

SW¼NW¼. The Lone Pine Ridge Road (#40-3E-31) past the block in T. 40 S., R. 3 E., Section 31. An unnumbered road which crosses the Oregon-California border, at the section line between Sections 7 and 18, T. 41 S., R. 4 E. An unnumbered road which crosses the Oregon-California border, at the south section line of Section 13, T. 41 S., R. 2 E.

Closure signs will be posted at the above locations. Maps of the closure area and information on the restrictions may be obtained from the Medford District Office.

This action is in accordance with the Presidential Proclamation dated June 9, 2000, which closed the Schoheim Road and directed the Secretary of the Interior to prepare a management plan that includes appropriate transportation planning. The plan will address actions, including road closures or travel restrictions, necessary to protect the objects identified in the proclamation. The temporary closure of the additional roads will protect those objects pending completion of the management plan.

Discussion of the Rules: These rules will apply to the public lands within the boundaries of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument, Oregon

Supplementary Rules for Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument

Under 43 CFR 8364 and 16 U.S.C. 431, the Bureau of Land Management will enforce the following rules on public land within the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument.

1. You must not operate motorized or non-motorized mechanized vehicles on roads closed to that use.

Motorized and non-motorized vehicles include, but are not limited to: automobiles, off-road vehicles, motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, bicycles, scooters and other wheeled vehicles.

Exemptions: Persons who are exempt from the prohibition include: (1) Any federal, state, or local officers engaged in fire, emergency and law enforcement activities; (2) BLM employees in official duties; (3) persons authorized to travel on designated routes by the Ashland Field Office Manager.

Penalties: The authority for this closure is found under section 303(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1733(a) and 16 U.S.C. 431, any person who violates this restriction may be tried before a United States Magistrate and fined no more than \$500. Such violations may also be subject to the enhanced fines provided for by 18 U.S.C. 3571.

ADDRESSES: Field Office Manager, Ashland Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, Oregon 97504.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Samuelson, (541) 618-2313.

Dated: August 18, 2000.

Richard J. Dreihobl,
Ashland Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-06-00-2821-JL]

Emergency Motor Vehicle Closure

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: A temporary closure to motor vehicle use on public lands within and adjacent to the area of the Ormsby Fire (T802) administered by the Bureau of Land Management, Casper Field Office.

SUMMARY: On August 10 and 11, 2000, the Ormsby Fire burned approximately 11,050 of public, state and, private land in Converse County, Wyoming. About 4,970 acres of public land administered by the Bureau of Land Management were burned in T. 36 N., R. 76 W., secs. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10; T. 36 N., R. 77 W., secs. 1, 11 and 12; T. 37 N., R. 76 W., secs. 9, 19, 20, 30 and 31; and, T. 37 N., R. 77 W., secs. 24, 25 and 26, all in the 6th Principal Meridian.

Because of the damage caused by the fire and fire-fighting activities, this closure is necessary to prevent erosion, to prevent the creation of new motor vehicle routes and to enhance fire rehabilitation efforts within and adjacent to the burned area. A map of the Ormsby Fire area is available at the Casper Field Office.

Prohibited Act: Pursuant to 43 CFR 8364.1, motorized vehicle use is prohibited on public land administered by the Bureau of Land Management within and near the boundary of the Ormsby Fire. This includes all fire lines created by bulldozers and graders. Public access routes to and through the area will be signed as closed to motor vehicles.

Penalties: The authority for this closure is found under section 303(a) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1733(a)), 43 CFR 8360.0-7 and 43 CFR 8364.1. Any person who knowingly and willfully violates this closure and is convicted may be fined no more than \$1,000 or imprisoned no more than 12 months, or both.

Exceptions: This closure applies to all motorized vehicles excluding (1) any emergency or law enforcement vehicle while being used for emergency purposes; (2) any vehicle used for planning and implementing the rehabilitation plan for the fire area; and, (3) any vehicle whose use is expressly authorized in writing by the Field Manager, Casper Field Office.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This emergency closure is effective September 1, 2000, and will continue through November 30, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: James K. Murkin, Field Manager, Casper Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 2987 Prospector Drive, Casper, WY 82604-2968. Telephone: 307-261-7600.

Dated: August 22, 2000.

James K. Murkin,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-050-00-1430-ES; AZA 17382]

Arizona: Notice of Realty Action

SUMMARY: This notice modifies the proposed and initial classification orders dated April 4, 1982, and June 4, 1982, respectively, to correct the total number of acres classified to be 31 acres, more or less. The classification orders listed above classified the land for lease or patent under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869, *et seq.*) but incorrectly cited the acreage affected as being 18.5 acres, more or less. The lands are currently leased to and used by the City of San Luis under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869, *et seq.*) for a wastewater treatment plant. The City will receive a patent to these lands in the near future. This notice also informs the public that the lands previously identified in the classification order listed above have been re-surveyed and are now legally described as follows:

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona

T. 11 S., R. 25 W.,

sec. 2, lots 2 and 3; sec. 11, lots 27 and 28.

Containing 31.0, more or less.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The lands are currently classified and are segregated from all other forms of appropriation under the public land laws, including the general mining laws, except for lease or conveyance under the R&PP Act and leasing under the

mineral leasing laws. This correction does not change the former classification and segregation of these lands.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Debbie DeBock, Realty Specialist, Yuma Field Office, 2555 East Gila Ridge Road, Yuma, AZ 85365; (520) 317-3208.

Dated: August 22, 2000.

Maureen A. Merrell,
Assistant Field Manager/Acting Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-060-2800/1600]

Notice of availability of planning criteria for the Proposed Falcon to Gonder 345 kV Transmission Line Project and associated Bureau of Land Management Resource Management Plan Amendments for the Shoshone-Eureka, Elko, and Egan Resource Areas in Elko, Eureka, Lander, and White Pine Counties, Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

Cooperating Agencies: Nevada Division of Wildlife, Nevada State Historic Preservation Office.

ACTION: Notice of availability of planning criteria associated with the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement to analyze Sierra Pacific Power Company's (SPPC) Proposed Falcon to Gonder 345 kV Transmission Line Project and associated amendments to existing Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Resource Management Plans (RMP) for the purpose of establishing right-of-way utility corridors in Elko, Eureka, Lander, and White Pine Counties, Nevada.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 43 Code of Federal Regulations 1610 the Bureau of Land Management's Battle Mountain, Elko, and Ely Field Offices (BLM) hereby give notice of the availability of planning criteria for amendments to the Shoshone-Eureka, Elko, and Egan Resource Management Plans in Elko, Eureka, Lander, and White Pine Counties, Nevada.

DATES: Written comments on the planning criteria must be postmarked or otherwise delivered by 4:30 p.m. on October 2, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Bureau of Land Management, Battle Mountain Field Office, Attention: Katherine Moses, 50

Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Craggett, Battle Mountain BLM, at (775) 635-4168 or Katherine Moses, Battle Mountain BLM, at (775) 635-4092.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 17, 1998, SPPC filed a right-of-way application with the BLM for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a 165-185 mile long 345 kV transmission line that would connect the Falcon substation (north of Dunphy, Nevada) with the Gonder substation (north of Ely, Nevada). The project would improve import and export capabilities to meet anticipated growth in SPPC's system.

Because portions of the transmission line alternatives would be outside of BLM designated utility corridors, the BLM will evaluate the need to amend the Shoshone-Eureka, Elko, and Egan RMPs to establish a new utility corridor in north central Nevada. Elko's RMP would require modifying the existing "low visibility" corridor along I-80 to permit a corridor crossing since anticipated impacts exceed RMP established visual standards. Depending on the preferred alignment selected, the Egan RMP may not need to be amended because alternative route segments would fall into an existing designated utility corridor. An amendment to the Shoshone-Eureka RMP could also involve deleting an existing utility planning corridor near Nevada State Highway 305.

The following criteria will be used to evaluate the need for and planning implications of RMP amendments associated with the Falcon to Gonder Transmission Project:

- Emphasize a balanced multiple-use approach to land management, protecting fragile and unique resources, yet not overly restricting the ability of other resources to provide economic goods and services.
- Ensure a system for transmission of utilities through the Resource Management Planning Areas that would allow for future expansion by multiple users.
- Minimize adverse impacts to the environment by concentrating compatible rights-of-way in designated corridors that avoid sensitive resource values.
- Select the preferred alternative based on a combination which best meets demands for public lands while

minimizing disruption of the human environment.

M. Lee Douthit,

Associate Field Manager, Battle Mountain Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-030-2000-1060-JJ]

Notice of Intent to Remove Stray Wild Horses

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

SUMMARY: The Wild, Free Roaming Horse and Burro Act (PL 92-195) requires, among other things, that wild horses that exceed the Appropriate Management Levels established for them be removed. In order to accomplish that, the Rawlins Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) plans to remove approximately 300-400 excess horses from the Stewart Creek Herd Management Area (HMA). The removal is scheduled to begin on or about February 15, 2001, and conclude on or about April 1, 2001. The Appropriate Management Level for the Stewart Creek HMA is 150. At least 150 horses will remain in the Stewart Creek HMA after the removal is completed.

Wild Horse populations in the nearby Lost Creek, Green Mountain, and Crooks Mountain HMAs will not be directly affected by this removal and will remain within the AMLs established for them.

A detailed Gather Plan, Environmental Analysis (EA), and Record of Decision for this removal are available on request from: Chuck Reed, Bureau of Land Management, Rawlins Field Office 1300 North Third Street, P.O. Box 2047, Rawlins, WY 82301, (307) 328-4213, email: Chuck_Reed@blm.gov.

These documents are also available for review on the BLM website at www.wy.blm.gov/nepa/nfnepahome.html.

This removal action represents continued implementation of decisions previously communicated through Decision Records WY-037-EA4-121/122 dated July 11, 1994; and WY-030-EA0-037 dated February 25, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information please contact the Bureau of Land Management, Rawlins Field Office, 1300 North Third Street,