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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-020-95-1220-00; N2-5-95]

Nevada; Temporary Closure of Certain Public Lands in the Winnemucca District for Management of the Summer 1995 Running of the "Fernley 250" Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Race**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management (Interior).**ACTION:** Temporary closure of certain Public Lands in Washoe, Lyon and Churchill Counties, Nevada on and adjacent to the 1995 "Fernley 250" race course on June 24, 1995. Access will be limited to race officials, entrants, law-enforcement and emergency personnel, licensed permittee(s) and right-of-way grantees.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Certain public lands in the Winnemucca District, Washoe, Lyon and Pershing Counties will be temporarily closed to public access from 0600 hours, June 24, 1995 to 2400 hours June 24, 1995, to protect persons, property and public land resources on and adjacent to the 1995 "Fernley 250" OHV race course. The Sonoma-Gerlach Area Manager is the authorized officer for the 1995 "Fernley 250" OHV race, permit number N2-5-95. These temporary closures and restrictions are made pursuant to 43 CFR Part 8364. The public lands to be closed or restricted are those lands adjacent to and including roads, trails and washed identified as the 1995 "Fernley 250" OHV race course.

The following public lands administered by the BLM restricted or closed are described as the following:

T. 21 N., R. 24. E., Sec. 36; T. 22 N., R. 24 E., Sec. 2 and 12; T. 23 N., R. 24 E., Sec. 4, 8, 12, 14, 16, 22 and 26; T. 24 N., R. 24 E., Sec. 9, 10, 12, 16, 17, 20, 22 and 28; T. 25 N., R. 24 E., Sec. 36; T. 21 N., R. 25 E., Sec. 6, 8, 12, 14, 20, 22, 28, and 32; T. 20 N., R. 25 E., Sec. 4 and 6; T. 21 N., R. 25 E., Sec. 6, 8, 12, 14, 22 and 28; T. 22 N., R. 25 E., Sec. 18 and 30; T. 23 N., R. 25 E., Sec. 2, 6, 10, 12 and 14; T. 24 N., R. 25 E., Sec. 8, 18, 20, 30, 32, 34 and 36; T. 25 N., R. 25 E., Sec. 30, 31, and 32; T. 21 N., R. 26 E., Sec. 6 and 8; T. 21 N., R. 26 E., Sec. 6; T. 22 N., R. 26 E., Sec. 2, 14, 22, 28, and 32; T. 23 N., R. 26 E., Sec. 4, 6, 10, 22, 26, and 36; T. 24 N., R. 26 E., Sec. 28, 30 and 32.

The following public lands administered by the BLM will be designated as a secondary pit area: T. 23 N., R. 24 E., Sec. 14.

The lands involved are located in the Mount Diablo Meridian and are located north and northeast of Fernley, Nevada. They are within Washoe, Pershing and Lyon Counties, A map showing the exact route of the course is available

from the following BLM office: the Winnemucca District Office, 705 East Fourth Street, Winnemucca, Nevada, 89445, (702) 623-1500.

Any person who fails to comply with this closure order issued under 43 CFR Part 8364 may be subject to the penalties provided for in 43 CFR 8360.7
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lynn Clemons, 705 East Fourth Street, Winnemucca, Nevada 89445, (702) 623-1500.

Dated: May 25, 1995.

Ron Wenker,*District Manager, Winnemucca.*

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Proposed California Desert Conservation Area Plan Amendment, Palm Springs-South Coast Resource Area, Southern California**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to prepare a proposed plan amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan and environmental assessment.**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) and the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR 1501.7, 43 CFR 1610.2), notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will prepare an environmental assessment and proposed California Desert Conservation Area plan amendment affecting public lands within the Palm Springs-South Coast Resource Area. The proposed plan amendments would expand two existing Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC): the Big Morongo Canyon ACEC (No. 50) and the Salt Creek Pupfish/Rail Habitat ACEC (No. 60). The name of the Salt Creek ACEC would also be changed to Dos Palmas ACEC.**DATES:** Citizens are requested to help identify significant issues or concerns related to the proposed plan amendments. Recommendations from citizens regarding additional plan amendments may also be considered, for example, new ACECs or changing land use designations. Written comments must be submitted no later than 30 days from the date of this notice to the following address: Ms. Julia Dougan, Area Manager, Bureau of Land Management Palm Springs-South Coast Resource Area, 63-500 Garnet Avenue, North Palm Springs, CA 92258-2000. Citizens submitting comments will

automatically be included in the mailing list to receive a copy of the Proposed Plan and Environmental Assessment when available.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: If you require additional information or simply would like to be included in the mailing list, contact Ms. Elena Misquez, Bureau of Land Management Palm Springs-South Coast Resource Area, 63-500 Garnet Avenue, North Palm Springs, CA 92258-2000; telephone(619) 251-4826.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Big Morongo Canyon ACEC currently includes 3,705 acres of public land just east of Highway 62, and 7 miles north of Interstate 10, San Bernardino County. BLM proposes to expand the ACEC to establish a corridor between the BLM-managed public lands and Joshua Tree National Park, 5 miles due east. Management prescriptions for the ACEC would only apply to the BLM-managed public lands. The proposed ACEC expansion would protect sensitive plant and wildlife habitat and wildlife movement corridors.

The Salt Creek Pupfish/Rail Habitat ACEC (4,288 acres) is located northeast of the Salton Sea and Highway 111 in Riverside County. The ACEC would be renamed as the Dos Palmas ACEC in recognition of the Dos Palmas Ecosystem of which the Salt Creek ACEC is an integral part. The ACEC boundary would be expanded to approximately 17,000 acres to include additional public lands and lands acquired by The Nature Conservancy for the protection of sensitive plant, wildlife and cultural resources. Management prescriptions for the ACEC would not apply to non-TNC private lands within the proposed ACEC boundary. TNC and BLM would continue their acquisition effort from willing sellers within the proposed ACEC boundary.

Public participation is an integral part of the planning and NEPA process in which members of the public are informed of proposed actions affecting the public lands and resources, and are encouraged to submit comments regarding these proposals. For 30-days commencing the date of this notice, citizens are formally requested to identify issues and to suggest alternative or new proposals to be addressed in the proposed plan and environmental assessment. Upon completion of the proposed plan amendment and environmental assessment, a notice of availability will be published in the **Federal Register** followed by a 60-day public comment period. Plan protests filed in accordance with 43 CFR 1610.5-