

June 2, 1998. During the public comment period and subsequent to it, the FWS consulted with the Alaska Scientific Review Group, established under the MMPA. Their comments and other public comments were reviewed and incorporated into these final reports, as appropriate. Although the FWS revised these reports based on additional information, the status of the stocks did not change. The 1998 final stock assessment reports for Pacific walrus and polar bears in Alaska are now complete and available to the public. The finalization of the revisions on the Alaska sea otter stock assessment reports will not be completed until after a final action on the proceeding on the record requested by the Alaska Sea Otter Commission.

Dated: September 4, 1998.

Robyn Thorn,

Acting Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-033-98-1230-00]

Temporary Closure of Public Lands: Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior Department.

ACTION: Temporary closure of certain public lands, Carson City Field Office, in Churchill, Lyon, and Mineral Counties on and adjacent to an Off-Highway Vehicle Race course: Best in the Desert Racing—Permit Number NV-055-99-01: Las Vegas to Reno Off-highway Vehicle Race occurring October 2 and 3, 1998.

PURPOSE: To provide for public safety.
EFFECTIVE DATES AND TIME: 6 am October 2 through 10 am October 3, 1998.

AFFECTED PUBLIC LANDS: Mineral County—R37E T4N; R36E T6N; R35E T6-11N; R34E T8-13N; R33-32E T13N. Affected Roads include: Dunlap Cyn, Cinnabar Cyn, Rhyolite Pass, Win Wan Flat, Ryan Cyn Road, Wovoka, Wash.

Churchill County—R32E T14N; R31E T15N; R30E T15-16N; R29-24E T16N; R24E T15N; Affected roads include: Diamond Field Jack Wash, Wild Horse Basin Road.

Lyon County—R26E, R27E T16N; R24E, T17N; R24E T18N. Affected roads include: Wild Horse Basin, Hooten Well, Carson River Road, Churchill Butte Wash, Stockton Well.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A map of the closure may be obtained at the contact address. The permittee is required to clearly mark and monitor the event route during the closure period. Spectators are welcome at Pit Stops and shall remain in safe locations as directed by event officials and BLM personnel. Public lands affected by the temporary closure include commonly used dirt roads, utility right-of-way roads, jeep trails and dry washes identified on the ground by colorful flagging and paper arrows attached to wooden stakes designating the race route.

EXCLUSIONS: The above restrictions do not apply to agency, race officials, law enforcement, or emergency response personnel during the conduct of their official duties in relation to the race 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 USC 3571, or both.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fran Hull, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Carson City District, Bureau of Land Management, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, Nevada 89701. Telephone: (702) 885-6161.

Dated: September 4, 1998.

Charles P. Pope,

Acting Assistant Manager, Non-Renewable Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-063-1010-00]

Intent To Amend the California Desert Conservation Area Plan, 1980, To Address Management of Three Grazing Allotments in the Eastern Mojave Desert, San Bernardino County, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, California Desert District Office.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Amend the California Desert Conservation Area Plan, 1980, to address management of Granite Mountain, Lanfair Valley, and Kessler Springs grazing allotments located in the eastern Mojave Desert in San Bernardino County, California.

SUMMARY: This Notice of Intent (NOI) amends an earlier NOI for preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement and

Interagency Desert Management Plan for the Northern and Eastern Mojave Desert (60 FR 46132, September 5, 1995). The Interagency Plan will continue as described in the 1995 NOI. However, a separate plan amendment and environmental assessment is initiated for Granite Mountain, Lanfair Valley, and Kessler Springs grazing allotments to afford each lessee of record the opportunity to cancel domestic livestock use. This voluntary action by each lessee will occur simultaneously with similar action on other lands of the same grazing unit under National Park Service jurisdiction.

This plan amendment will evaluate economic and other constraints posed by reduction in area of use and increased cost of support facilities to support livestock grazing on the residual public lands of the subject allotments, and will consider permanent retirement of the allotments.

This notice does not reopen scoping. Grazing issues, including modification or cancellation of grazing use, were previously raised in connection with the Interagency Plan.

DATE COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED:

Comments on this notice must be received by BLM at the following address on or before October 14, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Larry Morgan, Rangeland Management Specialist, U.S.D.I., Bureau of Land Management, California Desert District Office, 6221 Box Springs Blvd., Riverside, California 92507-0714 tel: (909) 687-5388.

Dated: September 3, 1998.

Tim Salt,

Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Concession Contract Negotiations; Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas

SUMMARY: Public notice is hereby given that the National Park Service proposes to award a concession contract authorizing the continued operation of a Physical Medicine Center within Hot Springs National Park. This center offers hydrotherapy, physical therapy, physical fitness, and a health spa.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 18, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should contact Assistant Superintendent Dale Moss at Hot Springs National Park, P. O. Box 1860, Hot Springs, Arkansas 71902, or telephone (501-624-3383, ext. 622)