

Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,500.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[NV-040-1220-00]

#### Temporary Closure of Certain Roads and Public Lands: Nevada, Ely and Las Vegas Districts

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management.

**ACTION:** Temporary closure of certain roads and public lands in Clark and Lincoln County, Nevada, during the operation of the 1997 Silver State 300 Off-Highway Vehicle Race.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant District Manager, Nonrenewable Resources of the Ely District Office announces the temporary closure of selected roads and public lands under the administration of the Ely Field Office and the Las Vegas Field Office. Approximately 50 miles of a 300 mile vehicle race route are affected by this temporary closure. This action is being taken to comply with provisions of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's Biological Opinion for this race event (File No. 1-5-97-F-169), to prevent unnecessary environmental degradation of desert tortoise habitat during the official permitted running of the 1997 Silver State 300 Race, and to provide for public safety.

**EFFECTIVE DATE AND TIMES:** June 21, 1997 from 4:30 am through 1:00 pm Pacific Standard Time. As soon as all race vehicles have completed travel along segments of the designated route, the area will be progressively opened proceeding in a south to north direction. The area may be opened earlier than 1:00 pm if all race vehicles have passed beyond the northern boundary of the closure area.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mike Bunker, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Ely District, Bureau of Land Management, HC 33 Box 33500, Ely, Nevada 89301-9408. Telephone (702) 289-1800.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Maps of the designated route for this race event affected by this closure are available for inspection at the Bureau of Land Management Offices in Caliente, Ely and Las Vegas in Nevada.

**Closure Areas:** The closure affects a designated route and adjoining lands, bounded by Interstate Highway 15 on

the south and a point west of Lyman Crossing in Meadow Valley Wash on the north. The designated route is marked with colorful flagging, directional arrows and other markers that identify the race route on the ground. The area consists of established roads and adjoining lands within the area described below—

T. 9 S., R. 67 E.,  
Sec. 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 28, 29, 33, 34, and 35

T. 9 S., R. 68 E.,  
Sec. 31, 33, and 34

T. 10 S., R. 67 E.,  
Sec. 1, 2, and 3

T. 10 S., R. 68 E.,  
Sec. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, and 14

T. 10 S., R. 69 E.,  
Sec. 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 23, 26, and 34

T. 11 S., R. 69 E.,  
Sec. 3, 4, 9, 16, 17, 19, 20, 28, and 33

T. 12 S., R. 69 E.,  
Sec. 3, 4, 10, 11, 15, 21, 22, 29, 31, and 32

T. 13 S., R. 69 E.,  
Sec. 5, 8, 16, 17, 20, 28, and 29.

The entire width and length of the designated route and all lands within 300 feet of the edge of the course located within the legal description above, are closed to all vehicles except for Law Enforcement, Emergency Vehicles, Race Management Vehicles, and Official Race Vehicles. Access routes leading to the course are closed to vehicle use at a point 300 feet from their intersection with the course. Spectators are prohibited from entering the closure area. No vehicle stopping or parking is allowed within the closure area.

The following restrictions will be in effect for the duration of the closure. Unless otherwise authorized no person shall:

1. Park any vehicle in violation of posted restrictions, or in such a manner as to obstruct or impede normal or emergency traffic movement or the parking of other vehicles, creating a safety hazard, or endanger any person, property or feature. Vehicles so parked are subject to citation, removal and impoundment at owners expense;

2. Take a vehicle through, around or beyond a restrictive sign, recognizable barricade, fence, or traffic control barrier or other device;

3. Obstruct, resist, or attempt to elude a Law Enforcement Officer of fail to follow their orders or direction.

The above restrictions do not apply to public highways and roads, emergency vehicles, and vehicles owned by the United States, the State of Nevada, Lincoln County or Clark County. Vehicles under permit for operation by event participants or by race management personnel must adhere to the race permit stipulations. Vehicles

that are not operated by spectators that need to cross through the closure area may be specifically authorized to proceed if travel is confined to an access road that leads to a checkpoint where crossing of the race route can be safely accomplished as directed by race management personnel.

Authority for closure of public lands is found in 43 CFR part 8360, subpart 8364.1 and 43 CFR part 8372. Persons who violate this closure order may be subject to imprisonment for not more than 12 months, or a fine in accordance with the applicable provisions of 18 USC 3571, or both.

Dated: June 13, 1997.

**Gene L. Draiss,**

Assistant District Manager, Nonrenewable Resources.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Temporary Closure of Public Lands; Lane County, Oregon

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior

**ACTION:** Temporary Closure of Public Lands in Lane County, Oregon.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that certain public lands in Lane County, Oregon are temporarily closed to all public use, including recreation, camping, shooting, hiking and sightseeing, from June 11, 1997 through September 30, 1997. The closure is made under the authority of 43 CFR 8364.1.

The public lands affected by this temporary closure are specifically identified as follows:

#### Willamette Meridian, Oregon

T. 15 S., R. 7 W.

Sec. 26: Three sites within the S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, as shown on a map available from the address shown below.

Containing approximately 19 acres.

The following persons, operating within the scope of their official duties, are exempt from the provisions of this closure order: Bureau employees; state, local and federal law enforcement and fire protection personnel; the holders of BLM road use permits that include roads within the closure area; the contractor authorized to construct the Hult Reservoir Fish Ladder and their subcontractors. Access by additional parties may be allowed, but must be