

agency's estimate of the burden (hours and cost) of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of the information on the respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Each proposed information collection contains the following: Type of Review requested; e.g., new, revision, extension, reinstatement, existing; Title; Summary of collection; Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; respondents and frequency of collection; Reporting and/or Record keeping burden.

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement.

*Title:* Higher Education Grant Program Annual Report Form.

This is a compilation of data from tribes and tribal organizations that participate in the Bureau of Indian Affairs Higher Education Grant Program. The information is used to account for the funds appropriated for this program.

*OMB approval number:* 1076-0106.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Description of respondents:* Tribes, Tribal Organizations.

*Estimated completion time:* 3 hours.

*Number of Annual responses:* 125.

*Annual Burden hours:* 375 hours.

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement.

*Title:* Higher Education Grant Program Application.

The information is used by the tribe or tribal organization to determine the eligibility of the respondents for this program.

*OMB approval number:* 1076-0101.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Description of respondents:* Eligible American Indian and Alaska Native students.

*Estimated completion time:* 1 hour.

*Number of Annual responses:* 14,000.

*Annual Burden hours:* 14,000 total hours.

Dated: April 20, 2001.

**James H. McDivitt,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs (Management).*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

#### Emergency Closure

**AGENCY:** Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management.

**ACTION:** Notice of Closure of Public Lands; Utah. Notice of a emergency closure to motorized vehicles and mountain bikes on a crucial "lek" (strutting and breeding ground) and adjacent habitat area for the greater sage grouse. This area is located west and north of Parowan Gap in Iron County, Utah.

**SUMMARY:** This notice closes to motorized vehicle and mountain bike use approximately 1,735 acres of public land administered by BLM land located in all or parts of sections 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 17, 20, 21; T. 33 S., R.10 W; SLBM. All public lands including motorized vehicle routes within the area will be closed, except access to a wildlife guzzler located adjacent to the west boundary road in Section 8 will be allowed. The authority for this action is 43 CFR 8341.2.

**DATES:** This closure is seasonal from March 1st to May 15th each year will begin immediately and remain in effect pending amendment of the land use plan for the Cedar City Field Office area.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steve Hedges, Bureau of Land Management, 176 East DL Sargent Drive, Cedar City, Utah 84720, telephone (435) 865-3035.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject area is important year long sage grouse habitat and contains a crucial lek or strutting ground, which is considered to be the center of spring breeding activity for resident sage grouse populations. This lek (strutting and breeding ground) has been monitored annually since 1974 by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) and is one of the few remaining active leks in Iron County. The greater sage grouse is listed by Utah BLM and UDWR as a state sensitive species. BLM policy for sensitive species as stated in the 6840 Manual is that they should be managed to ensure that actions funded, authorized, or carried out by the BLM do not contribute to the need to list them as threatened or endangered species. UDWR classifies the sage grouse as a species of special concern with declining populations and limited distributions. As such, it is crucial to protect the lek sites of this species. The area is currently designated as open to OHV use as documented in the Off Road Vehicle Designation and

Implementation Plan for Beaver River Resource Area completed in 1987. The OHV plan also prescribes that BLM monitor ongoing OHV activity and, if necessary, adjust the time, location, or quantity of use. The subject area has received considerable increase in OHV use, extending existing routes, and creating new routes. This activity is having an adverse impact on the sage grouse in that the breeding activities are being disrupted by vehicles driving through the lek during the time which the birds are on the lek. Therefore, BLM is temporarily closing to all vehicle use the area as described above.

Dated: April 9, 2001.

**A.J. Meredith,**

*Field Office Manager.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[UT-933-01-1220-00]

#### Notice of Implementation of Special Area Permit Fees in Utah

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Utah State Office, Salt Lake City, Utah.

**ACTION:** Notice of implementation of special area permit fees on public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management in Utah.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that day use and overnight special area permit fees are being charged for all individual (private, non-commercial) users and for guests of commercial users at the areas listed below. Failure to pay fees may result in a fine of up to \$100 added to the initial fee amount.

Paria Canyon-Vermillion Cliffs

Wilderness Area: \$5 per person/per day, \$5 per dog/per day

Westwater Canyon—\$7 per person/per trip

Desolation Canyon—\$18 per person/per trip

San Juan River—Sand Island to Mexican Hat—\$6 per person/per trip; Mexican Hat to Clay Hills—\$12 per person/per trip; Sand Island to Clay Hills—\$18 per person/per trip

Cedar Mesa—Overnight permit \$8 per person/per trip, 7 day pass (day use) \$5 per person, Single day (day use) pass \$2/per person, Seasonal day use pass \$20 per person

The implementation of special area permit fees is effective immediately for the areas listed as required on a year-round or seasonal basis under the above listed permit systems.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Commercial guides are exempt from paying the special area permit fees only when they are on official duty with their respective companies. Golden Eagle, Age, and Access Passports apply only to entrance fees and cannot be used to cover user fees such as those imposed by this notice. Failure to pay fees will result in a fine of up to \$100. Non-compliance with registration requirements and/or other user regulations at the sites may result in fines up to \$1,000 and/or imprisonment up to 12 months and possibly, additional civil action.

**Additional Information**

The purpose of this action is for Utah BLM to implement national policy set forth under title 43 CFR, Subpart 8372. Special area use permits may be required for individual (private, noncommercial) recreation use in special areas. Special areas are areas officially designated by statute or Secretarial order including: components of the National Trails System, the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, the National Wilderness System; National Conservation Areas, Monuments and recreation areas; an area covered by joint agreement between the Bureau of Land Management and a State government as provided for in Title II of the Sikes Act (16 U.S.C. 670a *et seq.*); or any area where the authorized officer determines that the resources require special management and control measures for their protection and a permit system for individual use would achieve management objectives.

The areas listed above are also participating in the Recreation Fee Demonstration Program. In 1996, to address increasing visitor use and impact on public lands and declining federal budgets for recreation, Congress directed the U.S. Department of the Interior to implement the Recreation Fee Demonstration Program for three of its agencies, the BLM, the National Park Service, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The intent of the program is to help spread some of the costs for managing these lands among those who use them. All of the fees collected at these sites are returned to the site for use in managing the area.

**Authorities:** The Omnibus Consolidated Rescissions and Appropriation Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-134, Sec. 315) provides the authority for BLM to carry out the Recreational Fee Demonstration Program by charging and collecting fees in Pilot Fee Sites. Under this authority, the agency has the authority to collect fees for admission to the area or for the use of outdoor recreation

sites, facilities, visitor centers, equipment, and services." Additional authorities for collecting user fees, implementing special regulations for visitor conduct, and imposing fines for noncompliance with regulations include the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, Pub. L. 94-579 (43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*), the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965, Pub. L. 88-578 (16 U.S.C. 460 (1-6a) *et seq.*), and title 43 CFR, Subpart 8372.

Dated: March 14, 2001.

**Linda S. Colville,**

*Acting State Director.*

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

[AZ-956-09-1420-00]

**Arizona State Office; Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey**

April 16, 2001.

1. The plats of survey of the following described land were officially filed in the Arizona State Office, Phoenix, Arizona on the dates indicated:

A plat representing the survey of the Sixth Guide Meridian East, (west boundary), the east and north boundaries, and the subdivisional lines, Township 35 North, Range 25 East, of the Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona, accepted January 30, 2001 and officially filed February 9, 2001.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Navajo Regional Office.

A plat representing the survey of the east and north boundaries, and the subdivisional lines, Township 35 North, Range 26 East, of the Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona, accepted February 20, 2001 and officially filed March 2, 2001.

This plat was prepared at the request of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Navajo Regional Office.

These plats will immediately become the basic records for describing the land for all authorized purposes. These plats have been placed in the open files and are available to the public for information only.

2. All inquiries relating to these lands should be sent to the Arizona State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 222 N. Central Avenue, P.O. Box 1552, Phoenix, Arizona 85001-1552.

**Kenny D. Ravnikar,**

*Chief Cadastral Surveyor of Arizona.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Reclamation****Quarterly Status Report of Water Service, Repayment, and Other Water-Related Contract Negotiations**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of proposed contractual actions that are new, modified, discontinued, or completed since the last publication of this notice on March 5, 2001. The March 5, 2001, notice should be used as a reference point to identify changes. This notice is one of a variety of means used to inform the public about proposed contractual actions for capital recovery and management of project resources and facilities. Additional Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) announcements of individual contract actions may be published in the **Federal Register** and in newspapers of general circulation in the areas determined by Reclamation to be affected by the proposed action. Announcements may be in the form of news releases, legal notices, official letters, memorandums, or other forms of written material. Meetings, workshops, and/or hearings may also be used, as appropriate, to provide local publicity. The public participation procedures do not apply to proposed contracts for sale of surplus or interim irrigation water for a term of 1 year or less. Either of the contracting parties may invite the public to observe contract proceedings. All public participation procedures will be coordinated with those involved in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act.

**ADDRESSES:** The identity of the approving officer and other information pertaining to a specific contract proposal may be obtained by calling or writing the appropriate regional office at the address and telephone number given for each region in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sandra L. Simons, Manager, Water Contracts and Repayment Office, Bureau of Reclamation, PO Box 25007, Denver, Colorado 80225-0007; telephone 303-445-2902.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 226 of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (96 Stat. 1273) and 43 CFR 426.20 of the rules and regulations published in 52 FR 11954, Apr. 13, 1987, Reclamation will publish notice of the proposed or amendatory contract actions for any contract for the