

(62 FR 18731). A **Federal Register** notice concerning proposed U.S. negotiating positions on agenda items and resolutions submitted by other Parties for consideration at COP10 was also published on April 17, 1997 (62 FR 18777). A public meeting allowing for discussion of U.S. positions on species amendments and resolutions submitted by other CITES Parties, and agenda items leading up to COP10, was held on April 25, 1997. A **Federal Register** notice concerning decisions by the Service on negotiating positions to be taken by the United States with regard to proposals to amend the CITES Appendices submitted by other Parties for consideration at COP10 was published on June 6, 1997 (62 FR 31054). Finally, a **Federal Register** notice concerning final U.S. negotiating positions on agenda items and resolutions submitted by other Parties for consideration at COP10 was published on June 6, 1997 (62 FR 31127).

The Service participated in COP10, and by this notice announces a public meeting to discuss the results of that meeting.

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[**Notice:** Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES); tenth regular meeting; public meeting to discuss the results of the meeting]

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-020-1220-00]

Nevada: Closing of Certain Public Lands in the Winnemucca District for the Management of Lands Located Around the Burning Man Festival

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (Interior).

ACTION: Temporary motorized vehicle closure of certain Public Lands in Washoe and Pershing Counties from August 27 to September 2, 1997 adjacent to the Burning Man Event.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Certain lands in the Winnemucca District, Pershing and Washoe Counties, Nevada

would be temporarily closed to motorized vehicles from August 27 to September 3, 1997. This closure is being made to protect the unknown resources on public lands that can be found to the east and south of the proposed location of an event known as the Burning Man Festival. This event is expected to attract at least 12,000 visitors this year. While pedestrians and bicycles are acceptable in the area, it is unknown as to the amount of damage motorized vehicles would create.

A second reason for the temporary closure is for the health and protection of visitors to the area. This region has a number of sandy and silty areas in which it is easy to become stuck. Parking for the participants is being established in safe areas on private property.

The public lands to be closed to motorized vehicle use are on the playa of Hualapai Flat and the sandy dunes to the south and east within the area described below:

- T. 34 N., R. 23 E.,
 Sec. 12: S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$; W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$; SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$; SE $\frac{1}{4}$
 Sec. 13: E $\frac{1}{2}$; E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$
 Sec. 24: NE $\frac{1}{4}$; SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$; N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$; SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$
 Sec. 25: E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ (area north of County Road 34)
- T. 34 N., R. 24 E.,
 Sec. 4: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ (area south of road only); SW $\frac{1}{4}$; SE $\frac{1}{4}$ (area west of road only); SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ (area west of road only)
 Sec. 5: N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$; S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$; SE $\frac{1}{4}$; S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$
 Sec. 6: E $\frac{1}{2}$; E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$; NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$
 Sec. 7: Entire section except N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$
 Sec. 8: All
 Sec. 9: All
 Sec. 10: W $\frac{1}{2}$ (area west of road only)
 Sec. 15: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ (area west of road only); NW $\frac{1}{4}$ (area west of road commonly known as the Soldier Meadows Road only); W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ (area west of road commonly known as the Soldier Meadows Road only)
 Sec. 16-20: All
 Sec. 21: W $\frac{1}{2}$; NE $\frac{1}{4}$; SE $\frac{1}{4}$ (area west of road commonly known as the Soldier Meadows Road only)
 Sec. 22: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ (area west of road commonly known as the Soldier Meadows Road only)
 Sec. 28: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ (area west of road commonly known as the Soldier Meadows Road only); W $\frac{1}{2}$; SE $\frac{1}{4}$ (area west of road commonly known as the Soldier Meadows Road only)
 Sec. 29: N $\frac{1}{2}$; SW $\frac{1}{4}$ (area north of County Road 34 only); SE $\frac{1}{4}$
 Sec. 30: N $\frac{1}{2}$; S $\frac{1}{2}$ (area north of County Road 34 only)
 Sec. 32: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ (area north of County Road 34 and the road commonly known as the Soldier Meadows Road only)
 Sec. 33: N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ (area north of road commonly known as the Soldier Meadows Road)

The lands involved are located in the Mount Diablo Meridian and located northeast of Gerlach, Nevada. A map showing the temporary closure area is available from the following BLM office: Winnemucca Field Office, 5100 East Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, Nevada 89445, (702) 623-1500.

Any person who fails to comply with this closure notice issued under 43 CFR part 8364 may be subject to the penalties provided for in 43 CFR 8360.0-7.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Bilbo, 5100 East Winnemucca Blvd. Winnemucca, Nevada, 89445 (702) 623-1500.

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District Manager, Winnemucca.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-067-7122-6606; CACA-35511]

Imperial Project Gold Mining Operation, Imperial County, CA; Environmental Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Withdrawal of the Imperial Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Intent to Prepare Environmental Impact Statement on the Imperial Project Proposed Gold Mining/Processing Operation, Imperial County.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has withdrawn the Imperial Project, Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), distributed for public review November, 1996. Based on a review of public comment received, it was determined that it was necessary to withdraw the DEIS and to prepare and circulate a new DEIS. The comments received on the DEIS will be treated as scoping comments, however, new comments may be submitted.

DATES: Written scoping comments must be received no later than September 2, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written scoping comments should be addressed to the Area Manager, Attn: Imperial Project, El Centro Resource Area, 1661 South Fourth St., El Centro, California 92243.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas Romoli (909) 697-5237.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The comments submitted on the withdrawn