

1,599 acres of the offered lands to be acquired by BLM would remain open to mineral entry. The potential for the existence of locatable minerals on these lands is considered to be low and no future mining activities are anticipated to occur on these lands.

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Dated: September 11, 1998.

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Acting Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Meeting of the California Desert District Advisory Council

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Public Laws 92-463 and 94-579, that the California Desert District Advisory Council to the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior, will participate in a field tour of the BLM-administered public lands within the Northern and Eastern Mojave Management Planning area on Thursday, October 29, 1998, from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., and meet in formal session on Friday, October 30 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, October 31 from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The Friday and Saturday public meetings will be held in the Reflections Room at Buffalo Bills, located at 31700 South Las Vegas Boulevard, Primm, Nevada (Stateline).

The Council and members of the public will assemble for the field tour at the Buffalo Bills parking lot at 7:15 a.m., and depart at 7:30 a.m. The tour will focus on the BLM portion of public lands within the Northern and Eastern Mojave Management (NEMO) Planning area. Presentations and discussions will focus on issues being addressed in the draft management plan.

The public is welcome to participate in the field tour, but should dress appropriately and plan on providing their own transportation, food, and beverage. Anyone interested in participating in the field tour should contact BLM public affairs staff at (909) 697-5217/5220 for more information.

Agenda topics will include briefings and discussions on the NEMO planning effort, budget, BLM State Strategic Plan, recreation fees at the Imperial Sand

Dunes Recreation Area, and the Glamis Imperial withdrawal.

All Desert District Advisory Council meetings are open to the public. Time for public comment may be made available by the Council Chairman during the presentation of various agenda items, and is scheduled at the end of the meeting for topics not on the agenda.

Written comments may be filed in advance of the meeting for the California Desert District Advisory Council, c/o Bureau of Land Management, Public Affairs Office, 6221 Box Springs Boulevard, Riverside, California 92507-0714. Written comments also are accepted at the time of the meeting and, if copies are provided to the recorder, will be incorporated into the minutes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carole Levitzky at (909) 697-5217 or Doran Sanchez at (909) 697-5220, BLM California Desert District Public Affairs.

Dated: September 18, 1998.

Tim Salt,

Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Meeting of Hells Canyon Subgroup of the John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Prineville District Office.

ACTION: Meeting of Hells Canyon Subgroup of the John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council.

SUMMARY: A meeting of the Hells Canyon Subgroup of the John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council will be held on October 23 and 24 at the Quality Inn, 700 Port Drive, in Clarkston, Washington. The meeting will be from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on October 23, and 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on October 24. The meeting is open to the public. Public comments will be received at 1:00 p.m. on October 23. The meeting will include information and processes concerning administrative procedures for the subgroup, election of officers, and development of the program of work and education needs of the group.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karyn Wood, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest, P.O. Box 907, 1550

Dewey Avenue, Baker City, Oregon 97814, or call 541-523-6391.

Dated: September 17, 1998.

James L. Hancock,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-080-1430-00]

Temporary Emergency Closure of Public Land in Uintah County, Utah

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Vernal Field Office herewith issues a temporary emergency closure of public land in Uintah County, Utah, effective October 1, 1998. This order temporarily closes 1,320 acres of public land to public use and entry. This temporary closure area encompasses the following public land:

Salt Lake Meridian, Utah

T.10. S., R. 24 E.,

Sec. 22, E $\frac{1}{2}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 23, W $\frac{1}{2}$;

Sec. 26, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 27, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The authorized officer, has determined that the underground methane generation occurring at the abandoned White River Oil Shale Mine is a safety hazard making the facility and surrounding area unsafe for human occupation or activity. The closure area affects the above described public land presently encumbered by the abandoned White River Oil Shale Mine, ancillary support facilities, and associated ventilation shafts. The closure prohibits all use, entry, or access onto the affected public lands; however, the access restriction may be waived under extraordinary circumstances where limited, short, term, emergency access is warranted and appropriate clearances and authorization are obtained from the authorized officer.

Where emergency access is authorized by the authorized officer, it would be conditioned on the following provisions;

All persons entering and leaving the closure area shall be accompanied by personnel from the BLM's Vernal Field Office and only after said BLM staff have determined that the area is safe for site visitation purposes.

All persons allowed emergency access into the closure area shall waive and release all direct and indirect claims that may occur against the United States for liability for any loss, damage,