

lands for conveyance under the provisions of sec. 14(h)(8) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of December 18, 1971, 43 U.S.C.

1613(h)(8), will be issued to Sealaska Corporation, for approximately 1,049 acres. The lands involved are located within T. 78 S., R. 82 E., Copper River Meridian, on Dall Island, Alaska.

Notice of the decision will be published once a week, for four (4) consecutive weeks, in the *Juneau Empire*. Copies of the decision may be obtained by contacting the Alaska State Office of the Bureau of Land Management, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599 ((907) 271-5960).

Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decisions, an agency of the Federal government, or regional corporation, shall have until January 25, 2001 to file an appeal. However, parties receiving service by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal. Appeals must be filed in the Bureau of Land Management at the address identified above, where the requirements for filing an appeal may be obtained. Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4, subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

Ronald L. Hunt,

Land Law Examiner, Branch of ANCSA Adjudication.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

[NV-055-7122-EA-8229]

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 2001 Laughlin Desert Challenge 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 and to comply Score International 2001 Laughlin Desert Challenge Race

with provisions of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Biological Opinion for Speed Based Off-Highway, Vehicle Events (1-95-F-237).

DATES: From 6 am January 18, 2001 through 9 pm January 21, 2001 Pacific Standard Time.

Closure Area: Public lands within as described below, an area within T. 32 to R. 66 E.

1. The closure is a square shaped area bound by State Route 163 on the north, Big Bend Drive on the east, Desert Road/Edison Way on the south, Hiko Springs to the west.

Exceptions to the closure area are: none.

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 the 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 of feature. Vehicles so parked are subject to citation, removal and impoundment at owners 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 p.m. and 6 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 part 8340 subpart 8341; 43 CFR part 8360, subpart 8364.1 and 43 CFR part 8372. Persons who violate this closure order are subject to fines and or arrest as prescribed by law.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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

Dated: December 15, 2000.

Mark Morse,

Las Vegas Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

National Park of American Samoa; Federal Advisory Commission; Notice of Meeting

Notice is given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act that a meeting of the National Park of American Samoa Federal Advisory Commission will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, January 22, 2001, at the Fitiuta village malae, Fitiuta, Ta'u, American Samoa. An alternative site, in case of restricted travel to Ta'u, will be

Pago Plaza, Rm. 212, Pago Pago, Tutuila, American Samoa.

The agenda for the meeting will include:

Welcome and introductions
Superintendents report and discussion
Discussion of park related tourism Other
Board issues Public comments

The meeting is open to the public and opportunity will be provided for public comments prior to closing the meeting. The meeting will be recorded for documentation and transcribed for dissemination. Minutes of the meeting will be available to the public after they have been approved by the full Advisory Commission. For copies of the minutes, contact the National Park of American Samoa Superintendent at 011 (684) 633-7082.

Dated: December 10, 2000.

Charles Cranfield,

Superintendent, National Park of American Samoa.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

[DES00-59]

San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority; Grassland Bypass Project, Fresno, Merced, and Stanislaus Counties, California

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Report/ Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIR/EIS)

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and the California Environmental Quality Act, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and the San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority (Authority) have prepared a joint Draft EIR/EIS for the renewal of the Grassland Bypass Project through 2009.

The purposes of the Proposed Project are to (1) continue separation of unusable agricultural drainwater discharged from the Grassland Drainage Area from wetland water supply conveyance channels for the period 2001-2009, and (2) facilitate drainage management that maintains the viability of agriculture in the Grassland Drainage Area and promote continuous improvement in water quality in the San Joaquin River. The Draft EIR/EIS addresses the potential environmental impacts expected to result from renewal of this Project through 2009.

DATES: Submit written comments on the Draft EIR/EIS on or before Tuesday, February 27, 2001. Comments may be submitted to Reclamation or the Authority at the addresses provided below. Three public hearings on the Draft EIR/EIS will be held on February 2, February 6, and February 7, 2001, at the addresses below.

ADDRESSES: Three public hearings will be held:

- Friday, February 2, 2001, 1:00 p.m., at the Miller and Lux Building, 1st Floor Conference Room, 830 6th Street, Los Banos, California 93635
- Tuesday, February 6, 2001, 7:00 p.m., at Board Room, Contra Costa Water District, 1331 Concord Avenue, Concord, California 94520
- Wednesday, February 7, 2001, 1:00 p.m., Best Western Expo Inn, 1413 Howe Avenue, Sacramento, California 95825

Written comments on the Draft EIR/EIS should be addressed to Mr. Michael Delamore, Bureau of Reclamation, 1213 N Street, Fresno, California 93721, or Mr. Joe McGahan, Regional Drainage Coordinator, Summers Engineering, Inc., PO Box 1122, Hanford, California 93232. Copies of the Draft EIR/EIS may be requested from Mr. Delamore at the above address or by calling (559) 487-5133. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for locations where copies of the Draft EIR/EIS are available for public inspection.

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from public disclosure, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold a respondent's identity from public disclosure, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public disclosure in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information, please contact Mr. Michael Delamore at (559) 487-5039, TDD (559) 487-5933, or e-mail: mdelamore@mp.usbr.gov; or Mr. Joe McGahan at (559) 582-9237 or e-mail jmcgahan@summerseng.com.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The current Grassland Bypass Project has operated since 1996. It has significantly improved the quality of water in more

than 93 miles of channels used to deliver water to wetland habitat areas in central California. In addition, the action has prompted formation of a regional drainage entity with a program of innovative and aggressive drainage management techniques to meet selenium load values in the San Joaquin River. For example, the group was the first to obtain Waste Discharge Requirements from the California Regional Water Quality Control Board to address non-point-source agricultural drainage discharges and has developed a load trading program to regionally adjust selenium discharges. This work has taken advantage of state and federal funding programs, which have greatly served to accelerate drainage accomplishments.

Under the Proposed Action, unusable agricultural drainwater from about 98,000 acres of prime farmland would continue to be separated from 93 miles of wetland water supply channels and conveyed to Mud Slough, a tributary of the San Joaquin River. This would occur between October 1, 2001, and December 31, 2009.

In the Draft EIR/EIS, the Proposed Action is compared with two alternatives: a No-Project Alternative, and the Mud Slough Bypass Alternative that would be the Grassland Bypass Project plus the construction of a short facility that would convey drainwater directly to the San Joaquin River. The latter would remove drainwater from six additional miles of Mud Slough and discharge it into the San Joaquin River downstream of its confluence with the Merced River.

Under both the Proposed Action and the Mud Slough Bypass alternatives, the volume and concentration of this discharge would be progressively reduced to meet new water quality requirements in the river that will become effective in 2005 and 2010.

Copies of the Draft EIR/EIS are available for public inspection and review at the following locations:

- San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, 800 6th Street, Los Banos, California 93635; telephone (209) 826-9696
- Bureau of Reclamation, South-Central California Area Office, 1243 N Street, Fresno, California 93721; telephone (559) 487-5116
- Bureau of Reclamation, Public Affairs Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825; telephone (916) 978-5100
- Fresno County Public Library, Government Publications, 2420 Mariposa Street, Fresno, California 93721; telephone (559) 488-3198