

to determine where the involved Federal lands are located. The names and addresses are needed to identify the applicant and allow the authorized officer to ensure that the applicant meets the requirements of the law. An attorney-in-fact or agent signature is needed only if an attorney or agent is filing the information required on behalf of an applicant or lessee. The information required on the statements, petitions, offers, and applications is needed for orderly processing of oil and gas leases and is needed to comply with the terms and conditions of the statutes. BLM also needs the information to determine whether an entity is qualified to hold a lease to obtain a benefit. Attestations to compliance with the regulations concerning parties of interest and qualifications are necessary, subject to criminal sanctions in accordance with 18 U.S.C., Section 1001. If the information contained on the applications, statements, petitions, and offers is not collected, the leasing of oil and gas could not occur to allow a benefit, and millions of dollars in revenue to the Federal Government would be lost.

All information collections in the regulations at 43 CFR Subparts 3000-3120 that do not require a form are covered by this notice. BLM intends to submit these information collections collectively for approval by the Office of Management and Budget as they were originally submitted and approved.

The information required and the time for supplying it are listed below:

Information collection	Estimated burden hours
Notice of option holdings for acreage chargeability .....	1
Option statement .....	1
Petition requesting additional time to divest excess acreage .....	1
Statement showing date, acreage, State in which leases are held .....	1.5
Statement showing unit agreement entered into if lease is for lands within approved unit .....	1
Application for waiver, suspension, or reduction of rental or royalty .....	2
Copy of communitization or drilling agreement .....	2
Interest held in operating, drilling, or development contracts .....	2
Application to combine operations or transport oil .....	1
Application for subsurface storage of oil and gas .....	1
Statement that heirs and devisees are qualified to hold lease .....	1

Information collection	Estimated burden hours
Reporting a change of name ..	1
Notification of corporate merger .....	2
Application for renewing lease	1
Application to relinquish lease	0.5
Application to reinstate lease	0.5
Application for lease located within a right-of-way .....	1
Application for oil and gas exploration permit in Alaska ...	1
Reporting date of exploration activities .....	1
Reporting completion of operations .....	1

Based on its experience managing oil and gas leasing activities, BLM estimates an average of 700 respondents annually and a burden hour total of 1400 hours annually. Respondents range from individuals and small businesses to major corporations.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for Office of Management and Budget for approval. All comments will also become part of the public record.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Temporary Closure to Off-Highway Vehicle Use Near Grand View, Idaho**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of temporary closure to off-highway vehicle use near Grand View, Idaho.

**SUMMARY:** This notice closes approximately 1,450 acres to off-highway vehicle (OHV) use to protect rare plants in and around the Mud Flat Oolite Area of Critical Environmental Concern/Research Natural Area (ACEC/RNA). The unique sandstone cliffs that are prominent within the area also provide habitat for wildlife, including nesting raptors. Sometime prior to April 18, 1999, numerous off-highway vehicles traveled cross-country in this area. This off-road vehicle use caused adverse impacts to vegetation, including rare plant communities. BLM reserves the right to use or authorize use of roads and trails or off-road travel for administrative purposes. The closed

area falls within the following-described public lands:

**Boise Meridian, Idaho**

- T. 7 S., R. 2 E., section 1: SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Section 12: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;
- T. 7 S., R. 3 E., section 4: Lots 2-4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ;  
Section 5: Lots 1-4, S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;
- Section 6: Lots 1, 2, 6, 7, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ;
- Section 7: Lots 1-3, W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ .

To prevent further damage from off-road vehicle use, the boundaries will be fenced and signed identifying the closed area. The legal authority for this action can be found at 43 CFR 8341.2.

**DATES:** This closure will begin June 1, 1999 and remain in effect pending completion of an amendment to the Bruneau Resource Area Management Framework Plan that addresses OHV use in the Resource Area. This Plan Amendment is expected to be completed by the fall of 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of maps that outline the closed area are available at the Bureau of Land Management, Lower Snake River District, 3948 Development Avenue, Boise, ID 83705.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jamie Connell, Bruneau Resource Area, at (208) 384-3330.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 1,450 acre habitat includes the Mud Flat Oolite ACEC/RNA, designated by the 1992 Bruneau Management Framework Plan Amendment. Several BLM sensitive plant species are known to exist within the 1,450 acre area including Packard's buckwheat (*Eriogonum shockleyi* var. *packardae*), Mulford's milkvetch (*Astragalus mulfordiae*), white eatonella (*Eatonella nivea*), white-margined wax plant (*Glyptopleura marginata*), rigid threadbush (*Nemacladus rigidus*), and Snake River milkvetch (*Astragalus purshii* var. *ophiogenes*).

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is currently reviewing the status of Mulford's milkvetch for possible listing as a threatened or endangered species. Most of the area is currently not designated and therefore open to OHV use as documented in the Bruneau Management Framework Plan completed in 1983.

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