

pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act. The Service will evaluate the permit application, Plan, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the Act. If it is determined that the requirements are met, a permit will be issued for the incidental take of the northern spotted owl. The final permit decision will be made no sooner than 30 days from the date of this notice.

Dated: October 10, 2000.

Elizabeth H. Stevens,

Deputy Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Sacramento, California.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U.S. Geological Survey

Request for Public Comments on Information Collection Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Review Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

A request extending the collection of information listed below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of the proposed collection of information and related forms may be obtained by contacting the USGS Clearance Officer at the phone number listed below. OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days; therefore, public comments should be submitted to OMB within 30 days in order to assure their maximum consideration. Comments and suggestions on the requirement should be made directly to the Desk Officer for the Interior Department, Office of Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 and to the USGS Clearance Officer, U.S. Geological Survey, 807 National Center, Reston, VA 20192.

As required by OMB regulations at CFR 1320.8(d)(1), the U.S. Geological Survey solicits specific public comments regarding the proposed information collection as to:

1. Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the USGS, including whether the information will have practical utility;
2. The accuracy of the USGS estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. The utility, quality, and clarity of the information to be collected; and,
4. How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other forms of information technology.

Title: Mine, Development, and Mineral Exploration Supplement. Current OMB approval number: 1028-0060.

Abstract: Respondents supply the U.S. Geological Survey with domestic production, exploration, and mine development data on nonfuel mineral commodities. This information will be published as an Annual Report for use by Government agencies, industry, and the general public.

Bureau Form Numbers: 9-4000-A.

Frequency: Annual.

Description of Respondents: Nonfuel Mineral and Uranium Producers, Development and Exploration Operations.

Annual Responses: 739.

Annual Burden Hours: 555.

Bureau Clearance Officer: John Cordyack, 703-648-7313.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-010-1220-HA]

Notice of Closure of Certain Public Lands to the Use of Motorized Vehicles

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of closure of certain public lands to the use of motorized vehicles.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that motorized vehicle use is allowed only on Crooked Creek Road and the parking lot of the 17-Mile Area. The remaining lands at the 17-Mile Area are closed to motorized vehicle use. The 17-Mile Area is located 12 miles north of Billings, Montana on Crooked Creek Road west of Montana Highway 87. This closure is necessary for public safety and resource protection on lands used for firearms target practice.

Designation and location of public lands:

Open to motorized vehicle use: Crooked Creek Road and the adjoining parking lot,

T. 3 N., R. 26 E., P.M.M.,
Sec. 9, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 10, S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Closed to motorized vehicle use:

T. 3 N., R. 26 E., P.M.M.,
Sec 4, all;
Sec. 8, W $\frac{1}{2}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 9, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$,
W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec 10. NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

Exempted from this closure are Bureau of Land Management employees on official business, firefighting forces, law enforcement officers, or persons with a permit or written authorization allowing the otherwise prohibited act.

Authority: Authority for this action is outlined in sections 302, 303, and 310 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (43 USC 1716) and Title 43 Code of Federal Regulations, subpart 8341 (43 CFR 8341.2) and subpart 8364 (43 CFR 8364.1). Any person who fails to comply with this closure is subject to arrest and a fine of up to \$1,000 or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months, or both.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This closure is effective year-around upon the date of publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sandra S. Brooks, Field Manager, BLM, Billings Field Office, 5001 Southgate Drive, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800 or call 406-896-5013.

Dated: October 6, 2000.

Sandra S. Brooks,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-010-1220-AA]

Notice of Closure of Certain Public Lands to the Discharge of Firearms, Pellet Guns, and Paint-Ball Guns

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of closure of certain public lands to the discharge of firearms, pellet guns, and paint-ball guns.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that on all public lands in the South Hills Area, located two miles south of Billings, Montana; and 16.88 acres of land, located two miles southeast of Laurel, Montana, situated on the right bank of the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone River, directly across the river from the Sundance Lodge Recreation Area, are closed to the discharge of firearms, pellet guns, and paint-ball guns. This closure is necessary for public safety