

## Chapter XII—Amendment

1201—This Ordinance may be amended only in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

## Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-070-03-1232-EA, AZ-SRP-070-04-01 and AZ-SRP-070-04-02]

**Temporary Closure of Selected Public Lands in La Paz County, Arizona, During the Operation of the Parker 250 and Parker 425 Desert Races for 2004**

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

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management Lake Havasu Field Office announces the temporary closure of selected public lands under its administration in La Paz County, Arizona. This action is being taken to help ensure public safety and prevent unnecessary environmental degradation during the officially permitted running of the 2004 KTM Parker 250, and the 2004 Blue Water Resort and Casino Parker 425 Desert Races. Areas subject to this temporary closure include all public lands including county maintained roads and highways located on public lands, that are located within two miles of the designated racecourse. The racecourse and closure areas are described in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice, and maps of the designated racecourse are maintained in the Bureau of Land Management Lake Havasu Field Office, 2610 Sweetwater Avenue, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86406.

**EVENT DATES:** KTM Parker 250 on January 10, 2004, and Blue Water Resort and Casino Parker 425 on February 7, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bryan Pittman, Field Staff Law Enforcement Ranger, BLM Lake Havasu Field Office, 2610 Sweetwater Avenue, Lake Havasu City, Arizona 86406, (928) 505-1200.

Dated: November 7, 2003.

**Donald Ellsworth,**

*Field Manager, Lake Havasu Field Office.*

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Description of Race Course Closed Area**

Beginning at the eastern boundary of the Colorado River Indian Tribe (CRIT) Reservation, the race course runs east

along Shea Road, then east along the Parker-Swansea Road to the Central Arizona Project Canal, then north, on the west side of the CAP Canal, crossing the canal on the maintained county road, running northeast into Mineral Wash Canyon, then southeast staying on the maintained county road, through the 4-corners intersection to Midway, then east on Transmission Pass Road through State Trust lands located in Butler Valley, turning north into Cunningham Wash to North Tank. Back south to the Transmission Pass Road and east (reentering public land) within two miles of Alamo Dam Road. The race course turns south and west onto the wooden power line road, onto the State Trust lands in Butler Valley, turning southwest into Cunningham Wash to the Graham Well, intersecting Butler Valley Road, then north and west onto public lands proceeding west to the "Bouse Y" intersection, located two miles north of Bouse, Arizona. The route then proceeds north, paralleling the Bouse-Midway Road to Midway. From Midway, it goes west on the north boundary road of the East Cactus Plain Wilderness Area to the Parker-Swansea Road. The route then goes west in Osborne Wash, south of the Parker-Swansea Road to the CAP Canal, along the north boundary of the Cactus Plain Wilderness Study Area, staying in Osborne Wash, and then proceeds west in Osborne Wash to the CRIT Reservation boundary.

**Times of the Temporary Land Closure**

The KTM Parker 250 Desert Race closure is in effect from 2 p.m. (m.s.t.) on Friday, January 9, 2004, through 5 p.m. (m.s.t.) on Saturday, January 10, 2004. The Blue Water Resort and Casino Parker 425 Desert Race closure is in effect from 2 p.m. (m.s.t.) on Friday, February 6, 2004, through 11:59 p.m. (m.s.t.) on Saturday, February 7, 2004.

**Prohibited Acts**

The following acts are prohibited during the temporary land closure:

1. Being present on, or driving on, the designated racecourse. This does not apply to race participants, race officials and emergency vehicles.
2. Vehicle parking or stopping in areas affected by the closure, except where such is specifically allowed (designated spectator areas).
3. Camping in any area, except in the designated spectator areas.
4. Discharge of firearms.
5. Possession or use of any fireworks.
6. Cutting or collecting firewood of any kind, including dead and down wood or other vegetative material.

7. Operate any vehicle (except registered race vehicles), including off-highway vehicles, not registered and equipped for street and highway operation.

8. Operate any vehicle in the area of the closure at a speed of more than 35 mph. This does not apply to registered race vehicles during the race, while on the designated racecourse.

9. Park any vehicle in violation of posted restrictions.

10. Park any vehicle in a manner that obstructs or impedes normal traffic movement.

11. Drive any vehicle around or past any "road closed" sign or traffic control barrier.

12. Fail to obey any person authorized to direct traffic, including law enforcement officers and designated race officials.

13. Fail to observe Spectator Area quiet hours of 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

14. Fail to keep campsite or race viewing site free of trash and litter.

15. Allow any pet or other animal to be unrestrained by a leash of not more than 6 feet in length.

The above restrictions do not apply to emergency vehicles and vehicles owned by the United States, the State of Arizona, or La Paz County. Authority for closure of public lands is found in section 303(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1733(a)) and 43 CFR 8360.0-7. Any person who violates this restriction 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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

## Bureau of Land Management

[NM-020-1110-PC, NM-020-1220-PC]

**Notice of Public Land Closure, Ute Mountain, Taos County, NM**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior, Taos Field Office, New Mexico.

**ACTION:** Temporary closure of certain recently acquired public lands near Ute Mountain, Taos County, New Mexico, to public entry and use; notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice closes to all public entry and use certain public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in the vicinity of Ute Mountain, in Taos County, New Mexico, in order to protect the land and

its resources until BLM prepares a management plan for the area. Excepted from this emergency closure is the Rio Grande Gorge below the rim, which will remain open to foot travel and boating between June 1 and March 31 each year. Also excepted from the closure are certain official activities.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 31, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Send inquiries or suggestions to the Taos Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 226 Cruz Alta Road, Taos, NM 87571.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ron Huntsinger, Taos Field Office Manager, (505) 758-8851.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### I. Background

The land subject to this closure is part of a tract of land being acquired by BLM primarily because of its value as wildlife habitat and open space for recreation. The Ute Mountain property is situated within and adjacent to the Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River corridor north of Taos, New Mexico, on the New Mexico-Colorado border. This property offers spectacular views of the Rio Grande Gorge and the Sangre de Cristo Mountains and encompasses the entire extinct volcano called Ute Mountain. The land includes the mountainous and forested former volcano, high mesa desert with sagebrush-grasslands, cliffs of the gorge, and riparian areas along the Rio Grande.

Ute Mountain rises to 10,093 feet from an elevation of about 7,600 feet at its base and has been a private sanctuary for elk, deer, antelope, and other game. The land is host to large herds of deer and elk. The property also provides critical riparian and breeding habitat for peregrine falcon, golden eagle, brown trout, and the federally-listed endangered southwestern willow flycatcher and threatened bald eagle. The property is bordered by Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands and private lands. The western edge of the property, the Rio Grande Gorge, is an active recreation area, providing river sports and associated camping, hunting, picnicking, and wilderness recreation.

The property being closed is a little more than half of the entire 14,344-acre Ute Mountain Property. The Trust for Public Land (TPL) and BLM have completed the first phase of a multi-year effort to preserve Ute Mountain. TPL, a national non-profit land conservation organization, conveyed to BLM 7,924 acres of the Ute Mountain property, bringing part of one of New Mexico's most notable landscapes into permanent protection. When completed, the Ute Mountain property will be protected

from development, leaving open a critical migratory wildlife corridor and adding approximately 7 miles of the Rio Grande to the active recreation area. BLM will manage the land, located within the Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River corridor, to protect its open space, recreational, and habitat values.

### II. Lands Affected

This order affects public land in Taos County, New Mexico, described as: A certain tract of land near Costilla, Taos County, New Mexico; within the Sangre de Cristo Grant; described as part of projected Sections 24, 25, and 36, Township 32 North, Range 11 East; part of projected Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, and 13, Township 31 North, Range 11 East; part of projected Sections 19, 20, 21, 28, and 33, and all of projected Sections 29, 30, 31, and 32, Township 32 North, Range 12 East; part of projected Sections 4, 5, 8, 17, and 18, and all of projected Sections 6 and 7, Township 31 North, Range 12 East of the New Mexico principal meridian (New Mexico system); and further described as part of Tract "A" shown on a plat entitled "A Survey of the Westerly Portion of the Sangre de Cristo Grant," by Leo Archuleta, NMLS no. 4249, dated February 1980.

This tract contains 7923.85 acres, more or less; all as shown on a survey plat entitled "Robert Starks to the Trust for Public Land" RGSS survey no. L203-A1, by Scott B. Crowl, NMLS no. 12441, dated June 16, 2003, as revised August 27, 2003.

### III. Closure

In compliance with 43 CFR 8364.1(c), notice is hereby given that BLM is closing the public lands in the Ute Mountain Property. These restrictions will be in effect year-round from December 31, 2003, until rescinded by BLM. The order to close these lands is needed to protect the public land resources there until the land use plan for the tract is complete. BLM is establishing and will administer this emergency closure under the authority of 43 CFR 8364.1.

BLM finds good cause to publish this closure notice effective on the date of publication and without providing for public comment due to the immediate need to protect the habitat for the endangered and threatened species in the tract. Also, the regulations on Closures and Restrictions at 43 CFR 8364.1 do not require publication of a request for comments.

BLM hereby closes the described public lands to all entry and use, except for the Rio Grande Gorge below the rim, which will remain open to foot travel

and boating between June 1 and March 31. Any person who fails to comply with this order may be subject to the penalties provided in 43 CFR 8360.0-7.

This closure will remain in effect until BLM completes the acquisition of the property, expected to occur no later than the end of FY 2005. At that time BLM will prepare a management plan with input from local residents and other interested parties. During this closure period, BLM will consult with the public and develop a process for completing a management plan for the area.

BLM will post closure signs at main entry points and trails in the area indicating the area closed and explaining the reason for the closure. Maps of the closure area and more detailed information are on file at the Taos Field Office.

### IV. Exceptions

The following persons are exempt from this order: all Federal, State, and local officers or employees in the scope of their duties, members of any organized rescue or fire-fighting force in performance of an official duty, and persons authorized in writing by the Bureau of Land Management.

Dated: November 21, 2003.

**Paul Williams,**

*Acting Field Office Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[UT-020-03-2821-HU-Q157]

### Emergency Restriction on Public Lands: Tooele County, UT

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

**ACTION:** Emergency restriction on public land in Tooele County, Utah.

**SUMMARY:** The Salt Lake Field Office, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is giving notice it is temporarily restricting a portion of public lands from all forms of public use from November 15, 2003, to November 15, 2005. The restricted area is near Stockton, Tooele County, Utah. The affected public lands include:

- T. 4 S., R. 4 W., SLM,  
Sec. 18, all public lands in the SW1/4,  
Sec. 19, all public lands in the NW1/  
4NW1/4;
- T. 4 S., R. 5 W.,  
Sec. 13, all public lands east of Highway  
#36 in the E1/2SE1/4,  
Sec. 24, all public lands in the NE1/4NE1/  
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