

in the day-to-day management of public lands in southwestern Colorado.

DATES: The open houses are scheduled for the following dates and times. All open houses will begin at 7 p.m. and end at 9 p.m. Any changes to the time, date and/or location of the Open Houses will be publicized in the local media.

September 14, 1999—Gunnison, Colorado; Gunnison County Fairgrounds Multipurpose Building, 275 South Spruce Street.

September 15, 1999—Lake City, Colorado; Town Armory, 230 North Bluff (corner of North Bluff and 3rd Streets).

September 16, 1999—Montrose, Colorado; BLM Southwest Center conference room, 2465 South Townsend Avenue.

September 20, 1999—Durango, Colorado; BLM-Forest Service/Public Lands Center conference room, Burnett Court.

September 22, 1999—Hotchkiss, Colorado; Senior Citizen's Center (corner of Cedar & Main)

September 29, 1999—Norwood, Colorado; Norwood Community Center, 1670 Naturita Street.

September 30, 1999—Cortez, Colorado; Senior Nutrition-Outreach Center, 103 North Chestnut Street.

The open houses will begin with an explanation of the highlights of the draft recreation guidelines before public input is solicited. Written comments can be sent to the SWRAC at the Bureau of Land Management, ATTN:RAC, Southwest Center, 2465 South Townsend, Montrose, CO 81401. In order to be considered, written comments must be received by October 13, 1999.

ADDRESSES: For additional information, contact Roger Alexander, BLM Southwest Center, 2465 South Townsend, Montrose, CO 81401, telephone 970.240.5335 or email Roger__Alexander@co.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Southwest RAC, along with the Northwest and Front Range RACs, have developed a joint set of draft recreation guidelines to recommend to the BLM Colorado for adoption and use in everyday management of the public lands the agency administers. The open houses are intended as a means for the RACs to gather informal public input and ideas on the draft recreation. Upon completion of the open houses, representatives from the three RACs will jointly fashion a set of final recommended guidelines to submit to the BLM. The draft recreation guidelines include recommendations dealing with the management of off-highway vehicle use.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Southwest Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice; Resource Advisory Council Meetings.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Southwest Resource Advisory Council (Southwest RAC) will meet in September and October, 1999 in Montrose, Colorado, and in November, 1999 in Durango, Colorado.

DATES: The meetings will be held on Thursday, September 16, 1999; Thursday, October 14, 1999; and Thursday, November 18, 1999.

ADDRESSES: For additional information, contact Roger Alexander, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Southwest Center, 2465 South Townsend Avenue, Montrose, Colorado 81401; telephone 970-240-5335; TDD 970-240-5366; e-mail Roger__Alexander@co.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The September 16, 1999, meeting will be held at the BLM Southwest Center conference room at 2465 South Townsend, Montrose, Colorado. The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. and end no later than 5 p.m. The agenda will be limited to the introduction of new members and discussion on the draft recreation guidelines developed by BLM Colorado's three RAC's. Public comment is scheduled for 4:30 p.m., but the public is encouraged to provide comments on the draft recreation guidelines at an open house scheduled for 7 p.m. at the same address.

The October 14 meeting will also be held at the BLM Southwest Center conference room at 2465 South Townsend, Montrose, Colorado. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. The agenda will focus on the draft recreation guidelines developed by BLM Colorado's three RAC's, but may include other issues/topics to be determined. Public comment is scheduled for 1 p.m.

The November 18 meeting will be held at the BLM-US Forest Service Public Lands Center Sonoran conference room at 15 Burnett Court, Durango,

Colorado. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. The agenda will focus on the draft recreation guidelines developed by BLM Colorado's three RAC's, but may include other issues/topics to be determined. Public comment is scheduled for 1 p.m.

Summary minutes for Council meetings are maintained in the Southwest Center Office and on the World Wide Web at http://www.co.blm.gov/mdo/mdo_sw_rac.htm and are available for public inspection and reproduction within thirty (30) days following each meeting.

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Deschutes and Crook Counties: ATV Restrictions

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Prineville District Office, DOI.

ACTION: Notice is hereby given that 30 days from the published date of this notice, all motorized use on public lands described legally in this notice is allowed only on routes designated and signed as open to motorized use. All other public lands including routes not signed and identified as open are closed to motorized use.

Legal Description

This closure order applies to all public lands within the entire area known as Cougar Butte. These public lands are located in Township 21 South, Range 20 East, Sections 21-23, 25-27, and 36; Township 21 South, Range 21 East, Sections 30-32; and Township 22 South, Range 21 East, Sections 5 and 6.

General Location

These public lands are located approximately 1-4 miles west and north of Hampton, Oregon in Deschutes and Crook Counties; approximately 1-2 miles north of Highway 20; three-four miles east of Lizard Creek; 2-6 miles west of Rhubarb Spring, west of the western boundary road of the Hampton Butte Wilderness Study Area. (OR-5-42). A map showing these public lands where motorized use is restricted is available for public review at the Prineville BLM office, 3050 NE Third, Prineville, OR 97754.