

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, North Platte National Wildlife Refuge, 115 Railway Street, Suite C109, Scottsbluff, NE 69363-1346; or download from <http://www.r6.fws.gov/larp>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 2,722-acre North Platte National Wildlife Refuge is located in the Nebraska Panhandle, within the Central Flyway and Kansas/Platte Rivers ecosystem, about eight miles north of the city of Scottsbluff, NE. This Refuge is superimposed over or adjoining three Bureau of Reclamation reservoirs consisting of Lake Minatare, Winters Creek Lake, and Lake Alice. The North Platte NWR was established by Executive Order in 1916 as a "preserve and breeding ground for native birds." Since the Refuge is superimposed over Bureau lands, it remains subordinate to "Reclamation service uses." Management of the North Platte NWR will be guided by its purpose to provide a preserve and breeding ground for migratory birds as well as to provide for the life requirements of other species of wildlife, subject to Bureau uses, and to provide compatible, high quality environmental education and wildlife-oriented recreational opportunities.

Dated: September 21, 2001.

John A. Blankenship,

Regional Director, Denver, Colorado.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID-095-1430-NJ]

Emergency Closure of Public Lands

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Emergency closure of public lands for access on all roads, trails and cross country travel to mechanized vehicles (motorized vehicles of all types) on BLM administered lands in Elmore County, Idaho, containing 480 acres.

SUMMARY: The operation of all mechanized vehicles (motorized vehicles of all types) on public lands administered by BLM on the S $\frac{1}{2}$, Section 19, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$, Section 30; T. 1 S., R. 5 E., Boise Meridian, Elmore

County, Idaho is hereby prohibited. The emergency access closure is intended to protect special status plant species, and their habitats, from further degradation and demise. Also, due to the unauthorized road excavation over an existing petroleum pipeline this unauthorized activity has made the pipeline dangerously close to the surface putting the public's health, safety and well-being at extremely high risk. The closure will go into effect immediately and will expire October 4, 2003. Exceptions to this closure may include vehicle use for administrative and emergency purposes. Under special circumstances, the authorized officer may issue a permit allowing vehicle access into the area for specific purposes.

Definitions: (a) "Public lands" means any lands or interests in lands owned by the United States and administered by the Secretary of the Interior through the Bureau of Land Management. (b) "Authorized Officer" means any employee of the Bureau of Land Management who has been delegated the authority to perform the duties described in this order. (c) "Emergency vehicles" means any fire or law enforcement vehicle use for emergency purposes. (d) "Administrative vehicles" refers to any vehicles used by an employee, agent or designated representative of the federal government, or one of its contractors, in the course of their employment, agency or representation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This Emergency Access Closure Order is effective immediately through October 4, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Bureau of Land Management, Four Rivers Field Office, 3948 Development Ave., Boise, Idaho 83705.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daryl Albiston, Four Rivers Field Manager, (208) 384-3300.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This emergency closure is being established and administered by the Bureau of Land Management. Authority for this action is found in CFR Title 43, subpart 8360.0-3 and complies with CFR Title 43, subpart 8364.1 Closure and Restriction Orders. Violation of this closure order is in accordance with CFR Title 43, subpart 8360.0-7 punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months. Such violations may also be subject to the enhanced fines provided for by the Title 18 U.S.C. 3571.

Dated: October 5, 2001.

Daryl Albiston,

Four Rivers Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-020-1310-AC]

Notice of meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Montana, Billings and Miles City Field Offices, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Eastern Montana Resource Advisory Council will have a meeting on December 13, 2001 at the Hampton Inn Conference Room, 5110 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana starting at 8 a.m. Primary agenda topics include an update on the Oil and Gas EIS, a report on the Pryor Mountain wild horse gather, rangeland monitoring, and a presentation by the Montana Sage Grouse Technical Committee.

The meeting is open to the public and the public comment period is set for 1 p.m. The public may make oral statements before the Council or file written statements for the Council to consider. Depending on the number of persons wishing to make an oral statement, a per person time limit may be established. Summary minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marilyn Krause, Public Affairs Specialist, Miles City Field Office, 111 Garryowen Road, Miles City, Montana 59301, telephone (406) 233-2831.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Council is to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management. The 15 member Council includes individuals who have expertise, education, training or practical experience in the planning and management of public lands and their resources and who have a knowledge of the geographical jurisdiction of the Council.

Dated: October 22, 2001.

David McIlnay,

Field Manager.

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