

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 The closures will remain in effect until modified or rescinded by the Authorized Officer.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.

Dated: September 23, 1999.

**Michael Blymyer,**

*Cody Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[CA-066-99-1990; CACA-20139 and CACA-22901]

**Subject: Proposed Soledad Canyon Sand and Gravel Mining Operation, Los Angeles County, CA**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior, Palm Springs—South Coast Field Office, Desert District, California.

**ACTION:** Extension of public review period for Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management is extending the public comment period on the draft environmental impact statement (EIS) originally released in May 1999 to allow time to consider new information on air quality and possibly other issues. BLM will prepare a supplement to the draft EIS that will primarily consider the new information, and will make the supplement available for public review period by November 17, 1999 for at least 45 days prior to the end of the extended public comment period. The supplement will also analyze a new proposal from the applicant to transport mine materials by a conveyor belt system rather than by open trucks as originally proposed in the original draft EIS released last May and other issues, if necessary.

A separate **Federal Register** Notice of Availability will be published when the supplement is released to the public. BLM will continue to accept comments on the May draft EIS, as well as comments on the supplement, until January 3, 2000. All substantive public comments received, and BLM's responses, will be incorporated in a final EIS to be published in 2000.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted in writing no later than January 3, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments shall be mailed to the following address: Mr. James G. Kenna, Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Palm Springs—South Coast Field Office, 690 W. Garnet Avenue, P.O. Box 1260, North Palm Springs, California 92258. Comments may also be submitted by electronic mail (e-mail) to the following address: Palm Springs FO CA-EMAIL.

### FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ms. Elena Misquez, BLM, Palm Springs—South Coast Field Office, P.O. Box 1260, North Palm Springs, CA 92258, telephone 760-251-4810.

**James G. Kenna,**

*Field Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[WY-060-1310-00]

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and implementing regulations, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Wyodak Coalbed Methane Development Project. The FEIS analyzes the potential impacts and cumulative effects of proposed coalbed methane (CBM) development on Federal and non-Federal lands in Campbell, Johnson, and Converse Counties, Wyoming.

The FEIS is published in abbreviated format. Reviewers will need the "Wyodak Coalbed Methane Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement" (DEIS), BLM, May 1999, for review of the complete EIS. Additional analysis and/or specific changes (errata) to the text of the DEIS are found in each chapter of this FEIS.

**DATES:** BLM will accept comments on the FEIS for a period of 30 days from the date the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes their Notice of Availability (NOA) of the FEIS in the **Federal Register**. We anticipate that EPA will publish its NOA on October 1, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to: Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Buffalo Field Office, 1425 Fort Street, Buffalo, WY 82834.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard Zander, phone: (307) 684-1100. Copies of the FEIS may be obtained from the following BLM offices: Buffalo Field Office, 1425 Fort Street, Buffalo, Wyoming 82834, (307) 684-1100; Casper Field Office, 1701 East E Street, Casper, Wyoming 82601 (307) 261-7600; and Wyoming State Office, 5353 Yellowstone Road, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009, (307) 775-6256.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** BLM received fifty-two comment letters on

the DEIS addressing six basic topics: groundwater (the water model and monitoring); surface water (amounts produced, water management plans, and wetlands); air quality (modeling, authorizing actions, emissions, and air quality related values); geology (development conflicts, coal fires, methane seepage, and subsidence); wildlife and fisheries (programmatic versus site specific analysis, unanticipated new development, and mitigation); and land use (wilderness study area impacts, access, on lease/off lease Federal authority, and reclamation). All comment letters received have been reproduced in the FEIS. All comments were considered and included as part of the BLM decisionmaking process.

Based on new and additional information provided by commenters, the groundwater model was rerun. This yielded a better calibrated prediction of modeled drawdowns under the Proposed Action and under Alternative One.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the Bureau of Land Management, Buffalo Field Office, 1425 Fort Street, Buffalo, Wyoming, during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the Record of Decision. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: September 28, 1999.

**Alan L. Kesterke,**

*Associate State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management.

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**Alaska Resource Advisory Council Meeting**

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