

The mission for the Refuge is to protect, restore, and manage ecological processes within the Kankakee River Basin that benefit threatened and endangered species, migratory birds, native fish, and diverse flora and fauna populations, while providing, to the extent possible, high quality wildlife-dependent environmental interpretation, education, and recreation experiences that build an understanding and appreciation for these resources, and the role humankind plays in their stewardship.

Dated: November 30, 2000.

Marvin E. Moriarty,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of approved extension to tribal-state gaming compact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Pub. L. 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved the Extension of the Tribal-State Compact for the conduct of Class III Gaming between the Coushatta Tribe and the State of Louisiana executed on November 16, 2000.

DATES: This action is effective on December 8, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

Dated: December 1, 2000.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-073-00-1990-AC]

Resource Advisory Council Meeting, Butte, Montana

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Western Montana Resource Advisory Council will convene on January 9, 2001, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the BLM Butte Field Office, 106 North Parkmont, Butte, Montana, 59701.

The topic for the meeting will be a discussion on future issues to be addressed by the Western Montana Resource Advisory Council.

The meeting is open to the public and written comments can be given to the Council. Oral comments may be presented to the Council at 11:30 a.m. The time allotted for oral comment may be limited, depending on the number of persons wishing to be heard.

Individuals who plan to attend and need further information about the meeting, or who need special assistance, such as sign language or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Jean Nelson-Dean, Resource Advisory Coordinator, at the Butte Field Office, 106 North Parkmont, P.O. Box 3388, Butte, Montana 59702-3388, telephone 406-533-7617.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard Hotaling, Butte Field Manager, 406-494-5059, or Jean Nelson-Dean at the above address and telephone number.

Dated: December 1, 2000.

Richard Hotaling,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-924-1430-ET; MTM 89384; Public Land Order No. 7472]

Withdrawal of Public Land on the Beaverhead River; Montana

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public land order.

SUMMARY: This order withdraws approximately 2,244 acres of public land from surface entry and mining for a period of 50 years for the Bureau of Land Management to protect critical

resource values along the Beaverhead River. The land has been and will remain open to mineral leasing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 8, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sandra Ward, BLM Montana State Office, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800, 406-896-5052, or Russ Sorensen, BLM Dillon Field Office, 1005 Selway Drive, Dillon, Montana 59725, 406-683-2337.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1994), it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described public land is hereby withdrawn from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. Ch. 2 (1994)), but not from leasing under the mineral leasing laws, to protect critical resource values along the Beaverhead River:

Principal Meridian, Montana

Tract 1

T. 8 S., R. 10 W.,

Sec. 35, lots 3 and 4, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 9 S., R. 10 W.,

Sec. 1, lots 6 to 22, inclusive;

Sec. 2, lots 1 to 4, inclusive, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 11, lot 1 and N $\frac{1}{2}$, EXCEPTING

THEREFROM that tract of land described in the Deed dated June 22, 1946, recorded in Book 110 of Deeds, Page 263, Records of Beaverhead County, Montana;

Sec. 12, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 13, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, EXCEPTING THEREFROM, Certificate of Survey 889, all those portions conveyed to the State of Montana for State Highway purposes, those portions conveyed for railroad purposes, and those portions taken by the Declaration of Taking dated September 13, 1960.

Tract 2

Certificate of Survey 889, which is a parcel of land located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of sec. 11, sec. 2, and lots 9 and 10 of sec. 1, T. 9 S., R. 10 W.

The area described contains approximately 2,244 acres in Beaverhead County.

2. The withdrawal made by this order does not alter the applicability of those public land laws governing the use of the lands under lease, license, or permit, or governing the disposal of their mineral or vegetative resources other than under the mining laws.

3. This withdrawal will expire 50 years from the effective date of this order unless, as a result of a review conducted before the expiration date pursuant to Section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f) (1994), the

Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be extended.

Dated: November 28, 2000.

Sylvia V. Baca,

Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WO-250-01-1220-PA]

Notice of Availability and Comment Period for the Public Review of the Draft, BLM National Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Management Strategy

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The BLM is developing a Strategy to improve management of vehicle access on the public lands. In response to the first public comment period, BLM has developed a draft strategy document. A public review copy will be available by December 4, 2000 at BLM's website <http://www.blm.gov>. All members of the public who submitted comments, or signed in at a "listening meeting," and provided a legible address, will receive a copy of the draft Strategy. Copies will also be available at all BLM offices.

DATES: The draft strategy was released on December 4, 2000 via the internet. Public comments should be submitted to BLM's Washington Office by close of business, January 3, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Return comments in writing to: OHV Comment Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Room 204 LS, 1849 C Street NW, Washington D.C. 20236; via the Internet by clicking on the OHV Strategy Link on <http://www.blm.gov>; or via e-mail at: ohv_comment_manager@blm.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Keeler at (202) 452-7771, Rodger Schmitt at (202) 452-7738, or Bob Ratcliffe at (202) 452-5040. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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I. Public Comment Procedures

If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of several methods:

- You may mail comments to: OHV Comment Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Room 204 LS, 1849 C Street NW, Washington D.C. 20240;
- Comments may be delivered to Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20236;
- A self-addressed mailer is available in printed copies, being sent to all members of the public who submitted comments during the initial comment period, and additional copies of the mailer are available at all BLM offices;
- You may comment via the Internet by following the Links from the BLM Homepage (<http://www.blm.gov>) or by sending comments to ohv_comment_manager@blm.gov. Please submit Internet comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please include "Attn.: OHV Comment Manager, and your name and return address in your Internet message."

II. Background

Proper management of America's Public lands is vital for the natural ecosystems that they support and for the activities and resources they provide. The use of off-highway vehicles (OHVs) on BLM-administered public lands has increased substantially in recent years, and there has been an increasing concern about the impact of all types of recreational activities, including OHV use, on the 264 million acres of public land resources. The management challenges posed by OHV use in the fast-growing West have become very apparent, especially since the BLM's land-use plans, budgets, and staffing levels have not kept pace with OHV technology and popularity. These factors, along with litigation over OHV management issues, have created the need for a National OHV Management Strategy.

In August 2000, the BLM asked the public for ideas and proposed solutions for improving management of the OHV program. We are again requesting your participation to review this document and give us substantive comments. Because of the immense interest the public has shown in the OHV management on BLM-administered public lands, we are requesting that your comments specifically relate to this document. All comments will be fully considered and evaluated in making any necessary changes in the development of the final National Off-Highway Management Strategy.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents will be available for public review at the Bureau of Land Management, Equity Building, Room 204, 1620 L Street NW,

Washington, DC from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: December 4, 2000.

Henri Bisson,

Assistant Director Renewal Resources and Planning.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-930; COC-64599]

Proposed Withdrawal; Opportunity for Public Meeting; Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, proposes to withdraw approximately 12,867 acres of National Forest System lands for 20 years to provide management alternatives. This notice closes this land to location and entry under the mining laws for up to two years. The lands remain open to mineral leasing.

DATES: Comments on this proposed withdrawal must be received on or before March 8, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Colorado State Director, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215-7093.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doris E. Chelius, 303-239-3706.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 27, 2000, the Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, filed an application to withdraw the following described National Forest System lands from location and entry under the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. Ch 2), subject to valid existing rights:

Sixth Principal Meridian

White River National Forest

T. 5 S., R. 76 W.,
Sec. 3, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;