

would be allocated and contracted to the Gila River Indian Community; 28,200 acre feet of CAP water would be allocated and contracted to the Tohono O'odham Nation; and a residual amount of 69,800 would be available for allocation and contracting by the Secretary for use in facilitating additional, future Indian Water Rights Settlements.

2. 17,800 acre feet of the CAP water permanently relinquished by the Harquahala Valley Irrigation District (HVID) would be allocated and contracted to the Gila River Indian Community. This water has the priority of "Indian" priority CAP water.

3. All remaining, (approximately 18,600 acre feet) CAP water permanently relinquished by the Roosevelt Water Conservation District, would be allocated and contracted by the Gila River Indian Community. This water would retain its "Non-Indian Agricultural" CAP priority.

4. 17,000 AF of CAP water expected to be permanently relinquished by ASARCO Incorporated, would be allocated and contracted by the Gila River Indian Community. This water would retain its "M&I" CAP priority.

5. 65,647 acre feet of M&I priority water would be allocated and contracted to various municipalities and other entities within the CAP service area. This water would retain its "M&I" CAP priority. Identification of entities, and associated specific quantities for this water would be made after consultation between the Secretary and the State of Arizona (Arizona). It is anticipated that further, specific, NEPA compliance would be undertaken after Arizona has identified the entities it proposes should receive allocations of this "M&I" priority CAP water, and completion of the consultation between the Secretary and Arizona on this matter.

As part of the proposed action Reclamation will consider all provisions of the settlements currently under negotiation, including provisions under consideration in the potential settlement of the *Central Arizona Water Conservation District v. United States* litigation, in which, as noted above, settlement discussions are currently in progress.

Range of Alternatives

In addition to the above-described proposed action (*i.e.* the settlement approach), Reclamation will implement NEPA requirements by identifying, reviewing and evaluating additional alternatives as part of its NEPA analysis. These alternative analyses will include alternatives that would address alternative allocation and contracting

scenarios that could involve Non-Indian Agricultural priority water, Indian priority water, and M&I priority water. Reclamation will also include alternative allocation and contracting scenarios that could be undertaken in the absence of a settlement as part of its NEPA analysis.

Authority

The Secretary has the authority to contract for supplies of Central Arizona Project water under the Act of June 17, 1902, 32 Stat. 388, as amended and/or supplemented, including specifically the Colorado River Basin Project Act of September 30, 1968 (82 Stat. 885, 43 U.S.C. 1501 *et seq.*).

Prior Efforts

Allocation of CAP project water has been the subject of previous notices published in the **Federal Register** (See, *e.g.*, 37 FR 28082, December 20, 1972; 40 FR 17297, April 18, 1975; 41 FR 45883, October 18, 1976; 45 FR 52938, August 8, 1980; 45 FR 81265, December 10, 1980; 48 FR 12446, March 24, 1983; 56 FR 29704, June 28, 1991; 57 FR 4470, February 5, 1992; and 57 FR 483884, October 23, 1992).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Closure and Restriction Orders

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

ACTION: Temporary closure of certain public lands within Trinity County, California.

SUMMARY: The BLM is restricting camping and day uses on certain public lands located near the Trinity River at Bucktail Hole in Trinity County California. All public land within the NE¹/₄ of Section 23 and the NW¹/₄ of Section 24, Township 33 North, Range 8 West on the south side (left bank facing downstream) of the Trinity River is closed to camping and day uses, except those specifically authorized by BLM, until September 1, 1999.

The closure is meant to protect the public from activities within the Bucktail Hole area related to emergency rehabilitation of the Lowden wildfire area and the community of Lewiston, Trinity County, California. BLM contractors will be operating heavy

equipment and camping within the Bucktail Hole area as part of the rehabilitation effort. Their activities could pose a threat to the safety of the public.

Background

The Lowden wildfire began on July 2, 1999 and resulted in the destruction of 23 homes and numerous outbuildings on private lands. The wildfire was due to the inadvertent escape of a BLM prescribed burn. Therefore, BLM is providing a contractor(s) to assist in the removal of debris from the private lands. Concrete and other masonry retrieved from ruins will be stored at an abandoned rock quarry on public land at Bucktail Hole. Water will also be drawn from the Trinity River within the Bucktail Hole area for use in abating fugitive dust on dirt or gravel access roads within the wildfire area during the implementation of the debris removal contract(s). Lastly, BLM is providing camping areas for contractors within the Bucktail Hole area due to the remote location of the project area and as a means to provide better security for contractor's equipment.

The authority for these closures and rule makings 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.

DATES: These restrictions take effect July 30, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Front Range Resource Advisory Council (Colorado) Open Houses and Comment Period

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of open houses and public comment period.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Front Range Resource Advisory Council (Front Range RAC) will hold open houses for the purpose of gathering public comments and input