

subpart D of the PHAS regulation (PHAS Indicator #3, Management Operations).

1. A PHA may be designated troubled (substandard management) as a result of the management operations assessment score.

2. A PHA may appeal its management operations score in accordance with 24 CFR 902.69.

PHAS Advisory Score. PHAs with a fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, September 30, 2000, December 31, 2000, March 31, 2001, or June 30, 2001, will be issued a PHAS advisory score. The PHA must comply with the requirements of 24 CFR part 902 (the PHAS regulation) so that HUD may issue the advisory score.

1. Physical inspections will continue to be performed by HUD, as part of the PHAS advisory score process, using HUD's Uniform Physical Condition Standards inspection protocol. However, PHAs with an overall score in the PHAS Physical Condition indicator of at least 80 percent of the 30 available points (or 24 points) will not be inspected this fiscal year. The physical inspection scores from last year will be utilized to calculate the PHAS advisory scores for these PHAs.

2. All PHAs are required to document the correction or abatement of exigent health and safety hazards in accordance with PHAS requirements and should provide Field Offices with certification of such action(s).

3. PHAs must comply with the reporting requirements of PHAS, and be assessed by HUD under the PHAS on an advisory basis.

4. PHAs may not appeal advisory scores, but are encouraged to take advantage of the technical review process for the Physical Condition indicator and the Resident Service and Satisfaction indicator (24 CFR part 902.68). Also available under the Physical Condition indicator is the database adjustment (24 CFR part 902.25).

5. Notwithstanding the automatic designations generated by the Department's technological systems, all designations other than MASS troubled (substandard management) will be held in abeyance, as well as any incentives that are awarded for such designations.

PHAs With Fiscal Years Ending After 6/30/01

Since it is the intent of the Department to conduct informal consultations with PHAs, residents, and others interested in public housing, on ways to improve HUD's on-going methodology and procedures for assessing the performance of public

housing agencies, and these informal consultations are expected to commence within the near future and continue periodically through November 2001; PHAs with fiscal years ending after June 30, 2001 through June 30, 2002, may be issued modified PHAS scores as established by appropriate procedures and notification.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Prohibition of Use of Firewood Containing Nails, Screws, and Other Metal Hardware Within the Boundaries of the El Mirage Cooperative Management Area; and Rasor, Johnson Valley, Stoddard Valley, and the Dumont Dunes OHV Recreation Areas, San Bernardino County, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, (BLM) Interior.

ACTION: Notice of the implementation of a supplementary rule banning the use of firewood containing nails, screws, and other metal hardware upon the public lands within the El Mirage Cooperative Management Area; and Rasor, Johnson Valley, Stoddard Valley, and the Dumont Dunes OHV Recreation Areas, San Bernardino County, California.

SUMMARY: Order: A supplementary rule will take effect that will ban the use of firewood containing nails, screws, and other metal hardware in the El Mirage Cooperative Management Area; and Rasor, Johnson Valley, Stoddard Valley, and the Dumont Dunes OHV Recreation Areas. The supplementary rule will be cited under 43 CFR 8365.1-6, Visitors Services, Rules of Conduct, Supplementary Rules. The text of these rules follows:

1. Ban on Firewood Containing Nails, Screws, and Other Metal Hardware Within the El Mirage Cooperative Management Area; and Rasor, Johnson Valley, Stoddard Valley, and the Dumont Dunes OHV Recreation Areas.

(a) Due to an ongoing problem with nails, screws, and other metal hardware from pallets and construction lumber causing damage to vehicle tires and a

safety problem for the visitors to the El Mirage Cooperative Management Area; and Rasor, Johnson Valley, Stoddard Valley, and the Dumont Dunes OHV Recreation Areas, there is a demonstrated need for the removal of firewood containing nails, screws, and other metal hardware and elimination of their use within the management areas.

(b) Upon the Public Lands within the established boundaries of the El Mirage Cooperative Management Area; and Rasor, Johnson Valley, Stoddard Valley, and the Dumont Dunes OHV Recreation Areas, no person shall bring in, dispose of or possess any firewood containing nails, screws, and other metal hardware.

Background: The purpose of this supplementary rule is to protect visitors to the El Mirage Cooperative Management Area; and Rasor, Johnson Valley, Stoddard Valley, and the Dumont Dunes OHV Recreation Areas from serious injury to themselves as well as damage to their vehicle's tires as a result of discarded nails, screws, and other metal hardware from firewood.

At this time, nails, screws, and other metal hardware are evident in areas of concentrated use and around high traffic areas. This regularly results in tire damage to visitor's vehicles and to Bureau patrol vehicles. Falling or stepping on nails, screws, or other metal hardware continues to be a hazard to campers who prefer to utilize well used camping areas.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This rule will take effect on the date of June 1, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barry Nelson, Chief Ranger, Bureau of Land Management, 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, California 92311; or call (760) 252-6070.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Area maps, Management Area brochures, and copies of the Management Plans are available by contacting the above personnel.

Authority for this supplemental rule is found in 43 CFR 8365.1-6. Violation of this rule is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$100,000/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

Dated: May 9, 2001.

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California State Director.

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