

Peninsular Ranges approximates 335 animals distributed in eight known ewe groups (subpopulations) from the San Jacinto Mountains south to the Mexican border.

In *Draft Recovery Plan for the Bighorn Sheep in the Peninsular Ranges* (USFWS 1999), several studies are identified that link vehicle use with modification of bighorn sheep behavior (Jorgensen 1974, Leslie and Douglas 1980, Campbell and Remington 1981, Miller and Smith 1985). Miller and Smith (1985) documented that 25% of bighorn sheep (45 out of 180 observations) immediately reacted to a parked jeep or truck either by walking away or trotting away and returning to their original activity within 10 minutes, or by running away from the area and not returning to their original activity. Jorgensen (1974), Leslie and Douglas (1980), and Campbell and Remington (1981) demonstrated behavioral reactions or change in use patterns due to vehicle use and other human activity at water sources. Similarly, the mere presence of roads, both paved thoroughfares with heavy traffic and off road vehicle dirt roads, may be associated with altering bighorn sheep use patterns (Hicks 1978; Cunningham 1982; Rubin *et al.* 1998). Human activities on roads, such as hiking with or without dogs, biking, hunting, and traffic volume and speed, are likely factors that influence bighorn sheep use patterns near roads (MacArthur 1979, Miller and Smith 1985, Krausman and Leopold 1986, King and Workman 1986).

The temporary closure of Palm Hills Drive and other routes on the subject public lands is intended to minimize the potential for adverse changes in bighorn sheep behavior due to motorized-vehicle use. Any person who fails to comply with this order may be subject to the penalties provided in 43 CFR 8360.0-7.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-010-1220-DA]

Montana Off-Road Vehicle Designation

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

ACTION: Notice to limit off-road vehicle use on public lands.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that motorized vehicle use is limited to designated roads on public lands within the following block management areas. This will be in effect during the hunting season as established by the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks.

Designation and Location

All motorized vehicles will be limited to designated open roads on public lands during hunting season.

Derks Ranch

T. 4 N. R. 32 E.,
Sec 12, E2
T.4 N. R.33 E.,
Sec 7. All public land north of the
Yellowstone River.
All established roads are open.

Downs

T. 10 N., R. 25 E.,
Sec 22 NESE, NE, NENW;
Sec 25 E2;
Sec 26 NESE, N2.

Gage Dome

T. 9 N., R. 25 E.,
Sec 4, W2;
Sec 10, ALL; and
Sec 12, S2.
T. 10 N., R. 25 E.,
Sec 34, S2.
T. 9 N., R. 26 E.,
Sec 1 ALL;
Sec 2 SENE, N2NE, NENW;
Sec 3 ALL;
Sec 8, SE4;
Sec 11 ALL;
Sec 12, S2SE, N2, S2SW;
Sec 13, 14, 15, 17, ALL;
Sec 18, NW4;
Sec 20, SE4;
Sec 21 ALL;
Sec 22 SW4;
Sec 28 SE4NE4, E2SW; and
Sec 30 E2.
T. 10 N. R. 26 E.,
Sec 4 NW;
Sec 6 NENE; and
Sec 32 SE4, NE4, N2NW, SENW, SW4 T.11
N. R.26 E.,
Sec 14 ALL;
Sec 15 E2;
Sec 17 ALL;
Sec 18 S2;
Sec 19 ALL
Sec 20 ALL;
Sec 22 S2;
Sec 24 SWNW;
Sec 26 SE4;

Sec 27,28,29 ALL;
Sec 30 NW4, S2S2;
Sec 31,32,33 ALL;
Sec 34 S2
T. 9 N., R. 27 E.,
Sec 6 NE4, E2NW, E2SW;
Sec 7 NW4
T. 10 N., R. 27 E.,
Sec 4 ALL;
Sec 6 E2NE, W2NW.

Roads designated open are as follows :
County roads—Alec Roy, Gage Dome,
Griffith, Colony, and Big Wall.

Seven other roads designated open are:
Colony road in section17 heading southward
and terminating at a fence line. A second
road coming off Colony road in Sec 14
proceeding southward approximately one
mile to a road closed sign. The Crook Creek
Spur road originating at the Alec Roy road in
Sec 31 and proceeding eastward
approximately 2.5 miles ending at a fence
line.

The North Spur road originating at the
Crooked Creek Spur road in Sec 32 and
proceeding northward approximately 1.5
miles to a road closed sign. The Gage Dome
road in Sec 21 proceeding southward
approximately one mile to a road closed sign.
The Gage Dome road in Sec 15 running
approximately .5 mile northward to a road
closed sign. The last road originating at the
Gage Dome road in Sec 13 and running
approximately one mile northward to a road
closed sign.

Graves Ranch

T. 10 N., R. 25 E.,
Sec 5—Public land west of Highway 87;
Sec 6, S2; and
Sec 7 ALL;
T. 10 N., R. 24 E.,
Sec 2 W2; and
Sec 12 E2NE, SWNE;
T. 11 N., R. 24 E.,
Sec 4 E2SE, SWNW, SW;
Sec 5 SESE, E2NE, SWNE, S2NW, NWNW,
SWSW;
Sec 6 ALL;
Sec 7 NWSE, NENE, E2NENW, N2SW;
Sec 8 SE, NW, E2SW;
Sec 20, N2;
Sec 25 W2SE, NENE, W2NE, E2NW,
SWNW, SW4;
Sec 35 E2SE, NWSE, SENE, W2NE, E2NW,
NWNW, SW4
T. 11 N., R. 25 E.,
Sec 32 Public land west of Hwy 87.

Roads designated open are as follows:
County roads—The Snowy Mountain and
Graves roads.

Other roads designated open that are not
county roads are as follows: That portion of
the road through public land starting in T.11
N., R.24 E. Sec 5 and proceeding westward
approximately 2 miles. The cut-off road
starting in T.11 N., R.24 E. Sec 7 proceeding
northward approximately 1 mile. That
portion of the road through public land
starting in T.11 N., R.24 E., Sec 8 proceeding
westward two miles. That portion of the
Graves cut-off road that runs across public
land. That portion of the road across public
land starting at Hwy 87 going southward to
the Graves cut-off road.

Grewell Ranch

T. 3 S., R. 24 E.,
 Sec 21 NWSE;
 Sec 27 NWNW;
 Sec 28 N2SE, E2NE, SWNE, E2SW; and
 Sec 32 SWSE, N2SE, SWNE.

Grove Creek:

T. 8 S., R. 20 E.,
 Sec 25 & 26 S4;
 Sec 35 All public land
 T. 8 S., R. 21 E.,
 Sec 30 S4;
 Sec 32 S2
 T. 9 S., R. 20 E.,
 Secs 1, 12, 13, 14, 24 and 26 All public land
 T. 9 S., R. 21 E.,
 Secs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15,
 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27,
 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33 All public land
 T. 9 S., R. 22 E.,
 Secs 6, 7, 8 and 18 All public land within
 the Management Area.

Roads designated open are as follows:
 County roads—Grove Creek to the Grove
 Creek ranch, all of Meteetsee Trail, and all of
 Robinson Draw.

Other roads designated open are: That
 portion of Ruby Creek road beginning in T.
 9S., R. 21E., Sec 20 proceeding northeasterly
 to the west boundary line of Sec 13; that
 portion of Mill Draw road beginning in T.
 9S., R. 21E., Sec 13 to the west boundary line
 of T. 9S., R. 21E., Sec 22; that portion of the
 Gold Creek Spring road on the north
 boundary line of Sec 6 to the spring in Sec
 6; South Grove Creek road in T. 8S., R. 20E.,
 Sec 35; and Oil Pad road beginning with the
 junction of Grove Creek Ranch road
 proceeding northeasterly approximately 1¼
 miles to an old oil pad.

Janich Ranch:

T. 5 N., R. 27 E.,
 Sec 6 E2;
 Sec 7 ALL;
 Sec 8 NWSE, NENE, W2NE, NW, SW
 Sec 19 & 20 ALL;
 Sec 30 SE, S2NE;
 Sec 31 ALL;
 Sec 32 W2

Roads designated open are as follows: That
 portion of the East Ford road through public
 land starting in T. 4N., R. 27E., Sec 5
 proceeding northward 6.5 miles to the
 junction of the Old Divide road.

Keebler

T. 4 N., R. 24 E.,
 Sec 1 E2NE
 T. 4 N., R. 25 E.,
 Sec 6 W2SWNW, W2SW;
 Sec 7 W2SE, SWNE, E2NW, SWNW, SW,
 Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4;
 Sec 18 SESE

Lone Indian Ranch

T. 1 N., R. 16 E.,
 Sec 2 S2SE, N2NE, N2NW, S2SW;
 Sec 10 SENE, N2NE, N2NW;
 Sec 12 NW, N2SW
 T. 2 N., R. 16 E.,
 Sec 26 SE, S2NE, S2NW, SW;
 Sec 34 NE, NW

Roads designated open are as follows: That
 portion of Sam's Creek road that crosses
 public land.

Pole Creek

T. 9 N., R. 23 E.,
 Sec 1, SEN2;
 Sec 2 NWSE, NW4, NESW;
 Sec 4 S2;
 Sec 8 N2NE, N2NW;
 Sec 9, S2;
 Sec 12 SWSE, E2SE, W2NW, W2SW,
 SESW;
 Sec 24 NW4, SWSW; and
 Sec 25 ALL
 T. 9 N., R. 24 E.,
 Sec 28 N2NW
 T. 10 N., R. 23 E.,
 Sec 13, 15, 23, 25, 26, 27, and 35 ALL;
 Sec 14 NE4, NW4, SW4;
 Sec 22 SE4;

All public land in Sec 24; Sec 30 N2, SW4;
 and
 Sec 34 E2

T. 10 N., R. 24 E.,
 Sec 17 NE4, E2NW;
 Sec 18 W2;
 Sec 19 and 29 ALL,
 Sec 20 SE4, W2NW, SENW, SW4;
 Sec 21 E2;
 Sec 28 E2, SESW

Roads designated open are as follows:
 County roads—Lake Mason, Pole Creek, Golf
 Course, and Snowy Mountain.

Other roads designated open are as follows:
 The road existing on the south boundary of
 T. 10 N., R. 24 E., Sec 30 that runs for one
 mile. That portion of a road on BLM that
 starts at the junction of the Grazing District
 and Lake Mason roads and runs westward
 three miles, then northward for
 approximately three miles. The road in T. 10
 S., R. 24 E., Sec 19 coming off Lake Mason
 road running northwest for over a mile. That
 portion of the road that exists on BLM and
 runs on the north boundary of T. 9 N., R. 24
 E., Sec 24.

Tilstra Ranch

T. 7 S., R. 24 E.,

All public lands in the below listed
 sections within the Cooperative Management
 Area (CMA): Secs 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 29, 30,
 31 and 32

Roads designated open are as follows:
 County road—the Pryor Mountain road
 beginning at the northwest edge of the CMA
 proceeding southward approximately .5 mile
 then eastward approximately two miles to
 the east edge of the CMA.

Other roads designated open that are not
 county roads are as follows: That part of the
 Depression Reservoir road that crosses public
 land in sections 29, 30, 31, and 32.

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T. 8 N., R. 23 E.,
 Sec 14 SENE
 T. 7 N., R. 24 E.,
 Sec 9 S2;
 Sec 10 SE, E2;
 Sec 15 ALL;
 Sec 22 N2NW, SWNW, N2SW
 All established roads are open.

Wolf Creek

T. 8 S., R. 22 E.,
 Sec 7 S2SE;
 Sec 8 S2SW;
 Sec 15 S2SW;
 Sec 17 ALL except NENE;
 Sec 18 N2NE;
 Sec 19 SE, SENE;
 Sec 20 ALL;
 Sec 21 ALL;
 Sec 22 NW;
 Sec 28 N2NW;
 Sec 29 N2NE, N2NW, SWBW;
 Sec 30 N2
 T. 8S., R. 21 E.,
 Sec 9 W2SE, S2NW;
 Sec 10 All public lands except NWNE
 Sec 12 SWNE;
 Secs 14, 22, 24 and 26 ALL

Roads designated open are as follows:
 County roads—Wolf Creek road and
 Wolf Creek Spur road starting at the
 junction of Wolf Creek road (in Sec 18)
 proceeding eastward to the Bear Creek
 highway. There are no other open roads
 on public land during hunting season.

DATES: These designations will only be
 in effect during the hunting season as
 established by the Montana Department
 of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks. This
 designation will be in effect during the
 2000 hunting season and will remain in
 effect until rescinded by the authorized
 officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Dated: August 22, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

**[WY-920-1430-EU; WYW 141063, WYW
 142691]**

**Opening of National Forest System
 Land; Wyoming**

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management,
 Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice terminates the
 temporary segregative effect of National
 Forest System lands which were
 originally included in two applications
 for exchanges: one for 236.16 acres in
 the Thunder Basin National Grassland,
 Medicine Bow National Forest and the
 other for 210.00 acres in the Bighorn
 National Forest.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 28, 2000.