

R3W. sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12; T.4N. R.1W. sections 31 and 32; T.4N. R.2W. sections 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35; T.4N. R.3W. sections 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35. Failure to comply with this closure order may result in a fine up to \$100,000.00 or imprisonment up to 12 months, or both.

The only exemptions to this closure include the following activities: Law enforcement, emergency services, government business, or work to maintain utilities and infrastructure. Other specific exemptions may be permitted by the BLM Authorizing Officer.

Harold Johnson,

Acting Field Manager, BLM, Barstow Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Nevada Temporary Closure of Certain Public Lands Managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior.

ACTION: Temporary Closure of Selected Public Lands in Clark County, Nevada, during the operation of the Score International 2000 Las Vegas Primm 300 Desert Race.

SUMMARY: The District Manager of the Las Vegas District announces the temporary closure of selected public lands under its administration. This action is being taken to help ensure public safety, prevent unnecessary environmental degradation during the official permitted running of the Score International 2000 Las Vegas Primm 300 Desert Race and to comply with provisions of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Biological Opinion for Speed Based Off-Highway Vehicle Events (1-5-95-F-237).

DATES: From 6:00 am August 4, 2000 through 9:00 pm August 5, 2000 Pacific Standard Time.

Closure Area: Public lands within as described below, an area with T. 23 S. to T. 27 S.R. 59 E. to R. 61 E.

1. The closure is a triangle shaped area bound by Interstate I-15 (between Sloan and State line) on the west; the crest of the McCullough Mountains on the east; and the California/Nevada State line on the south.

Exceptions to the closure area are: State Route 163, Old Las Vegas Blvd.

2. The entire area encompassed by the designated course and all areas outside the designated course as listed in the legal description above are closed to all vehicles except Law Enforcement, Emergency Vehicles, and Official Race Vehicles. Access routes leading to the course are closed to vehicles.

3. No vehicle stopping or parking.

4. Spectators are required to remain within designated spectator area only.

5. The following regulations will be in effect for the duration of the closure:

Unless otherwise authorized no person shall:

a. Camp in any area outside of the designated spectator areas.

b. Enter any portion of the race course or any wash located within the race course.

c. Spectate or otherwise be located outside of the designated spectator area.

d. Cut or collect firewood of any kind, including dead and down wood or other vegetative material.

e. Possess and or consume any alcoholic beverage unless the person has reached the age of 21 years.

f. Discharge, or use firearms, other weapons or fireworks.

g. Park, stop, or stand any vehicle outside of the designated spectator area.

h. Operate any vehicle including an off-highway vehicle (OHV), which is not legally registered for street and highway operation, including operation of such a vehicle in spectator viewing areas, along the race course, and in designated pit area.

i. Park any vehicle in violation of posted restrictions, or in such a manner as to obstruct or impede normal or emergency traffic movement or the parking of other vehicles, create a safety hazard, or endanger any person, property or feature. Vehicles so parked are subject to citation, removal and impoundment at owner's expense.

j. Take a vehicle through, around or beyond a restrictive sign, recognizable barricade, fence or traffic control barrier or device.

k. Fail to keep their site free of trash and litter during the period of occupancy, or fail to remove all personal equipment, trash, and litter upon departure.

l. Violate quiet hours by causing an unreasonable noise as determined by the authorized officer between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time.

m. Allow any pet or other animal in their care to be unrestrained at any time.

n. Fail to follow orders or directions of an authorized officer.

o. Obstruct, resist, or attempt to elude a Law Enforcement Officer or fail to follow their orders or direction.

Signs and maps directing the public to designated spectator areas will be provided by the Bureau of Land Management and the event sponsor. Maps are available at the Las Vegas Field Office.

The above restrictions do not apply to emergency vehicles and vehicles owned by the United States, the State of Nevada or Clark County. Vehicles under permit for operation by event participants must follow the race permit stipulations.

Operators of permitted vehicles shall maintain a maximum speed limit of 25 mph on all BLM roads and ways. Authority for closure of public lands is found in 43 CFR 8340 subpart 8341; 43 CFR 8360, subpart 8364.1 and 43 CFR 8372. Persons who violate this closure order are subject to fines and or arrest as prescribed by law.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Donn Siebert, Acting Recreation Manager or Ron Crayton, BLM Las Vegas Enforcement Ranger, BLM Las Vegas Field Office 4765 Vegas Dr. Las Vegas, Nevada 89108, (702) 647-5000.

Dated: June 29, 2000.

Mark Morse,

Las Vegas Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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John Day River Proposed Management Plan, Two Rivers and John Day Resource Management Amendments and Final Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Central Oregon Field Office, Prineville District, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and 40 CFR 1506.6(2) notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the John Day River Proposed Management Plan, Two Rivers and John Day Resource Management Amendments. This plan area covers designated Wild and Scenic Rivers on the lower Mainstem and South Fork of the John Day River and BLM managed

lands on the Mainstem, South, Middle, and North Forks of the John Day River not designated Wild and Scenic in several counties in the North Eastern portion of Oregon.

Interested citizens not already on the mailing list may review the Final EIS via the internet on the Prineville BLM website at <http://www1.or.blm.gov/Prineville/>. A hardcopy or a CDROM of the EIS may be requested from the Prineville District by calling (541) 416-6700.

The planning process includes an opportunity for an administrative review of the plan amendment. If you believe approval of any provision of this proposed planning amendment would be in error, you may submit a plan protest to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Director (43 CFR 1610.52). Careful adherence to these guidelines as summarized below, will assist in preparing a protest that will assure consideration of your point of view.

Only those persons or organizations that participated in the planning process leading to this plan amendment may protest. If our records indicate that you had no involvement in any state in the preparation of this document, your protest will be dismissed without further review. Further, a protesting party may raise only those issues that he or she submitted for the record during the planning process.

To be considered timely, your protest must be postmarked no later than the last day of the protest period. Also, although not a requirement, we suggest that you send your protest by certified mail, return receipt requested.

Protest must be filed in writing to: Director, (WO-210), Bureau of Land Management, US Department of the Interior, Attn: Brenda Williams, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20240.

To be considered complete, your protest must contain, at a *minimum*, the following information:

- Name, mailing address, telephone number, and the affected interest of person filing the protests.
- A statement of the issue or issues being protested.
- A statement of the part or parts of the planning amendment being protested. To the extent possible, reference specific pages, paragraphs. And sections of the document.
- A copy of all document addressing the issue or issues were discussed with BLM for the record.
- A concise statement explaining why the proposed decision is believed to be incorrect.

This is a critical part of your protest. Document all relevant facts. As much as

possible, reference or cite the planning and environmental analysis documents. A protest that merely expresses disagreement with the State Director's proposed decision, without any data will not provide us with the benefit of your information and insight. In this case, the Director's review will be based on the existing analysis and supporting data.

DATES: The BLM will make a decision on the Management Plan and Resource Management Plan Amendments after review of protests (if any) that must be filed within 30 days of the Notice of Availability published by the EPA in the FR or by August 14, 2000, whichever is later.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Williams, Prineville BLM at (541) 416-6862 or Dan Wood, Prineville BLM at (541) 416-6751.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As required by the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1969 as amended in 1982 and 1987, 16 U.S.C. 12749(d), and by 40 CFR 1502.3 the BLM has examined a Range of Alternatives for managing the segments of the North Fork and lower mainstream of the John Day River that Congress Designated Wild and Scenic. In addition to this plan includes proposed decisions for managing public lands adjacent to the John Day River and its major tributaries that have not been designated Wild and Scenic but could influence the outstandingly remarkable values associated with the designated segments.

The proposed John Day River Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement considered at least five alternatives for managing various resources and programs along over 200 river bank miles of the John Day River System. The John Day River is one of the longest free flowing river systems in the continental United States. The John Day watershed is located in the northeastern Oregon and encompasses all or portions of eleven counties, six of which would be directly affected by the proposed plan. This document has divided the John Day River system into 11 different segments for management purposes. Congress designated six of these segments (totaling 248.6 miles) as Wild and Scenic in 1988. This legislation also mandated a management plan be written in cooperation with the State of Oregon and affected native American Tribes. Consequently, this plan was written as a cooperative effort between the following agencies, and groups, collectively, known as the "partners": BLM, State of Oregon, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation of

Oregon USDI Bureau of Indian Affairs and John Day River Coalition of Counties (Gilliam, Grant, Jefferson, Sherman, Wasco, and Wheeler Counties).

A draft of this document was released for a 90 day public review and comment period on December 3, 1999. Comments received helped the partners develop the proposed decisions in this plan. Major issues addressed by this plan include livestock grazing, boating use levels, commercial services, motorized boating, and public agricultural lands and related water use. Many other issues are also addressed by this plan and proposed decisions are made for each issue. They are displayed with alternatives considered. Alternative A describes the existing management situation for each resource of use (no action). The other alternatives were designed to protect and enhance the outstanding remarkable values which Congress identified for the designated Wild and Scenic segments and to protect and enhance similar river values for certain non-designated segments. Chapter IV of this document presents rulemaking by the State of Oregon for the State Scenic Waterway segments of the John Day River, most of which overlaps with designated Wild and Scenic Segments.

This proposed plan describes certain restrictions on each livestock grazing allotment along the segments designated Wild and Scenic and certain segments not so designated where they are situated in a way that directly affects the designated segments. Boating use levels and motorized boating restrictions, which vary by river segment, are proposed. Short and long-term strategies for management of commercial outfitter and guide permits are proposed for the river. Several small tracts of BLM administered irrigated agricultural lands are to be converted from commercial use to provide wildlife habitat and native vegetation. Any decisions which reallocate land uses or change major resource allocations would also amend or revise the BLM's Two Rivers and John Day Resource Management Plans under 43 CFR 1610.5-5 or 5-6.

Dated: June 30, 2000.

Donald L. Smith,

Acting Prineville District Manager.

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