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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Proposed Supplementary Rules for Public Land in Eastern Tulare County

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed supplementary rules.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Bakersfield (California) Field Office proposes the rules listed below to protect natural resources and provide for the safety of visitors, and property on public land located in eastern Tulare County adjacent to the towns of Three Rivers and Hammond, California. These supplementary rules will be posted on public land in the applicable areas and made available at the Bakersfield Field Office. The policy of the Department of Interior is, whenever practicable, to afford the public an opportunity to participate in the rulemaking process. Accordingly, BLM invites interested persons to submit written comments, suggestions, or objections regarding the proposed supplementary rules to the location identified in the **ADDRESSES** section of this preamble.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand deliver comments to Field Office Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Bakersfield Field Office, 3801 Pegasus Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93308; telephone (661) 391-6120.

Supplementary Rules

Pursuant to 43 CFR 8365.1-6 (Supplementary Rules), 43 CFR 8364.1 (Closure and restriction orders), and 8341.2 (Special rules) the following supplementary rules are in effect on public land managed by the BLM within Case Mountain/Milk Ranch Peak area defined as: Township 17 South, Range 29 East, MDB&M and Township 18 South, Range 29 East, MDB&M or the North Fork of the Kaweah Special Management Area defined as: Township 15 South, Range 28 East, MDB&M; Township 16 South, Range 28 East, MDB&M; and, Township 17 South, Range 28 East, MDB&M.

A. Target shooting is permitted within the Case Mountain/Milk Ranch Peak area provided that the firearm is

discharged toward a proper backstop sufficient to stop the projectile's forward progress beyond the intended target. Target shooting may not occur within one mile of any private residence or occupied structure. Targets shall be constructed of cardboard and paper or similar non-breakable materials. All targets must be removed and properly discarded after use. No projectile may be intentionally fired into any tree.

B. All roads, trails, and routes of travel on public land within the North Fork of the Kaweah Special Management Area are closed to off-highway vehicles registered or identified under Section 38020 of the California Vehicle Code except as permitted by the Authorized Officer.

C. All roads, trails, and routes of travel within the Case Mountain/Milk Ranch Peak area are closed to the operation of any motor vehicle, except for access to private real estate by property owners or persons they designate as having access to their property, public employees, public agency volunteers in the course of their duties, or such access as authorized under permit, easement, or lease by the authorized officer.

D. The operation of motor vehicles within the North Fork of the Kaweah Special Management Area is limited to designated roads. Designated roads include roads maintained by federal, state, or local government, roads leading to parking areas created by the BLM, Shepherd's Saddle Road, and Overlook Road. Overlook Road extends west from Shepherd's Saddle Road 0.8 miles from the intersection of Shepherd's Saddle Road and North Fork Drive. Designated roads may not be used for off-highway vehicle free-play. Vehicles may not be parked in a way which restricts the flow of traffic through parking areas or on roads. Vehicles parked in a way which obstructs other passenger vehicles or fire vehicles may be towed and stored at the owner's expense.

E. Within the Case Mountain/Milk Ranch Peak area, and the North Fork of the Kaweah Special Management Area, property may not be left unattended for more than three days without the prior approval of the Authorized Officer. Any such unattended property will be considered abandoned, and may be removed and stored by law enforcement personnel at the owner's expense.

F. Within the Case Mountain/Milk Ranch Peak area, and the North Fork of the Kaweah Special Management Area, all litter, trash, and refuse must be kept within a container or receptacle and removed when leaving public land. Litter, waste, or refuse may not be thrown onto or stored on the ground.

G. Within the Case Mountain/Milk Ranch Peak area, and the North Fork of the Kaweah Special Management Area, a permit or written authorization from BLM shall be required for all research activities which involve the taking, or placement of, any natural or man-made object, thing, plant, or animal on these lands. A permit or written authorization shall also be required if the research involves the disturbance of any animal, plant, cultural or historic resource, soil, or federal property. Restrictions regarding the disturbance of animal and plant resources do not apply to the California Department of Fish and Game or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as long as the activities are in accordance with their trustee responsibilities for managing wildlife resources. Leisure activities such as astronomy, or bird watching are not intended to be covered by this supplementary rule.

H. Within the Case Mountain/Milk Ranch Peak area, a state of California Fire Permit is required for any camping, cooking, or warming fire ignited on these lands. Portable gas or propane stoves are exempted from this requirements. If any more restrictive fire provisions are established by any governing authority or public officer having jurisdiction, then persons must comply with these.

I. Within the Case Mountain/Milk Ranch Peak area, and the North Fork of the Kaweah Special Management Area, all laws of the State of California applicable to the possession, use, or distribution of controlled substances and/or the protection of persons or property are in effect. These laws may not be violated by any person.

J. Within the Case Mountain/Milk Branch Peak area and the North Fork of the Kaweah Special Management Area, no person may be under the influence of a controlled substance. No person may be under the influence of alcohol to the extent that their ability to be responsible for their own safety is impaired.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The above supplementary rules are being implemented for the following purposes: The above defined lands contain valuable watershed resources, groves of Sequoia Trees, and regionally significant recreational resources. Improved public access through acquired easements has increased visitation. These supplementary rules are effected to maintain the area's traditional uses consistent with hiking, bicycle riding, equestrian use, and other low impact recreational activities. The concerns of local residents and property

owners are also addressed by these supplementary rules.

This order is in no way intended to affect the rights or existing privileges of private land owners or their interests within the defined public land. Existing public easements, county roads, state highways, private lanes or driveways, and private real estate is exempt from these supplementary rules. Further, this order does not infer any Bureau of Land Management jurisdiction over private or state owned lands. These supplementary rules will be in effect until replaced by a more comprehensive recreational management plan for the areas. These supplementary rules are in compliance with the Caliente Resource Management Plan of May 1997.

Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers and California peace officers, as defined in Chapter 4.5 of the California Penal Code, are exempt from these supplementary rules in the course of their official duties. Limitations upon the use of motorized vehicles do not apply to emergency vehicles, fire suppression and rescue vehicles, law enforcement vehicles, and other vehicles performing official duties, or as approved by an authorized officer of the BLM.

These supplementary rules will take effect following review of public comment, and publication as final supplementary rule making in the **Federal Register**.

Penalties

The authorities for these closures and supplementary rules are 43 CFR 8341.2, 8364.1, and 8365.1-6. Violations of these supplementary rules are punishable by fines of up to \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months as well as the penalties provided under State law.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT. Ronald D. Fellows, Bureau of Land Management, Bakersfield Field Officer Manager, 3801 Pegasus Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93308

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Meeting on Proposed Withdrawal; Spanish Peaks Planning Area; Colorado

June 20, 2000.

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and agenda for a forthcoming meeting on the Forest Service withdrawal application for the Spanish Peaks Planning Area for the protection of natural resources. This meeting will provide the opportunity for public involvement in this proposed action as required by regulation. All comments will be considered when a final determination is made on whether this land should be withdrawn.

DATES: Meeting will be held on September 12, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. All comments or requests to be heard should be received by close of business on September 7, 2000, at the Colorado State Office.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Walsenburg Community Center, Walsenburg, Colorado, 81089.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doris E. Chelius, BLM Colorado State Office, (303) 239-3706.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Notice of Proposed Withdrawal for the Spanish Peaks Planning Area which was published in the **Federal Register** on June 20, 1997, (62 FR 33675), is hereby modified to schedule a public meeting as provided by 43 U.S.C. 1714, and 43 CFR 2310.

This meeting will be open to all interested persons; those who desire to be heard in person and those who desire to submit written comments on this subject. All comments and requests to be heard should be submitted to the Colorado State Director, Bureau of Land Management, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215-7093, by September 7, 2000.

Herbert K. Olson,

Acting Realty Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

60 Day Notice of Intention To Request Clearance of Collection of Information; Opportunity for Public Comment

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Urban and Adjacent Parks.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Park Service (NPS) is proposing in 2000 and 2001 to conduct surveys of persons living in the metropolitan areas of Boston, MA, Los Angeles, CA, Miami, FL, and New Orleans, LA where the following urban national parks are located: Boston African-American National Historic Site, Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, Biscayne National Park, and Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve. In these surveys, persons will be asked about their knowledge of the urban national park located in their metropolitan area, and their familiarity with community outreach efforts that the urban national park has instituted.

URBAN NATIONAL PARK COMMUNITY OUTREACH SURVEY

Estimated numbers of	
Responses	Burden hours
400	200

Under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and 5 CFR part 1320, Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements, the National Park Service is soliciting comments on the need for gathering the information in the proposed surveys. The NPS also is asking for comments on the practical utility of the information being gathered; the accuracy of the burden hour estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden to respondents, including use of automated information collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

The NPS goal in conducting these surveys is to assess the effectiveness of community outreach programs of urban national parks to residents within selected metropolitan areas

DATES: Public comments will be accepted on or before August 28, 2000.

SEND COMMENTS TO: Ronald J. Vogel, Nelson Mandela School of Public Policy, Higgins Hall, Southern