

as well as the penalties provided under Oregon State law.

The public lands and roads temporarily closed to public use under this order will be posted with signs at points of public access.

The purpose of this emergency temporary closure is to protect persons from potential harm associated with use of the identified public lands for drinking parties and related reckless and/or dangerous activities, as well as to protect the public from potential harm from logging operations and related timber harvest activities.

DATES: This closure is effective from February 7, 1997 through September 30, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the closure order and maps showing the location of the closed lands and roads are available from the Eugene District Office, P.O. Box 10226 (2890 Chad Drive), Eugene, Oregon 97440.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine M. Walsh, South Valley Area Manager, Eugene District Office, at (541) 683-6600.

Date: February 6, 1997.

Christine M. Walsh,
South Valley Area Manager.

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Prineville District; Closure of Public Lands; Oregon

February 12, 1997.

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice is hereby given that, effective immediately, the area legally described below is closed to use of all motorized vehicles (including but not limited to off-road vehicles and snowmobiles) yearlong. Also, the area legally described below is closed to use of all motorized equipment (including but not limited to chainsaws) from March 1 to August 31 annually.

Legal Description

This closure applies to the area located in Township 21 South, Range 10 East, Section 6, South half of the Southwest quarter; Section 6, Southeast quarter; Section 6, Southwest quarter of the Northeast quarter; and Section 7, North half of the Northwest quarter.

The area described above is closed to all motorized vehicle use yearlong. The area described above is closed seasonally to use of all motorized equipment from March 1 to August 31. The purpose of this closure is to protect

wildlife resources. More specifically, this closure is ordered to reduce disturbance and habitat destruction to nesting pairs of great gray owl and northern goshawk within the nest stand. Great gray owl and northern goshawk (Bureau sensitive species) are extremely sensitive to disturbance within the nest stand during the time period described above. Suitable nesting habitat for these species is currently very limited within the La Pine management area. Current uses at the site jeopardize the persistence and nesting success of these species in this area. Exemptions to this closure order may be made on a case-by-case basis as approved 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sarah Nichols, Wildlife Biologist, BLM Prineville District, P.O. Box 550, Prineville Oregon 97754, telephone (541) 416-6725.

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.

Dated: February 12, 1997.

James G. Kenna,

Deschutes Resource Area Manager, Prineville District Office.

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Notice of Realty Action: Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act Classification; Alaska

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management; Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action.

SUMMARY: The following public lands near Point Lay, Alaska, have been examined and found suitable for classification for lease or conveyance to the North Slope Borough under provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*). The North Slope Borough proposes to use the lands for a wastewater treatment plant site.

Umiat Meridian

Within sec. 36, T. 5 N., R. 45 W.

Containing 1.84 acres more or less.

The lands are not needed for Federal purposes. Conveyance is consistent with

current BLM land use planning and would be in the public interest.

The patent, when issued, will be subject to: the Provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of Interior; rights-of-way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States; reservations of all minerals to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Worley, Realty Specialist, Bureau of Land Management, Northern District Office, 1150 University Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709-3899 and by telephone at (907) 474-2309 or toll free 800-437-7021.

Upon publication of this notice in the Federal Register, the lands will be segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for the conveyance under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and leasing under the mineral leasing laws. For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register, interested persons may submit comments regarding the proposed conveyance or classification of the lands to the District Manager, Northern District Office, 1150 University Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska 99709-3899.

CLASSIFICATION COMMENTS: Interested parties may submit comments involving the suitability of the land for a wastewater treatment plant site. Comments on the classification are restricted to whether the land is physically suited for the proposal, whether the use will maximize the future use or uses of the land, whether the use is consistent with local planning and zoning, or if the use is consistent with State and Federal programs.

APPLICATION COMMENTS: Interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific use proposed in the application and plan of development, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor not directly related to the suitability of the land for a wastewater treatment plant site.

Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director. In the absence of any adverse comments, the classification will become effective 60 days from the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register.