

- Map 3-18, "Elk Hunt Areas" and Map 3-24, "Elk and Antelope Herd Unit Boundaries" have been updated to reflect current information.
- Map 3-19, "Threatened or Endangered Species Habitat," from the draft was eliminated because the information was incomplete and misleading.
- Information pertaining to big game population objectives was updated with current data.
- An Appendix N, "Fire Management Implementation Plan for the BLM-Administered Public Lands in the State of Wyoming" was added.
- Two appendices were updated with more current information: (1) Appendix H, "A Detailed Discussion of Oil and Gas Activities and Processes in the Newcastle Resource Area," and (2) Appendix I, "Reasonably Foreseeable Development Scenario for Oil and Gas."

All or part of the Proposed Newcastle Resource Management Plan and FEIS may be protested by parties who participated in the planning process and who have an interest which is or may be adversely affected by the adoption of the plan. A protest may raise only those issues which were submitted for the record during the planning process and by only those parties who raised those issues.

**DATES:** Protests on the Proposed Newcastle RMP and FEIS must be postmarked no later than 30 days following the date that the Environmental Protection Agency Notice of Availability (NOA) is published in the **Federal Register**. That NOA is expected to be published on July 16, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Protests on the Proposed Newcastle RMP and FEIS should be sent to: Director (210), Bureau of Land Management, Attention: Brenda Williams, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC 20240.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bill Hill, Newcastle Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 1101 Washington Blvd., Newcastle, Wyoming 82701, Phone: 307-746-4453.

Dated: July 14, 1999.

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State Director.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management [OR 125-09-6250-02-GP0249]

#### Closure Notice for Motor Vehicles on Designated Roads

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the following listed roads have been selected for closure to motorized vehicles in accordance with the Coos Bay Resource Management Plan & Environmental Impact Statement and its Record of Decision (BLM, 1995) (RMP); which is in conformance with the Final Supplemental and Environmental Impact Statement on Management of Habitat for Late Successional and Old-growth Forest Related Species within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl and its Record of Decision (Interagency, 1984) (Northwest Forest Plan). Selected roads will have barriers installed on the Coos Bay District, within Coos and Douglas Counties. Closure is for an indefinite period (15 years or longer) beginning on or about 15 July, 1999, when roads will have barriers installed. Closures may be reversed by the BLM. Reopening of a road will be for temporary periods of time and the condition of the road will be restored to the original condition found (including erosion control and barriers).

Acceptable reasons for reopening include the following: fire (prescribed or suppression), emergency, rescue, forestry management on lands administered by a private party (including but not limited to thinning, fertilization, stand exams, reforestation and harvesting activities on private lands and as authorized by the Area Manager on BLM administered lands). Closures otherwise may only be reopened for agency purposes by initiating an environmental assessment for a site specific project. Any use of motor vehicles by all parties within the closed areas is prohibited. This does not effect non-motorized forms of travel.

The reason for this order is to implement the Northwest Forest Plan as it relates to road density management. Benefits to road closures include but are not limited to: improving water quality, reducing sedimentation, enhancing big game habitat, and reducing habitat disturbance to other wildlife species.

Copies of the administrative determination and its environmental assessment, as well as maps of the roads affected are available from the Coos Bay District Office, at the address below.

All persons authorized to enforce state game laws may enforce this closure. Oregon State Police and the Coos and Douglas County Sheriff Departments are hereby authorized to enforce state and federal laws and regulations on federal properties affected in this notice.

This closure order is in accordance with the provisions of Pub. L. 93452, the Sikes Act (88 Stat. 1369), (16 U.S.C. 670 et seq.) and Pub. L. 94-579, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (90 stat. 2743), (43 U.S.C. 1701), 43 CFR, Subpart 8364 and 13LM Manual Handbook, State Office—Oregon H-2812-1—Logging Road Right-of-Way.

Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this order may be subject to penalties outlined in 43 CFR 8360.0-7 or as ordered through the Oregon Judicial system.

The following is a list of road closures identified by this order, by Field Office and road number. Unless noted otherwise, the location of the gates or barriers will be at or near the beginning of each road.

TABLE 1.—UMPGUA FIELD OFFICE PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURES

Road No.	Approx. miles
27-10-30.1 .....	0.5
27-10-6.2* .....	1.2
26-10-25.1 .....	0.5
26-10-35.0 .....	0.7
20-9-29 .....	1.5
Total .....	4.4

\* Only the portion of Road No. 27-10-6.2 north of the junction with Road No. 27-10-31.1 is proposed for closure.

**ADDRESSES:** Detailed information concerning this notice, including the environmental analysis, is available for review at the Bureau of Land Management's Coos Bay District Office, 1300 Airport Lane, North Bend, OR 97459-2000.

**DATES:** On or before August 19, 1999, interested parties may submit comments to the Umpqua Field Office Manager at the above address. Objections will be evaluated by the Field Office Manager, who may sustain, vacate or modify this action. In the absence of any objection, this action will become the final determination of the Bureau of Land Management.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dan R. Van Slyke (541) 756-0100.

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