

state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

To obtain a copy of the FEIS, please write or call William Allan, Environmental Protection Specialist, Pacific Region, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825-1846, telephone (916) 978-6043.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Allan, (916) 978-6043.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed action is the approval of a 25 year lease, renewable for an additional 25 years, of 443 acres of the 640 acre Cortina Rancheria to Cortina Integrated Waste Management, Inc. (a California corporation that is a wholly owned subsidiary of Earthworks Industries, Inc., of Vancouver, Canada), for the development and operation of a landfill, materials recovery facility, composting facility, and petroleum-contaminated soil bio-remediation unit. Waste would be transported to these facilities for recovery of recyclable and disposal of non-recyclable materials, and recycled materials transported from the facilities to market destinations. The lease would obligate the lessee to post-closure maintenance responsibilities for a period of at least 30 years after final closure.

Alternatives to the proposed project that are considered in the FEIS include the no action alternative (no lease approval) and two reduced project alternatives. One of these two alternatives would reduce the size of the landfill by eliminating a proposed 21 acre second phase. The other would eliminate the composting and bio-remediation portions of the proposed action.

This notice is published in accordance with Sec. 1503.1 of the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508) implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 1-6), and is in the exercise of the authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Dated: August 25, 2000.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-180-1200PA]

Closure and Restriction Order

AGENCY: Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Folsom Field Office, California.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is restricting the discharge of firearms and other weapons on approximately ten (10) acres of public land. This restriction will apply on public lands within Township 11 north, Range 10 east, section 18, the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter, Mount Diablo meridian, El Dorado County. The BLM is currently preparing a management plan for public lands adjacent to the South Fork of the American River and will encompass this particular property. However; the nature of the problems on this parcel demands interim action. This restriction will be in force upon publication in the **Federal Register** and will end on December 31, 2001. A long term solution will be decided within the plan. This area has been used as a recreational shooting area for many years. The BLM has received numerous complaints from citizens concerning the safety of recreational shooting adjacent to their homes. The frequency of complaints has risen with the construction of homes surrounding the public land. There are now many private homes in the immediate area. There is a commercial campground across the road from the BLM parcel. The BLM agrees with many of the local residents that the discharge of weapons on this public land does create a significant hazard to the public.

Prohibitions: No person shall discharge any firearm or any projectile weapon.

DATES: This prohibition shall take effect September 1, 2000 and expire on December 31, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deane Swickard, Field Manager, 63 Natoma Street, Folsom, CA 95630, 916-985-4474.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The authority for this closure and restriction is contained in Title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations, 8364.1. Any person who fails to comply with this closure and restriction order will be subject to

a fine of up to \$100,000 and/or up to 12 months imprisonment. These penalties are specified in 43 U.S.C. 303 and 18 U.S.C. 3623.

D.K. Swickard,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-912-0777-HN-003E]

Notice of Special Fire Restrictions—Closure Order in Carbon County and Bear Trap Wilderness Area; Montana

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management is including Carbon County and the closure of river use on the Madison River through the Bear Trap Wilderness Area in the special fire restriction-closure order dated August 21, 2000. This closure for Carbon County and the Bear Trap Wilderness Area will become effective at 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, August 29, 2000. In addition, include the following exemption to Order No. MT-00-06: Exemption: Oil and Gas lessees in the performance of activities directly related to their lease. **DATES:** Restrictions go into effect at 12:01 am on Tuesday, August 29, 2000, and will remain in effect until further notice.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to BLM Montana State Director, Attention: Pat Mullaney, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pat Mullaney, Fire Management Specialist, 406-896-2915.

Dated: August 28, 2000.

Mat Millenbach,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-912-0777-HN-003E]

Notice of Special Fire Restrictions—Restrictions and Conditions of Use in the Lewistown, Billings, Miles City, Malta Field Offices

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Bureau of Land Management Montana State Director Mat Millenbach has initiated Level 4 fire restrictions, effective starting at 12:01AM August 31, 2000, on the BLM lands in the Montana counties listed below. These restrictions are in response to the region's increasing fire potentials, the current level of fire activity, and the current scarcity of fire suppression resources.

The Level 4 fire restrictions apply to BLM lands in: Liberty, Hill, Blain, Phillips, Valley, Daniels, Sheridan, Roosevelt, Chouteau, Judith Basin, Fergus, Petroleum, Garfield, McCone, Richland, Dawson, Prairie, Wibaux, Wheatland, Golden Valley, Musselshell, Yellowstone, Big Horn, Treasure, Rosebud, Custer, Powder River, Fallon, and Carter counties.

With Level 4 fire restrictions, the following activities are prohibited on BLM managed lands. Building, maintaining, attending, or using a campfire or any open fire is prohibited (43 CFR 9212.1(h)). Gas and liquid-fueled stoves and lanterns are still permitted at a signed developed, designated recreation site or campground.

Camping in contained units is confined to areas immediately adjacent to open roads. Contained units, campers, trailers, etc. are not restricted to designated areas if cooking within the contained unit. This includes pickups with toppers, but not an open pickup bed. Boats on water are considered a contained unit.

Possessing or using motorized vehicles such as, but not limited to cars, trucks, trail bikes, motorcycles and all terrain vehicles off of cleared roads is prohibited except for persons with a grazing, oil and gas or mining permit performing activities in accordance with their permit. Cleared roads are defined as roads cleared of vegetation shoulder to shoulder (43 CFR 9212.1(h)).

Travel via foot or bicycle will be allowed on roads that have been closed due to the extreme fire danger.

Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building; at an improved place of habitation; at a developed, designated recreation site or campground; or while stopped in an area at least 3 feet in diameter that is cleared of all flammable material, is prohibited (43 CFR 9212.1(h)).

Use of chainsaws or other equipment with internal combustion engines for felling, bucking, skidding/wood cutting, road-building, and other high fire risk operations is prohibited. Exceptions are helicopter yarding and earth moving on areas of cleared and bare soil. Sawing

incidental to loading operations on cleared landings is not necessarily restricted (43 CFR 9212.1(h)).

Welding, blasting (except seismic operations confined by ten or more feet of soil, sand or cuttings), and other activities with a high potential for causing wildland fires are prohibited (43 CFR 9212.1(h)).

A patrol is required for a period of two hour following the cessation of all work activity. The patrolperson's responsibilities include checking for compliance with required fire precautions.

Exemptions: Exemptions to the above prohibitions are allowed only for any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue, firefighting force or law enforcement in the performance of an official duty, or persons with a permit or written authorization allowing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

Authority for these prohibitions is pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701, *et seq.*), Sections 302(b) and 301(a); and Title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 9210 (Fire Management), Subpart 9212 (Wildfire Prevention). These restrictions will become effective at 1:00 a.m., Mountain Daylight Time, Friday, August 11, 2000, and will remain in effect until rescinded or revoked.

Violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 12 months, or both.

DATES: Restrictions go into effect at 12:01 am on Thursday, August 31, 2000, and will remain in effect until further notice.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to BLM Montana State Director, Attention: Pat Mullaney, P.O. Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107-6800.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pat Mullaney, Fire Management Specialist, 406-896-2915.

Dated: August 29, 2000.

Roberta A. Moltzen,

Acting State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[NV-010-1990-EX]

Notice of Availability for the South Operations Area Project Amendment Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Comment Period and Public Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act, 40 CFR 1500-1508 and 43 CFR 3809, notice is given that the Bureau of Land Management has prepared, with the assistance of a third-party consultant, a Draft Environmental Impact Statement on Newmont's proposed South Operations Area Project Amendment in northeastern Nevada, and has made copies of the document available for public review. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement analyzes the potential environmental impacts that could result from the expansion and deepening of the Gold Quarry open-pit mine and expansion of mine facilities and extension of mine dewatering for ten years beyond the current permit.

DATES: Written comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be accepted until close of business on October 31, 2000. A public meeting for oral and written comments is scheduled to be held: September 26, 2000 in Elko, Nevada, at the Bureau of Land Management Office, 3900 E. Idaho Street at 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement should be addressed to: Bureau of Land Management, Elko Field Office, Attn: Roger Congdon, Environmental Impact Statement Coordinator, 3900 E. Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement is available for inspection at the following locations: Bureau of Land Management Nevada State Office (Reno), Bureau of Land Management Elko Field Office, Carson City and Elko County libraries, the University of Nevada libraries in Reno and Las Vegas, and the Great Basin College library in Elko. It is also available from the Bureau of Land Management, Elko Field Office internet site at www.nv.blm.gov/elko.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information, write to the above address or call Roger Congdon at (775) 753-0200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Newmont proposes to continue operations at the