

process that addresses parcels within the proposed plan amendment.

4. A statement of reasons why the BLM State Director's proposed decision to place the lands in the disposal category is believed to be incorrect. All relevant facts need to be included in the statement of reasons. These facts, reasons and documentation are very important to understand the protest rather than merely expressing disagreement with the proposed decision.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the document are available at the following locations: Bureau of Land Management, Kingman Field Office, 2475 Beverly Ave., Kingman, Arizona, 86401-3629 and Bureau of Land Management, Arizona State Office, 222 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85004-2203.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL:** Don McClure, phone: (520) 692-4400.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The land exchange includes both public and non-public land in Mohave County in northwestern Arizona, encompassing approximately 35,500 acres. Issues that have been addressed are ranching, biological resources, recreation/access, soil erosion, cultural resources, realty, riparian areas, mineral resources, and Proposed modifications to the Kingman Resource Management Plan have been integrated with the proposed Land Exchange, and the impacts presented in a single EA-level analysis.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CA-320-1820-XQ]

#### Resource Advisory Council Meeting: Northwest California Resource Advisory Council, Redding, CA

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committees Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (Pub. L. 94-579), the U. S. Bureau of Land Management's Northwest California Resource Advisory Council will meet Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2000, for a regular business meeting. The meeting is open to the public.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting begins at 10 a.m. in the

Conference Room of the BLM's Redding Field Office, 355 Hemsted Drive, Redding, CA. Items on the agenda include discussion of a feasibility study for Lake Berryessa management, an update on Headwaters Forest Reserve management, management issues in the Knoxville Off Highway Vehicle Area, and standards and guidelines for rangeland health. Time will be set aside at 1 p.m. for public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak, a time limit may be established.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Contact Lynda J. Roush, BLM Arcata Field Manager, at (707) 825-2300.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CA-660-00-1220-HA]

#### Restrictions on Use of Public Lands and Facilities

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office, Desert District, California.

**ACTION:** Notice—Temporary closure of routes to use by motorized vehicles except as specifically exempted; temporary closure of certain public lands to motorized-vehicle use except on approved routes.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Subpart 8364.1(c), notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is temporarily closing public land portions of Palm Hills Drive, also known as Dunn Road, to motorized vehicles. The public land portions of Palm Hills Drive subject to the temporary closure occur within E $\frac{1}{2}$  Section 5, W $\frac{1}{2}$  Section 8, Sections 16, 29, 32, and 33, Township 5 South, Range 5 East, San Bernardino Meridian (SBM); and Sections 4, 8, 9, and N $\frac{1}{2}$  Section 16, Township 6 South, Range 5 East, SBM. The BLM is also temporarily closing all other motorized-vehicle routes of travel on these public lands and Section 30, Township 5 South, Range 5 East, SBM. The following motorized vehicles are exempt from this order: (1) Fire, military, emergency or law enforcement vehicles when used for emergency or patrol purposes; (2) vehicles whose use is expressly authorized by the Authorized Officer;

and (3) vehicles used for official purposes by employees, agents, or designated representatives of the Federal Government or one of its contractors. These restrictions shall be in effect year-round from October 1, 2000, until completion of the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat and Natural Communities Conservation Plan which addresses motorized-vehicle use on the subject public lands. The designation criteria at 43 CFR 8342.1 were applied in establishing this temporary closure order. The order to temporarily close Palm Hills Drive and other routes to motorized vehicles is based on protection of the resources of the public lands, promotion of the safety of all users of the public lands, and minimization of conflicts among various uses of the public lands. Non-motorized uses of Palm Hills Drive (*e.g.*, hiking, bicycling, horseback riding) and other routes on public lands are not affected by this order. Trails developed primarily for non-motorized use are also not affected by the temporary closure.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Palm Hills Drive traverses the northern Santa Rosa Mountains from Cathedral City Cove on the north to State Highway 74 on the south, within and beyond an area annexed by the City of Palm Springs. The road was constructed by Mr. Michael Dunn and his partners beginning in 1966, and use of Palm Hills Drive was controlled by Mr. Dunn by maintaining two locked gates situated on private land. Those portions of Palm Hills Drive that cross public lands were constructed absent proper authorization from the BLM. The BLM filed a civil suit in Federal District Court in 1968 after negotiations to settle the unauthorized use failed. In 1975, a Final Judgement was entered between the BLM and Mr. Dunn resolving the dispute. The Court found that Mr. Dunn did not hold an easement by way of necessity across public lands at any time, and Mr. Dunn renounced any claim to any such easement. In 1997, the BLM acquired the private land upon which the two locked gates are located. The only other gate controlling access at this time is located on U.S. Forest Service lands near the opposite end of the road.

On March 18, 1998, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) declared through publication of a final rule that the distinct vertebrate population segment of bighorn sheep occupying the Peninsular Ranges of southern California is endangered pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. The current population of bighorn sheep in the United States,