

use this information to gauge the effectiveness of the Jobs-in-the-Woods Program in employing displaced timber workers and in restoring damaged forest ecosystems.

Based on past experience, BLM estimates that approximately 125 contractors will spend 8 hours each reading the instructions, collecting the data and reporting the data to BLM. The total estimated information burden is 1,000 hours. The frequency of response is once, as a condition of receiving final payment on each contract.

Dated: February 23, 1998.

Carole J. Smith,

Information Collection Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Establishment of Supplementary Rules

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Proposed establishment of supplementary rules for the Loon Lake Recreation Area.

SUMMARY: The Coos Bay District is proposing to establish new supplementary rules to set new camping limits at the Loon Lake Recreation Area. The rules apply only to the Loon Lake Recreation Area in Douglas County. These rules are designed to augment and further define the existing Code of Federal Regulations, and to ensure safe, orderly, enjoyable and environmentally sound visitation by the public. These rules superseded the camping limit set forth and published April 8, 1996 pertaining to the Loon Lake Recreation Area.

Camping Limits

Maximum length of stay in the campground is 14 days, after which the occupant must vacate the campground for a minimum of 2 days. Occupants may return for an additional stay of 14 days after the minimum 2-day vacancy. Maximum stay is 28 days in any 30-day period.

Reserved reservation campsites will have a maximum length of stay of 10 days after which the occupant must vacate the campground for a minimum of 2 days vacancy. Maximum stay is 20 days in any 30-day period.

Comment Period

This will become effective 45 days after it has been published in the

Federal Register notices, if no substantive comments are received from the general public.

Dated: February 17, 1998.

Neal R. Middlebrook,

Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Occupancy and Camping Closure on Certain Public Lands Managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Occupancy and camping closure on selected public lands in Clark County, Nevada.

SUMMARY: The Manager of the Las Vegas Field Office announces an occupancy and camping closure on selected public lands under its administration. The increase in population and growth in employment in the Las Vegas area, has attracted many short term and transient residents and workers. Many of these individuals set up residence on public lands under the guise of "camping." This problem is particularly prone to occur on public lands within the urban Las Vegas Valley. Trash accumulations and human refuse are impacting public and private lands. There are no public facilities on any of these lands. The existing 14 day camping stay limit has not been effective in correcting this situation. In addition, many of these lands are now adjacent to, or included within, private residential and commercial developments due to the inter-mixed public-private land ownership pattern in Las Vegas Valley. This action is being taken to help ensure public safety, prevent unnecessary environmental degradation and prevent long-term occupancy of public lands.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The closure will be effective March 12, 1998.

Closure Area

Public Lands affected are within the following generally described area and townships: Lake Mead Blvd. (State Route 147), on the South; West to the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Boundary; on the North Lee Canyon (State Route 156) and the southern boundary of the Desert Game Range; and on the East the Lake Mead National Recreation Area Boundary.

Including lands within Townships 17 S to T 22 and Ranges 59 E to 63 E MDM.

Maps depicting the area affected by this closure order are available for public inspection at the Las Vegas, Field Office, Bureau of Land Management.

Exceptions to Closure

Camping locations which may be designated by the Las Vegas Field Office Manager for over night use. Such designations may be by posting of appropriate signs, by publications in the federal register, or be made available to the public by other means deemed appropriate by the authorized officer.

Closure Restrictions

Unless otherwise authorized, within the closure area no person shall:

- a. Camp or engage in camping.
- b. Park, stop, or stand personal property, whether attended or unattended.
- c. Park any vehicle in violation of posted restrictions, or in such a manner as to obstruct or impede normal or emergency traffic movement, create a safety hazard, or endanger any person, property, or natural feature. Vehicles so parked are subject to citation and impoundment at the owner's expense.
- d. Take, drive, or operate any vehicle through, around or beyond a restrictive sign, barricade, fence, or traffic control barrier or device.
- e. Fail to follow orders or directions of an authorized officer relating to this closure order.
- f. Obstruct, resist, or attempt to elude a law enforcement officer, or fail to follow their orders or directions.
- g. Unless specifically addressed by regulations set forth in 43 CFR, the laws of the State of Nevada shall govern the use and operation of vehicle. Such state law which are now or later may be in effect are here by adopted and made part of this closure.

Definitions

Camp or *Camping* means the erection of a tent or shelter, preparing a sleeping bag or other bedding material for use, or the parking of a vehicle, motor home, or trailer for the apparent purpose of sleeping or overnight occupancy.

Personal Property includes but is not limited to bicycles, vehicles (whether propelled by living or non-living power sources), motor vehicles, trailers, tents campers, pets, and livestock.

This closure order is issued under the authority of 43 CFR 8364.1. Violation of any of the terms, conditions, or restrictions contained within this closure order, may subject the violator to citation or arrest, with a penalty of fine or imprisonment or both as specified by law.