

intersects the Powell Butte Highway at Township 17 South, Range 13 East, and the southwest quarter of Section 3; Mayfield Pond Access Road which originates where it intersects Alfalfa Market Road at Township 17 South, Range 13 East, and the SE quarter of Section 26 and continues north towards the B.P.A. Powerline; the Access Road into the North Mayfield Pond Pasture beginning in Township 17 South, Range 13 East, and the east half of Section 23; and the B.P.A. Powerline Right of Way #ORE 010362. All other roads, trails, and BLM managed public lands are closed to motorized vehicle use. The purpose of this closure is to protect resource values in this area and increase visitor safety and public satisfaction. More specifically, this closure is to reduce impacts to soils, vegetation, wildlife, and adjacent landowners and to reduce unsafe access off of main roads or highways. Exemptions to this closure order apply to administrative personnel, allotment permittees, the National Guard, the Electric companies for access along and maintenance of the existing powerlines and right of ways, landowners with inholdings, and the Central Oregon Irrigation District for maintenance of irrigation canals. Other exemptions to this closure order may be made on a case by case basis by the authorized officer. This emergency order will be evaluated in the Urban Interface plan Amendment to the 1989 Brothers/La Pine Resource management Plan. The authority for this closure is 43 CFR 8364.1: Closure and restriction orders.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Violation of this closure order is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months as provided in 43 CFR 8360.0-7.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Perault, BLM Prineville District Office, P.O. Box 550, Prineville, Oregon 97754, (Telephone 541-416-6711).

Dated: December 16, 1996.

Donald L. Smith,

Associate District Manager, Prineville District Office.

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Notice of Availability of Final Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Grazing Management for Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Lands in Utah and State Director's Record of Decision

SUMMARY: The Utah Bureau of Land Management has developed Standards

for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Grazing Management for the public lands in Utah, pursuant to the Grazing Regulations (43 CFR 4100) of August, 1995. This document is available to the public. A 30-day protest period is provided which will run concurrently with the Governor's Consistency Review. This 30-day period ends January 24, 1997. At the end of that period, the State Director's Decision will become final and the "Standards and Guidelines" will be forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval which places them in effect.

DATES: A 30-day protest period is provided which ends January 24, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deane Zeller, Team Leader, Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, 324 South State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84111; phone (801) 539-4052.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Utah Standards and Guidelines have been developed in consultation with the Resource Advisory Council and with public participation. They have been provided to the Governor of Utah for his review for consistency with State and local plans in accordance with 43 CFR 1600. Public meetings were held in various locations within the State.

When approved by the Secretary, the Standards and Guidelines constitute the State Director's Policy and Planning Guidance. As such, they will be used by all BLM offices in Utah as guidance for land use planning, developing rangeland improvement projects, issuing grazing permits and leases, and general grazing administration. The Standards will apply to all land uses (where law and regulations do not dictate otherwise) and Guidelines will apply to all grazing on public lands. Appropriate National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) compliance will be performed on implementation actions, such as land use plan amendments, preparation of new land use plans, permit issuance, rangeland improvements, etc., prior to any decisions taken under these Standards and Guidelines.

It has been determined that these Standards and Guidelines are in conformance with existing BLM land use plans. That conformance review, NEPA compliance, and other documents associated with the Standards and Guidelines are available to the public at the BLM's Utah State Office.

Dated: December 19, 1996.

William G. Lamb,

Utah BLM State Director.

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Arizona; Notice of Realty Action

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Classification of Public Land for Recreation and Public Purposes Lease/Conveyance, La Paz County, Arizona.

SUMMARY: The following described public land has been examined and found suitable for classification for lease and conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 et seq.):

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona

T. 3 N., R. 19 W.,

sec. 20, S¹/₂SE¹/₄SE¹/₄SE¹/₄.

Containing 5 acres, more or less.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Quartzsite, Arizona, Fire Department has filed an R&PP application amending their original legal description for a fire station (Fire Station #3) that would be located in La Paz Valley along County 53rd Street North approximately 6 miles south of Quartzsite. A facility is needed in this part of the Fire District to serve the nearby subdivision which currently has no fire station. This land is identified in the Yuma District Resource Management Plan, as amended, as having potential for disposal. Leave and conveyance of the land for recreational or public purposes would be in the public interest.

Lease and conveyance, when issued, will contain the following reservations to the United States:

1. Rights-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States.

2. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove such deposits from the same under applicable law and regulations to be established by the Secretary of the Interior.

And will be subject to:

1. The provisions of the R&PP Act and all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

2. Those rights for a public road granted to the La Paz County Department of Public Works (AZA 25925).

3. Those rights for a buried telephone cable granted to Southwestern Telephone Company (AZA 22967).

Upon publication of this notice in the Federal Register, the land will be segregated from all forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease and conveyance under the R&PP Act, leasing under the mineral