must be received or postmarked by June 7, 2002 to be assured consideration. If the BLM does not receive any substantive comments in opposition (i.e., comments showing that the regulatory revisions will adversely impact an individual or entity, the environment, or the public interest), the proposed revisions will become a final rule at the end of the designated comment period on June 7, 2002 without further notice. If we receive any adverse comments, BLM will review the comments, make any appropriate changes and republish the revisions as a proposed rule.

ADDRESSES: Bureau of Land Management, Idaho Falls Field Office, 1405 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401. Telephone (208) 524-7500.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A direct final rule means the rule will be a final rule at the end of the published comment period, unless we receive substantive comment during the comment period indicating that the direct final rule will adversely affect an individual or entity, the environment, or the public interest (5 U.S.C. 553). If we receive any substantive adverse comments, this rule will not become final. BLM will respond to all such comments in a further rulemaking and make a decision regarding the contentious parts of the rule at a later time. Otherwise, this rule will become effective without further notice on June 7, 2002. These rules have been in place for several years, with ample opportunity for the public to raise concerns to BLM about them.

The Sand Mountain Wilderness Study Area (WSA) includes 21,000 acres of public land that is part of the larger St. Anthony Sand Dunes Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA) in Fremont and Jefferson Counties, ID. BLM established various restrictions within the WSA and SRMA by publishing several **Federal Register** notices, as listed below. The temporary restrictions were extended in July 2001 (66 FR 35661). They include the following notices:

- Notice of restricted motor vehicle use (57 FR 36405)
- Notice of Recreation Use Restrictions and Regulations for Egin Lakes Access and Red Road Recreation Sites Adjacent and Within the Sand Mountain Wilderness Study Area, Idaho (64 FR 27804)

- Notice of Recreation Use Restrictions and Regulations for Egin Lakes Access and Red Road Recreation Sites Adjacent and Within the Sand Mountain Wilderness Study Area, Idaho (64 FR 46935)

Supplementary Rules for the Sand Mountain Wilderness Study Area (WSA)

The following supplementary rules apply within the WSA:

1. Lands within the WSA are restricted to unlicensed off-road vehicles, including ATVs (3 and 4-wheelers), off-road motorcycles, off-road jeeps, sand dune buggies/rails and other off-road sand vehicles. All licensed vehicles are prohibited, including passenger automobiles, passenger pickups, pickup campers, camp trailers, self-contained campers and similar vehicles.
2. All permitted use must occur on the open sand areas or on designated roads or trails.
3. Glass containers for food and beverages are prohibited within the WSA boundaries.
4. Safety equipment such as helmets, boots, and protective clothing, are strongly recommended.
5. Each vehicle is required to have a "whip flag" not less than 6 feet in length with brightly colored material on the end of the flag.
6. Open campfires are prohibited within the WSA, except in the designated Red Road Open Sand Campfire Area. Within the Red Road Open Sand Campfire Area, burning any foreign material other than wood in all campfires is prohibited. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to pallets, treated lumber, tires, glass, aluminum, etc.

7. Use of personal water craft or other motorized vehicle or craft is prohibited on any body of water within the WSA.

The following supplementary rules apply within the SRMA:

1. Quiet hours will be observed within the Egin Lakes Access Site and Red Road Recreation Area from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. nightly.
2. Burning any foreign material other than wood in all campfires is prohibited. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to pallets, treated lumber, tires, glass, aluminum, etc.
3. Engaging in fighting is prohibited.
4. Addressing any offensive, derisive, or annoying communication that has a direct tendency to cause acts of violence by the person to whom, individually, the remark is addressed, is prohibited.
5. No person under the age of twenty-one (21) shall possess or consume any

alcoholic beverage, as defined by Idaho Code Title 23-105.

These restrictions are intended to reduce the possibility of injury to individuals, or damage to the natural resources within the WSA and the SRMA. Recreational use on the St. Anthony Sand Dunes has increased more than 1000 percent since 1984, with an estimated 150,000 visitors last season. The restrictions will be cited under Title 43 CFR 8364.1, Access Restrictions; and 8365.1-6, Visitors Services, Rules of Conduct, Supplementary Rules. Violations of these restrictions is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

Maps of the areas where the restrictions and regulations apply are available at the Idaho Falls Field Office. Signs with the rules and regulations are posted at all entrances into the WSA as well as at the recreation sites and areas. For more complete information on these restrictions, please refer to the previously mentioned **Federal Register** notices.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill Boggs, Bureau of Land Management, Upper Snake River District, Idaho Falls Field Office, 1405 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401, (208) 524-7527.

Dated: December 19, 2001.

Joe Kraayenbrink,

Idaho Falls Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-090-1430EU]

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Amendment to the Judith-Valley-Phillips Resource Management Plan and Associated Environmental Assessment, Montana

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an amendment to the Judith-Valley-Phillips Resource Management Plan and associated Environmental Assessment, Montana.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management's Malta Field Office will consider amending the September 1994 Judith-Valley-Phillips Resource Management Plan (RMP), (RMP) to address a land exchange with the Valley County Commissioners. An environmental assessment (EA) will