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Deputy Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Realty Action, Temporary Access Restriction and Closure of Public Land

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action.

SUMMARY: Public access to the following lands in San Juan County, Colorado, has been temporarily restricted and partially closed to public use under federal regulations at Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations § 8364.1.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Charlie Higby, BLM Realty Specialist, (970) 385-1374; San Juan Public Lands Center, 15 Burnett Court, Durango, Colorado 81301.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A portion of federal lands within sections 19, 20, 21, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, of protracted Township 42 N., R.7 W., New Mexico Principal Meridian, further described as the SOLRC boundary. Access to the BLM public lands south of San Juan County Road # 52, will be restricted to the travel route along San Juan County Road # 52. The public lands accessed by this route are located approximately 1.7 miles south of the intersection of San Juan County Roads # 52 and # 110 in Colorado Basin. This location provides access to the area south of the BLM access point sign south towards Storm Peak only; this is the north face of Storm Peak. With the exception of County Road #52, the public lands north of the BLM access sign (towards Gladstone) are closed to public access. The San Juan County Road # 52 access route is restricted to the roadway at all times until reaching the BLM public land access point.

The seasonal access restriction and closure to the public lands will continue until June 15, 2005.

The following entities are exempt from the access restriction, however, their entry into the closure area must be coordinated with SOLRC to ensure that conditions for access are safe:

- Any Federal, State or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in performance of an official duty;

- Private property owners in the act of accessing their property;
- Other entities authorized under special-use permit by the BLM, including Core Mountain Enterprises, dba as SOLRC.

The access closure is necessary to protect the public health and safety during periods of avalanche and snow data collection work as authorized under BLM permit COC 68264.

Any person who fails to comply with a closure or restricted use order issued under this subpart may be subject to penalties provided for at U.S.C. 3571, including a fine not to exceed \$100,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 1 year.

This action has been coordinated with the San Juan County Commissioners.

Howard Sargent,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Call for Nominations for Resource Advisory Councils

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Resource Advisory Council call for nominations.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to request public nominations for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Resource Advisory Councils (RACs) that have member terms expiring this year. The RACs provide advice and recommendations to BLM on land use planning and management of the public lands within their geographic areas. BLM will consider public nominations for 45 days after the publication date of this notice.

DATES: Send all nominations to the appropriate BLM State Office by no later than April 18, 2005.

ADDRESSES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the locations to send your nominations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Melanie Wilson Gore, U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Intergovernmental Affairs, 1849 C Street, MS-LS-406, Washington, DC 20240; 202-452-0377.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) (43 U.S.C. 1730) directs the Secretary of the Interior to involve

the public in planning and issues related to management of lands administered by BLM. Section 309 of FLPMA directs the Secretary to select 10 to 15 member citizen-based advisory councils that are consistent with the requirements of Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). As required by the FACA, RAC membership must be balanced and representative of the various interests concerned with the management of the public lands. The rules governing RACs are found at 43 CFR 1784.b. These include three categories:

Category One—Holders of federal grazing permits and representatives of energy and mineral development, timber industry, transportation or rights-of-way, off-highway vehicle use, and commercial recreation;

Category Two—Representatives of nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, archaeological and historic interests, dispersed recreation, and wild horse and burro groups;

Category Three—Holders of State, county or local elected office, employees of a State agency responsible for management of natural resources, academicians involved in natural sciences, representatives of Indian tribes, and the public-at-large.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others. Nominees must be residents of the State or States in which the RAC has jurisdiction. BLM will evaluate nominees based on their education, training, and experience and their knowledge of the geographical area of the RAC. Nominees should demonstrate a commitment to collaborative resource decisionmaking. The following must accompany all nominations:

- Letters of reference from represented interests or organizations,
- A completed background information nomination form,
- Any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications.

Simultaneous with this notice, BLM State Offices will issue press releases providing additional information for submitting nominations, with specifics about the number and categories of member positions available for each RAC in the State. Nominations for RACs should be sent to the appropriate BLM offices listed below.

Alaska

Alaska RAC

Danielle Allen, Alaska State Office, BLM, 222 West 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513, (907) 271-3335.