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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-030-97-1220-00]

**Closure and Land Use Restrictions—
Amendment to Notice NV-030-97002**

EFFECTIVE DATES: The closure and activity restrictions become effective February 28, 1997. Interested persons may submit comments to the Carson City District Manager.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John O. Singlaub, District Manager, Carson City District, Bureau of Land Management, 1535 Hot Springs Road, Carson City, Nevada 89706, Telephone: (702) 885-6000.

Dated: January 27, 1997.

John O. Singlaub,

District Manager, Carson City District.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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**Temporary Closure of Public Lands:
Nevada, Carson City District**

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior Department.

ACTION: Temporary closure of certain public lands in Lyon and Storey Counties on and adjacent to two Off Highway Vehicle race courses: May 10-11, 1997: Virginia City Grand Prix—Permit Number NV-030-97-011; May 25, 1997: Yerington 300 Desert Race—Permit Number NV-030-96-10.

SUMMARY: The Acting Assistant District Manager, Non-Renewable Resources announces the temporary closure of selected public lands under his administration. This action is being taken to provide for public safety and to protect adjacent resources.

EFFECTIVE DATES: May 10, 11 & 25, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Fran Hull, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Carson City District, Bureau of Land Management, 1535 Hot Springs Road, Carson City, Nevada 89706, Telephone: (702) 885-6000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A map of the closures may be obtained at the contact address. The event permittees are required to clearly mark and monitor the event routes during the closure periods. Spectators and support vehicles may drive on existing accessory roads only. Spectators may observe the races from safe locations as directed by event officials and LBM personnel.

Specific information pertaining to each event is as follows:

1. *Western States Racing Association—Virginia City Grand Prix Motorcycle Race—Permit Number NV-030-99-011.* This event is a multiple-lap motorcycle race on dirt roads and trails near Virginia City, Nevada in Storey County within T16N R21E and T17N R21E. Bureau lands to be closed to public use include the width and length of those roads and trails identified by colorful flagging and paper arrows attached to wooden stakes designating the race route on the ground. Camping on public lands within the vicinity of and in conjunction with the race shall be prohibited. This closure will be in effect from 6:00 a.m. on May 10 through 4:00 p.m. on May 11, 1997.

2. *Valley Off-Road Racing Association Yerington 300 Desert Race—Permit Number NV-030-96-10.* A multiple-lap OHV race on roads and washes near Yerington, Nevada in Lyon County, within T12N R24E; T13N R24E; T14N R24E; T15N R24E; T16N R24E; T13N R25E; T15N R25E; T16N R25E; T17N R26E. Bureau lands to be closed to public use include the width and length of those roads and washes identified with colorful flagging and paper arrows attached to wooden stakes designating the race course on the ground. Designated spectator areas include: the Start/Finish gravel pit; points along Gallagher Pass and Churchill Canyon Roads. This closure will be in effect from 6:00 a.m. until midnight on May 25, 1997.

The above restrictions do not apply to race officials, law enforcement and agency personnel monitoring the event.

Authority: 43 CFR 8364 and 43 CFR 8372.

Penalty

Any person failing to comply with the closure order may be subject to imprisonment for not more than 12 months, or a fine in accordance with the applicable provisions of 18 U.S.C. 3571, or both.

Dated: April 3, 1997.

Daniel L. Jacquet,

Acting Assistant District Manager, Non Renewable Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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**Notice of Availability of the Draft
Environmental Impact Statement
(DEIS) for the Gillette South Coalbed
Methane Project, Campbell County,
Wyoming**

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Gillette South Coalbed Methane Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) which analyzes the environmental consequences of coalbed methane development within the Gillette South Project area. This development area is located in Campbell County and generally located within Townships 42 through 49 North; Ranges 70 through 73 West, 6th Principal Meridian. The area is accessed by U.S. Highway 59 south of Gillette, Wyoming. Access to the interior of the project area is provided by a road system developed to service prior and ongoing drilling and production activities.

DATES: Comments on the DEIS will be accepted through May 12, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the draft EIS should be sent to Mr. Richard Zander, Bureau of Land Management, Buffalo Resource Area, 1425 Fort Street, Buffalo, Wyoming 82834.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The draft EIS analyzes a proposed action and the no action alternative. It also considers four other alternatives: restrict timing of approval of Federal wells, reduce number of Federal wells approved, change the method of surface water disposal, and inject produced water underground. The proposal presented by the project operators is to continue to drill additional wells on their leased acreage within this natural gas development area.

Over the next 3 to 5 years, the project operators propose to drill up to 400