

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[AZ-060-1430-00]

Temporary Closure of Selected Public Lands and Roads in Pima County, AZ**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of temporary closure of selected public lands and roads.

SUMMARY: This notice is to inform the public of the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) decision by the Tucson Field Office Manager of the Tucson Field Office of the temporary road closure of selected public lands under the Field Office's administration. The selected public land roads are located in: T. 17 S., R. 12 E., sections 3, 10, 11, 14 and 15. This action is being taken to provide for public safety and to prevent unnecessary environmental degradation to archaeological sites, soil resources, native vegetation and wildlife.

DATES: This closure is effective February 1, 1998.**ADDRESSES:** 12661 E. Broadway Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85748.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bureau of Land Management, Tucson Field Office, 12661 E. Broadway Blvd., Tucson, Arizona 85748, (520) 722-4289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The construction of new unauthorized roads and road grading of existing roads has damaged archaeological sites, native vegetation and existing roads. Authority for this action is contained in 43 Code of Federal Regulations 8364-1. Violations are punishable as a Class A misdemeanor. This action is taken to protect life and property and allow for safe public land use. The following are supplemental rules for the area described above and apply to all persons using Public Lands. The special rules are in addition to existing rules and regulations previously established under 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) as well as other Federal laws applicable to the use of Public Land.

Specific restrictions and closure are as follows:

1. All posted roads shall be closed to all vehicular use except for "Indian Kitchen" Road and "Dog Town" Road.

2. The Indian Kitchen Archaeological site shall be closed to all vehicular use.

3. All roads described above shall be open to BLM authorized and permitted activities on an event specific basis as authorized by the Tucson Field Office Manager or his designee.

4. Casual use of these lands such as hiking, and vehicular use on existing two track trails are permitted.

The above restrictions do not apply to emergency vehicles and vehicles owned by the United States, the State of Arizona, or Pima County. Persons who violate this closure order are subject to arrest and, upon conviction, may be fined up to \$100,000.00 and/or imprisoned for not more than 12 months as amended by 18 USC 3571 and 18 USC 3581. This closure shall stay enforced until a resolution of the unauthorized use is reached, terminated or modified by the Bureau of Land Management.

Dated: March 5, 1998.

Bill Childress,*Acting Field Manager.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[CA-360-1220-00]

Closure and Restriction Orders**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.**ACTION:** Emergency closure of certain public lands to motorized vehicle use and target shooting in Shasta County, California.

SUMMARY: The BLM is prohibiting persons, for an indefinite period, from target shooting and operating motorized vehicles in certain areas around, and within, the Swasey Drive—Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). These closures will protect sensitive cultural resources on BLM lands and adjoining residential land until BLM has prepared a detailed ACEC Management Plan.

DATES: This emergency motorized vehicle closure will take effect March 17, 1998.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Charles M. Schultz, Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 355 Hemsted Drive, Redding, CA. 96002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLM designated the Swasey Drive area as an ACEC in 1993 with approval of the Redding Resource Management Plan. Public lands located in T. 31 N., R. 6 W., sections 1 and 12, and T. 31 N., R. 5 W., sections 6 and 7 are plagued by illegal garbage dumping and contain sensitive cultural resources which are vulnerable to looting. The BLM land is surrounded by privately owned residential development and unrestricted target

shooting is a safety concern; therefore, target shooting is restricted to one area located at the end of the main access road. To reduce cultural resources damage and garbage dumping, motor vehicles are restricted to a series of roadways that are depicted on a map available at the BLM office in Redding. Exceptions to the motor vehicle closure include: emergency vehicles, fire suppression and rescue vehicles, BLM operation and maintenance vehicles, law enforcement vehicles, and other motorized vehicles specifically approved by an authorized officer of the BLM.

The authority for this closure and rule making is 43 CFR 8364.1. Any person who fails to comply with a closure order or rule making is subject to arrest and fines of up to \$100,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

Charles M. Schultz,*Redding Area Manager.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[MT-921-08-1320-01-P; MTM 87910]

Notice of Invitation—Coal Exploration License Application MTM 87910**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Montana State Office, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of invitation—Coal Exploration License Application MTM 87910.

SUMMARY: Members of the public are hereby invited to participate with Spring Creek Coal Company in a program for the exploration of coal deposits owned by the United States of America in the lands described below located in Big Horn County, Montana:

T. 8 S., R. 39 E., P.M.M.Sec. 13: SW¹/₄NW¹/₄, W¹/₂SW¹/₄Sec. 14: NE¹/₄, NE¹/₄NW¹/₄, E¹/₂SE¹/₂Sec. 15: N¹/₂NE¹/₄, N¹/₂SE¹/₄NE¹/₄, NW¹/₄, W¹/₂SW¹/₄SE¹/₄, SE¹/₄SW¹/₄SE¹/₄Sec. 22: NE¹/₄, NE¹/₄NW¹/₄Sec. 23: NE¹/₄NE¹/₄, E¹/₂NW¹/₄NW¹/₄,SW¹/₄NW¹/₄NE¹/₄, S¹/₂N¹/₂NW¹/₄, S¹/₂NW¹/₄Sec. 24: NW¹/₄NW¹/₄

1120.00 acres.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Any party electing to participate in this exploration program shall notify, in writing, both the State Director, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800; and Spring Creek Coal Company, P.O. Box 67, Decker, Montana 59025. Such written notice must refer to serial