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Dated: September 27, 1999.

Jamie Rappaport Clark,

Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Letters of Authorization to Take Marine Mammals

AGENCY: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of Letters of Authorization to take marine mammals incidental to oil and gas industry activities.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 101(a)(5)(A) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service implementing regulations [50 CFR 18.27(f)(3)], notice is hereby given that Letters of Authorization to take polar bears and Pacific walrus incidental to oil and gas industry exploration, development, and production activities have been issued to the following companies:

| Company | Activity | Date issued |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc. | Development | September 10, 1999. |

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John W. Bridges at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammals Management Office, 1011 East Tudor Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99503, (800) 362-5148 or (907) 786-3810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Letters of Authorization were issued in accordance with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Federal Rules and Regulations "Marine Mammals; Incidental Take During Specified Activities (58 FR 60402; November 16, 1993); modified and extended (60 FR 42805; August 17, 1995)."

Dated: September 20, 1999.

Gary Edwards,

Acting Regional Director.

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consecutive weeks, in the *Juneau Empire*. Copies of the decision may be obtained by contacting the Alaska State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599 ((907) 271-5960).

Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision, an agency of the Federal government or regional corporation, shall have until November 3, 1999 to file an appeal. However, parties receiving service by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal. Appeals must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management at the address identified above, where the requirements for filing an appeal may be obtained. Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4, subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

Patricia A. Baker,

Land Law Examiner, Branch of ANCSA Adjudication.

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and Fishing Access Areas are closed to camping year round. The trailheads are located on public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Cody Field Office. The Four Bear Trailhead is located on the north side of U.S. Highway 14-16-20 approximately 19 miles west of Cody in Park County, Wyoming. The Twin Creek Trailhead and Fishing Access Site is located on the north side of Park County Road 6WX approximately 23 miles west of Cody in Park County, Wyoming. This closure also applies to the public land surrounding the developed sites as described in this notice. Day use is allowed as well as overnight parking of unattended vehicles (including horse trailers).

This action is being taken because the sites are small and were designed to serve as trailheads and parking areas for fishermen, hikers, and horseback riders. The sites and immediate surroundings are not designed to provide camping and are not suitable for camping. Camping in the parking lot would fill up the lot and would make parking spots unavailable to persons seeking to use the trailhead. No camping at either location will be allowed unless permitted by the Authorized Officer (BLM Cody Field Manager).

In addition, the Twin Creek Trail is subject to a seasonal closure. Easements exist along the west fork of Twin Creek allowing public access through private lands to the Shoshone National Forest. These easements are subject to a seasonal closure. Consistent with that closure, the BLM portion of the trail is closed to all use from January 1 through April 30 of each year. This trail crosses the South Fork of the Shoshone River. The seasonal closure is in effect where the trail begins on the west side of the river. River bank access will remain open on both sides of the South Fork of the Shoshone River for activities such as fishing and sightseeing. The purpose of

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Bureau of Land Management

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[AA-14015]

Notice for Publication; Alaska Native Claims Selection

In accordance with Departmental regulation 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that a decision to issue conveyance under the provisions of Sec. 14(h)(8) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, 43 U.S.C. 1601, 1613(h)(8), will be issued to Sealaska Corporation for approximately 186.77 acres. The lands involved are within the Tongass National Forest in southeast Alaska.

Copper River Meridian, Alaska

T. 75 S., R. 82 E.,
Secs. 21 and 30.
T. 73 S., R. 85 E.,
Sec. 12.

A notice of the decision will be published once a week, for four (4)

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-020-1220-00]

Notice of Closure to Camping at the Four Bear Trailhead and the Twin Creek Trailhead and Fishing Access Area and Notice of Seasonal Closure to Public Use Along Twin Creek Trail on Public Land in Park County, WY, Cody Field Office

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of closures.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that effective October 4, 1999 the Four Bear Trailhead and the Twin Creek Trailhead

the seasonal trail closure is to protect wintering elk herds. No access into this area will be allowed during the seasonal closure unless permitted by the Authorized Officer.

EFFECTIVE DATES: The camping closure will be effective October 4, 1999. The seasonal trail closure will be effective January 1 through April 30 of each year. The closures will remain in effect until modified or rescinded by the Authorized Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shirley Bye-Jech, Outdoor Recreation Planner, or Michael Blymyer, Cody Field Manager, Cody Field Office, P.O. Box 518, 1002 Blackburn Avenue, Cody, Wyoming 82414-0518. Telephone (307) 587-2216.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Four Bear Trailhead was constructed in 1995 to meet access needs for hiking, horseback riding, and hunting. The existing access from the Jim Mountain Trailhead on the Shoshone National Forest was no longer suitable for the increasing visitor use due to vehicle crowding and road safety issues. The trailhead and parking lot capable of holding 13 vehicles with horse trailers was constructed to relieve the access pressure in the area. The Twin Creek Trailhead and Fishing Access Site was constructed during the late summer and fall of 1997. Prior to the construction of the site, the hunting and horseback riding public have used this area as an informal parking area and trailhead for a number of years. There was insufficient room for the pickups and horse trailers using the area. The vehicles and trailers congregated on the side of the road and created a severe safety hazard. Therefore, a site was constructed with a parking lot capable of holding 10 vehicles with horse trailers. The site was designed for day use and overnight parking of unattended vehicles. There is insufficient room at the sites to provide camping facilities.

The following described BLM-administered lands are included in this camping closure: For the Four Bear area, all BLM public lands north of U.S. Highway 14-16-20 in section 18, T. 52 N., R. 104 W., for the Twin Creek area, all BLM public lands north of county road 6WX in the northeast quarter of section 7, T. 50 N., R. 104 W.

Authority for closure and restriction orders is provided under 43 CFR subpart 8364.1. Violations of this closure are punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and (or) imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

Dated: September 23, 1999.

Michael Blymyer,

Cody Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-020-1040-00]

Seasonal Use Closure for All Motorized Vehicles in the Carter Mountain Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), Park County, WY, Cody Field Office

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of seasonal closure.

SUMMARY: The Cody Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan (RMP), dated November 8, 1990, designated vehicular use in the Carter Mountain ACEC as "limited to designated roads and trails." In response to a request from the Wyoming Game and Fish Department, a seasonal closure to all motorized vehicles, including over-the-snow vehicles was effective November 10, 1988 (FR Doc. 88-26011). The closure was then extended to April 30, 1992 (FR Doc. 91-23803). The Carter Mountain ACEC Activity Plan made this seasonal closure permanent (11/10/92). The closure will now be in effect each season from November 15 through June 15 or later if unfavorable weather or road conditions exist which could create resource damage. A steel gate at Little Rose Creek establishes the point beyond which the seasonal closure is in effect. The purpose of this closure is to allow wildlife to migrate free of disturbance in their winter range and to allow elk to move throughout the lower reaches of their winter range to mitigate the impacts of concentrated grazing use. This seasonal closure will allow the BLM to assess the road conditions prior to opening the road in order to prevent resource damage caused by motorized vehicle travel on poor road conditions.

EFFECTIVE DATES: This closure will be effective November 15, 1999. The seasonal closure will be in effect each season from November 15 through June 15 or later if unfavorable weather or road conditions exist which could create resource damage. This closure will remain in effect until modified or rescinded by the Authorized Officer, (BLM Cody Field Manager).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jack Mononi, Range Management Specialist

or Michael Blymyer, Field Manager, Cody Field Office, P.O. Box 518, 1002 Blackburn Avenue, Cody, Wyoming 82414. Telephone (307)-587-2216.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Carter Mountain area (about 7,819 acres) is designated an ACEC. The objective for management of the Carter Mountain ACEC is to protect areas of unique alpine tundra and fragile soils.

According to the Carter Mountain ACEC Activity Plan, motorized vehicle use in the ACEC is limited to designated roads and trails. The roads that are open for motorized vehicle use are designated with the white arrow system. Roads, trails and gently sloping areas that are not marked with the white arrow designator are closed to motorized vehicle use at all times. The seasonal closure will close the ACEC to all motorized use, including over-the-snow vehicles from November 15 through June 15 of each season. The Wyoming Game and Fish Department feels that motorized vehicle use can disrupt the migration patterns of all wildlife; however, elk are particularly affected by such use. By restricting motorized vehicle use, the elk will migrate freely in the Carter Mountain area, and remain undisturbed by motorized vehicles in their crucial wintering and calving habitat. This closure will also help in meeting the overall objectives to protect areas of unique alpine tundra and fragile soils in the Carter Mountain ACEC by reducing resource damage that is caused by motorized vehicle use on poor road conditions.

This seasonal use closure applies to public lands in Park County, Wyoming, located approximately 20 miles west of Meeteetse, Wyoming. The designation affects all public lands above 10,000 feet elevation in T. 49., R. 103 W., Sixth Principle Meridian. Motorized vehicle use designations apply to all motorized vehicles with the exceptions of: (1) Any fire, military, emergency, or law enforcement vehicle when used for emergency purposes or any combat support vehicle when used for national defense purposes; (2) any vehicle whose use is expressly authorized by the Bureau of Land Management under permit, lease, license, or contract; and (3) any government vehicle on official business.

Authority for closure orders is provided under 43 CFR subpart 8364.1. Violations of this closure are punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.