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Notice of Meeting of John Day-Snake Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Prineville District.

ACTION: Meeting of John Day-Snake Resource Advisory Council: Pendleton, Oregon; February 27, 1997.

SUMMARY: A meeting of the John Day-Snake Resource Advisory Council will be held on February 27, 1997 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, at the Red Lion Inn, 304 SE Nye Ave, Pendleton, Oregon. Public comments will be received from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm on February 27, 1997. Topics to be discussed include the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project, Standards for Rangeland Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing on public lands, and Council Work Plan for 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James L. Hancock, Bureau of Land Management, Prineville District Office, 3050 NE Third Street, Prineville, Oregon 97754, or call 541-416-6700.

James L. Hancock,
District Manager.

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Emergency Restriction on Use of Trails on Public Land, Catron County, NM

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

ACTION: Emergency Use Restriction.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Las Cruces District is implementing an emergency use restriction on two vehicle trails leading into private property. Effective immediately, the use of motorized vehicles on the following described vehicle trails is restricted to the period from August 15 through November 30 of each year. Motorized vehicles are prohibited from using the trails each year during the period from December 1 through August 14.

The use restriction is implemented to prevent damage to the adjacent and nearby private property. The need for the emergency restriction was based on recurring incidents of property damage and vandalism to improvements on the private property accessed by the vehicle trails. The authority for this emergency restriction is 43 CFR 8364.1: Closure and Restriction Orders. The first vehicle trail begins on the north boundary of U.S. Highway 60, within the public land in section 22 and ends on the south boundary of section 15, all in T. 1 N.,

R. 17 W., NMPM. The second vehicle trail begins on the north boundary of U.S. Highway 60, within public land in the NW¹/₄ of section 22 and ends on the boundary between sections 16 and 21, all in T. 1 N., R. 17 W., NMPM.

The use restriction is not intended to affect valid existing rights or other public land uses on the subject land or rights-of-way of any private landowners. This order is not intended to affect uses or restrictions on New Mexico State-owned land. Persons that are exempt from this restriction are Mr. Robert Wellborn, and any Federal, State or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty, or any person authorized or permitted in writing by the BLM. BLM personnel conducting official duties, cooperating agency personnel, and contractors authorized by the BLM are included in the exemption from this order.

DATES: This order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded or modified by the Authorized Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron Dunton, Socorro Resource Area Manager, or Jon Hertz, Chief, Multi-Resources, 198 Neel Avenue, NW., Socorro New Mexico 87801 or at (505) 835-0412.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Violations of this order are punishable by fines not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 1 year.

This use restriction will be evaluated in an environmental assessment to be completed by the Socorro Resource Area in the near future. Copies of the restriction order and maps showing the location of the trails are available from the Socorro Resource Area Office, 198 Neel Avenue, NW., Socorro, New Mexico 87801.

Dated: January 10, 1997.
Richard T. Watts,
Acting District Manager.
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[NM-930-1310-01; NMNM 83040]

New Mexico: Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

Under the provisions of Public Law 97-451, a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease NMNM 83040 for lands in Eddy County, New Mexico, was timely filed and was accompanied by all required rentals and royalties accruing from January 1, 1996, the date of termination.

No valid lease has been issued affecting the lands. The lessee has

agreed to new lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$10.00 per acre or fraction thereof and 16²/₃ percent, respectively. The lessee has paid the required \$500 administrative fee and has reimbursed the Bureau of Land Management for the cost of this Federal Register notice.

The Lessee has met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as set out in Sections 31 (d) and (e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), and the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate the lease effective January 1, 1996, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gloria S. Baca, BLM, New Mexico State Office, (505) 438-7566.

Dated: January 10, 1997.

Gloria S. Baca,

Land Law Examiner.

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Fish and Wildlife Service

Revision of The National List of Plant Species That Occur in Wetlands

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service seeks public input and comment on a revised National List of Plant Species That Occur in Wetlands (Reed 1988) (hereafter, "National list"). The revised National list conforms to Kartesz (1994). A wetland indicator was assigned to each species that expresses the fidelity to wetlands by region and sub-region. The National list was originally developed as an appendix to Cowardin et al. (1979). The National list has also been used to determine the presence of hydrophytic vegetation in the Clean Water Act Section 404 wetland regulatory program and in implementing the swampbuster provisions of the Food Security Act. **DATES:** Comments on the revised National list must be received by April 15, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the revised National list including its regional subdivisions are available on February 15, 1997, from the Fish and Wildlife Service, National Wetlands Inventory, Suite 101, Monroe Building, 9720 Executive Center Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2440. Electronic copies of the

above lists are available for downloading from the World Wide Web at <http://www.nwi.fws.gov/ecology.htm>. Written comments may be submitted to the Fish and Wildlife Service, National Wetlands Inventory, Suite 101, Monroe Building, 9720 Executive Center Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2440, faxed to (813) 570-5409, or electronically transmitted to: ecology@wetlands.nwi.fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Porter B. Reed, Jr., Fish and Wildlife Service, at (813) 570-5425, Dr. Russell Theriot, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, at (601) 634-2733, Mr. William Sipple, Environmental Protection Agency, at (202) 260-6066, or Dr. Norman Melvin, Natural Resources Conservation Service, at (301) 497-5933.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 1996 National list is a revision of Reed (1988). The revised National list is provided to encourage additional public review and comments on the draft regional wetland indicator assignments. The National list was produced under the guidance of National and Regional Interagency Review Panels composed of representatives of the Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Environmental Protection Agency, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service. The National Panel provides guidance and direction for the development and maintenance of the National list. The wetland ecologist of the National Wetlands Inventory, Fish and Wildlife Service, coordinates the activities of the National Panel.

The National Panel meets as necessary to review Regional Interagency Review Panel progress and to set future direction and goals. The Regional Panels solicit and obtain information from their agency personnel, regional reviewers, and from published literature. This information is used by the Regional Panels to assign regional wetland indicators. The Regional Panels are coordinated by a Fish and Wildlife Service representative, usually the Regional Wetland Inventory Coordinator. The Regional Panels also meet as necessary to consider and assess all new submissions recommending changes to the National list that relate to their respective regions.

In 1996, the cooperating agencies responsible for the development and continued enhancement of the National list signed an "Agreement for Coordination in the Refinement of the National list of Vascular Plant Species That Occur in Wetlands." The National list is a combination of the Regional lists into a single list and will be released as

a Fish and Wildlife Service publication available to the other agencies and the public. The production of new National lists will occur every 5 years. If changes to the Regional lists become necessary outside the 5-year cycle, those changes will be made in compliance with these procedures.

The National list will remain dynamic and the submission of well documented review comments based on field experience is encouraged. All scientific plant names included in a submission must be contained in the 1994 Synonymized Checklist or the Natural Resource Conservation Agency's PLANTS database <http://trident.ftc.nrcs.usda.gov/npdc/>. Complete documentation, including a description and explanation of the variety of field sites and/or data supporting the recommended wetland indicator, is necessary for the Regional Interagency Review Panels to adequately understand and consider a submission. To assist in documentation and to facilitate the review, a submission should contain a strong rationale supporting the proposed recommendation including the extent of the area that the field experience and data provided are based. Information presented in the submission from botanical and ecological texts and periodicals should be supplied with the citation of the source. The rationale should clearly discuss, as part of the field information, the percentage of occurrence of the taxon in both wetland and non-wetland areas. A complete submission ideally should present, for each field site referenced in the submission, community information including the scientific names, quantitative measurements of vegetation (e.g. density, frequency, cover, or importance data), soils data including classification and morphology (especially the presence of field indicators (USDA 1996), hydrologic data (especially any intensive water table and redox potential monitoring), and landscape position. A review form is provided with the 1996 National list on the Ecology Section World Wide Web site to facilitate review submission. Completed review forms can be delivered by the World Wide Web to ecology@wetlands.nwi.fws.gov.

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U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service. 1996. Field Indicators of Hydric Soils in the United States. G.W. Hurt, Whited, P.M., and Pringle, R.F. (eds.). USDA, NRCS, Fort. Worth, TX.

Dated: January 6, 1997

John G. Rodgers,

Acting Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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Bureau of Land Management

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Filing of Plats of Survey: Oregon/ Washington

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The plats of survey of the following described lands are scheduled to be officially filed in the Oregon State Office, Portland, Oregon, thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this publication.

WILLAMETTE MERIDIAN

Oregon

T. 40 S., R. 2 E., accepted November 19, 1996

T. 2 N., R. 6 E., accepted October 18, 1996

T. 39 S., R. 13 E., accepted November 29, 1996

T. 28 S., R. 14 E., accepted August 29, 1996

T. 16 S., R. 36 E., accepted October 28, 1996

T. 22 S., R. 3 W., accepted October 28, 1996

T. 5 S., R. 6 W., accepted August 28, 1996

If protests against a survey, as shown on any of the above plat(s), are received prior to the date of official filing, the filing will be stayed pending consideration of the protest(s). A plat will not be officially filed until the day after all protests have been dismissed and become final or appeals from the dismissal affirmed.

The plat(s) will be placed in the open files of the Oregon State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 1515 S.W. 5th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97201, and will be available to the public as a matter of information only. Copies of the plat(s) may be obtained from the above office upon required payment. A person or party who wishes to protest against a survey must file with the State Director, Bureau of Land Management,