

falling, bucking, skidding, wood cutting, road building, and other high fire risk operations between 1 p.m. and 1 a.m. local time. 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)).

Using chainsaws or other equipment with internal combustion engines for felling, bucking, skidding, wood cutting or any other operation within areas having a significant accumulation of dead or down slash or timber (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 forest fires (43 CFR 9212.1(h)).

A patrol is required for a period of two hours after any woods operations including felling, bucking, skidding, woodcutting, or road building cease. A patrol is also required for one hour following the cessation of all work activity. The patrolperson's responsibilities include checking for compliance with required fire precautions.

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 engaged in a trade, business or occupation in the area. Cleared roads are defined as roads cleared of vegetation shoulder to shoulder (43 CFR 9212.1(h)).

Exemptions to the above prohibitions are allowed only for any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or 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.

Violation of this order is prohibited by the provisions of the regulations cited. Under 43 CFR 9212.4, any violation is subject to punishment by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment of not more than 12 months, or both.

DATES: Restrictions go into effect at 12:01 pm (noon) on Tuesday, September 5, 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: September 5, 2000.

Roberta A. Moltzen,

Acting State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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

Notice of Rescindment of Special Fire Closures in Billings, Missoula, Helena, Butte and Dillon Field Offices; MT

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 43 Code of Federal Regulations 9212.2, the prohibitions listed in Order No. MT-00-03, MT-00-05, MT-00-06, applicable to Bureau of Land Management lands administered by the Billings, Missoula, Helena, Butte and Dillon Field Offices, dated August 11, 2000, August 17, 2000, and August 23, 2000, will be terminated at 12 noon Tuesday, September 5, 2000.

DATES: Restrictions are terminated at 12:01 pm (noon) on Tuesday, September 5, 2000.

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

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[NV-023-1232-EA-NV06; Special Recreation Permit #NV-023-00-03]

Nevada: Emergency Closure of Certain Public Lands in the Winnemucca District for the Management of Lands and Activities Located In and Around the Burning Man Event Site, Pershing County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Closures and restrictions of public lands in Washoe and Pershing Counties.

SUMMARY: Certain lands would be temporarily closed on an emergency

basis, in the Winnemucca District, Pershing and Washoe Counties, Nevada, to public use from 6 a.m., August 28 to 12 pm, September 6, 2000. This emergency closure is being made in the interest of public safety in relation to an authorized Burning Man Event airstrip south and southwest of the Burning Man site, at and around the public lands location of an event known as the Burning Man Festival. This event is expected to attract at least 28,000 participants this year, with a certain percentage of clientele arriving by aircraft and landing on the authorized airstrip. All other temporary closures and prohibitions as previously published in the **Federal Register** for this location remain in effect. The lands involved are located in the Mount Diablo Meridian and located northeast of Gerlach, Nevada.

The "Middle Track" and "East Track" that lead out from the "First Exit/Entrance" ("3-Mile") to the playa areas east and west of the Burning Man site, from the Burning Man site east to the Union Pacific Railroad Tracks, and the entire Southern end of the playa southwest of Burning Man will be closed public use during the Burning Man event period, 6 a.m., August 28 to 12 pm, September 6, 2000, with the exception of BLM personnel, law enforcement and emergency medical services, and authorized Burning Man staff. The "tracks" are those sunken roadways or trackways on the Black Rock Desert playa that traverse the length of the playa "west arm." The affected playa lands southwest to northeast are:

T32N, R23E,
Sec. 1; Sec. 2; Sec. 3; Sec. 11; Sec. 12; Sec. 13; Sec. 14.
T33N, R23E,
Sec. 25; Sec. 26; Sec. 34; Sec. 35; Sec. 36.
T32N, R24E,
Sec. 5; Sec. 6.
T33N, R24E,
Sec. 1; Sec. 2; Sec. 3; Sec. 4; Sec. 5; Sec. 8; Sec. 9; Sec. 10; Sec. 11; Sec. 12; Sec. 13; Sec. 14; Sec. 15; Sec. 16; Sec. 17; Sec. 18; Sec. 19; Sec. 20; Sec. 21; Sec. 22; Sec. 28; Sec. 29; Sec. 30; Sec. 31; Sec. 32.
T33, R25E,
Sec. 2; Sec. 3; Sec. 4.

The 3-Mile (First Exit/Entrance) will be closed during the Burning Man event period, August 28, 2000 to September 4, 2000, with the exception of BLM personnel, law enforcement and emergency medical services, and authorized Burning Man staff. The affected lands are:

T33N, R23E,
Sec. 35, NW¹/₄ of the SW¹/₄.

A map showing the temporary closure area is available from the following BLM