

ADDRESSES: The Record of Decision is available from—Mexican Wolf Recovery Program, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 1306, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103-1306.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David R. Parsons, Mexican Wolf Recovery Program, Albuquerque, New Mexico (see **ADDRESSES** section) (telephone 505/248-6920; facsimile 505/248-6922; or by electronic mail at "david__parsons@mail.fws.gov.").

Dated: March 28, 1997.

John G. Rogers,

Acting Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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Bureau of Indian Affairs

Notice of Receipt of Petition for Federal Acknowledgment of Existence as an Indian Tribe

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

This is published in the exercise of authority delegated by the Secretary of the Interior to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Pursuant to 25 CFR 83.9(a) (formerly 25 CFR 54.8(a)) notice is hereby given that The Western Mohegan Tribe and Nation of New York, Route 22 PO Box 32, Granville, New York 12832 has filed a petition for acknowledgment by the Secretary of the Interior that the group exists as an Indian tribe. The petition was received by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) on January 27, 1997, and signed by members of the group's governing body.

This is a notice of receipt of petition and does not constitute notice that the petition is under active consideration. Notice of active consideration will be sent by mail to the petitioner and other interested parties at the appropriate time.

Under § 83.9(a) (§ 54.8(d)) of the Federal regulations, interested parties may submit factual and/or legal arguments in support of or in opposition to the group's petition. Any information submitted will be made available on the same basis as other information in the BIA's files. Such submissions will be provided to the petitioner upon receipt by the BIA. The petitioner will be provided an opportunity to respond to such submissions prior to a final determination regarding the petitioner's status.

The petition may be examined, by appointment, in the Department of the

Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Branch of Acknowledgment and Research, Room 3427-MIB, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240, Phone: (202) 208-3592.

Dated: March 24, 1997.

Ada E. Deer,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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Bureau of Land Management

[WY-930-97-1220-00]

Notice of Emergency Closure Along the Oregon/Mormon Pioneer/California/Pony Express National Historic Trails; Bureau of Land Management Administered Lands, Wyoming

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) hereby gives notice that, temporary road and trail closures may occur during inclement weather conditions or due to excessive erosion, on portions of public lands within Wyoming along the Oregon/Mormon Pioneer/California and Pony Express National Historic Trails during 1997. The Mormon Trail Sesquicentennial event will occur in 1997. Estimates of visitor use along the historic trails on public lands is estimated to be 100,000 to 1,000,000 people. In order to protect trail resources and to prevent unacceptable levels of resource degradation, emergency closures for vehicles, foot, and horse traffic may be needed.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The closure may become effective based on the resource conditions during the 1997 calendar year. Local authorized officers will notify the public through media sources and post closure notices along appropriate trail segments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jude Carino, Historic Trails Coordinator, Casper District Office, 1701 East E. Street, Casper, Wyoming 82601, (307) 261-7600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Historic Trails are fragile, nonrenewable resources. Improper use due to wet conditions could cause irreparable harm to the resource. Due to the Mormon Church's planned celebration of the 150th anniversary of the opening of the Mormon-Pioneer National Historic Trail, protective management actions need to be in place. Projections are for record visitation. Due to the fragile nature of the trail, combined with projected visitation and historic weather patterns, the BLM may find it necessary to temporarily close

portions of the trail and roads on public lands in the adjoining vicinity.

The emergency closure would apply to segments of BLM-administered public lands along the National Historic Trail within Wyoming. The closure prohibits the use of all mechanized motorized, non-motorized vehicles, foot and horse traffic along particular posted segments of the trail, with the exception of:

(1) Any Federal, State, or local officers engaged in fire, military, emergency, or law enforcement activities.

(2) BLM employees engaged in official duties.

(3) Private land owners accessing private land.

(4) Authorized public land users regulated through land use permits (i.e., grazing permittees). Authority for closure orders is provided under 43 CFR subpart 8364.1.

Violations of this closure are punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

Dated: March 25, 1997.

Alan R. Pierson,

State Director.

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Notice of Proposed Issuance of Disclaimer of Interest, Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed issuance of recordable disclaimers of interest, for areas in Garfield County, Colorado.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 315 of the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1745), that Edward Koch, Ed Juhan, James Lemon, and Barrett Resources Corporation, through the law firm of Delaney and Balcomb, Drawer 790, Glenwood Springs, Colorado 81601, have filed an application, Colorado 60190, for a recordable disclaimer of interest for "islands" within the Colorado River. Additional "islands" included in the following descriptions, may be the subject of future applications by other parties.

Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado

T. 6 S., R. 95 W.,

Tracts 37 and 39;

T. 7 S., R. 95 W.,

Tract 37;

T. 8 S., R. 96 W.,

Tracts 38, 39, 40 and 41.

The Bureau of Land Management has reviewed the official records in