

43,115 acres have not been surveyed for ground squirrel occupancy, and no site-specific conservation measures have been identified on these lands. On these unsurveyed lands, both individual ground squirrels and their habitat will be protected from land use activities that may have adverse effects at any sites identified in the future as occupied by southern Idaho ground squirrels, or sites identified by the agencies as reintroduction/translocation sites. The permit would authorize incidental take of southern Idaho ground squirrels as a result of Soulen Livestock's land use activities: crop cultivation and harvesting, livestock grazing and production, farm equipment operation, and recreational activities.

We provide this notice pursuant to section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act and implementing regulations for the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR 1506.6). We will evaluate the permit application, associated documents, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the permit application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations. If we determine that the requirements are met, we will sign the Agreement and issue an enhancement of survival permit under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act to Soulen Livestock for take of southern Idaho ground squirrels incidental to otherwise lawful activities in accordance with the terms of the Agreement. We will not make our final decision until after the end of the 30-day comment period and will fully consider all comments received during the comment period.

Dated: March 1, 2002.

Rowan W. Gould,

Deputy Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-020-034-1010-02]

Closure of Public Lands to Camping and Off-Highway Vehicle Use

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of closure of public lands to camping and off-highway vehicle use.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the following described lands are temporarily closed until further notice to camping and off-highway vehicle use

for the protection of public health and safety under the provisions of 43 CFR 8364.1 and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701). Persons with authorization to utilize the area by BLM regulations, contracts, leases or permits, may use the area described in accordance with those authorizations. Nothing in this closure effects the exercise of valid existing rights created by a contract, right-of-way, lease, permit or mining claim that is carried out in accordance with the regulations under which the rights were established. The closure will remain in effect until rescinded or modified by the Phoenix Field Manager.

Gila and Salt River Meridian, Arizona

T. 1 N., R. 7 E.,

Sec. 18, Lots 6, 13, 15-19, 21, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 2 N., R. 1 W.,

Sec. 13, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 24, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This order is effective upon the signature of the authorized officer.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public lands involved (approximately 301 acres), located at University Drive/Sossman Road and Camelback Road/Agua Fria River, are adjacent to areas of expanding urban development. Unregulated and extended overnight camping and off-highway vehicle use is not consistent with the orderly growth of the communities and presents health, safety and law enforcement problems.

Fugitive dust resulting from operation of off-highway vehicles in air quality non-attainment areas is a growing and continuing problem. Landowner compliance with Maricopa County and State of Arizona dust abatement and management regulations is becoming critical in the urban areas of Maricopa County. BLM is subject to these rules, especially Maricopa County Rules 301, 302, and 310.01. Air quality issues include considerable PM10 dust from the operation of off-highway vehicles, extensive PM10 accumulations from OHV activities during late afternoons and on weekends, and significant numbers of complaints from concerned citizens.

Increasing levels of local law enforcement time have been allocated to answering disturbance calls from residents and property owners adjacent to these public lands. Law enforcement service calls included OHV-related dust, noise, trespass, random gunfire, drug and alcohol violation arrests, fireworks use, suspicious circumstance calls, illegal dumping of dirt, debris and trash and other illicit activities.

This closure will be monitored and enforced by BLM, the Maricopa County Sheriff's Department and other law enforcement agencies. The following persons, operating within the scope of their official duties, are exempt from the provisions of these closures: BLM employees, state or federal law enforcement and fire protection personnel.

Because of prior existing rights, the following parties (and their representatives) will be allowed access to the above described lands:

- (1) USDI, Bureau of Reclamation—(AZA-453, AZA-18823, AZA-19991, AZPHX-086506, AZPHX-86777 and Secretarial Orders dated July 2, 1902 and August 21, 1909)
U.S. West—(AZA-10994, AZAR-035574)
City of Mesa—(AZA-17277, AZA-31058)
Maricopa County DOT—(AZAR-035348)
- (2) Salt River Project—(AZA-166)
Tucson Electric Power Co.—(AZA-7274, AZA-7872)
Arizona Public Service Co.—(AZA-18635)
Maricopa County DOT—(AZA-19098)
Maricopa County FCD—(AZA-23639)

Order: Notice is hereby given that effective the date of a signature by the authorized officer of this notice, the above described lands are closed to camping and off-highway vehicle use until further notice. Any person who fails to comply with a closure or restriction order issued under 43 CFR 8364 is subject to the penalties provided in 43 CFR Subpart 8360.0-7.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael A. Taylor, Field Manager, Phoenix Field Office, 21605 North 7th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85027, (623) 580-5500.

Dated: December 19, 2001.

Michael A. Taylor,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Temporary Closure of Public Lands—Recreation Special Events: Nevada, Carson City Field Office

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior Department.

ACTION: Temporary closure of affected public lands in Lyon, Storey, Churchill, Carson, Douglas, Mineral and Washoe Counties on and adjacent to permitted special events such as: Motorized Off Highway Vehicle, Mountain Bike, Horse Endurance competitive event sites and routes.

Competitive events (races) are conducted along dirt roads, trails, washes and areas approved for such use through the Special Recreation Use Permit application process. Events occur from April through November, 2002. Closure period is from 6 a.m. race day until race finish or until the event has cleared between affected Check Point locations; approximately 2 to 24 hour periods. The general public will be advised of each event and Closure specifics via local newspapers and mailed public letters within seven (7) to thirty (30) days prior to the running of an event. Event maps and information will be posted at the Carson City Field Office.

Locations most commonly used for permitted events include, but are not limited to:

1. Lemmon Valley MX Area—Washoe Co., T21N R19E S8.
2. Hungry Valley Off Highway Vehicle Area—Washoe Co., T21–23N R20E.
3. Pine Nut Mountains—Carson, Douglas & Lyon Counties: T11–16N R20–24E.
4. Virginia City/Jumbo Areas—Washoe & Storey Counties: T16–17N R20–21E.
5. Yerington/Weeks Areas—Lyon Co.: T12–16N R23–27E.
6. Fallon Area (Including Sand Mtn.)—Churchill Co.: T14–18N R27–32E.
7. Hawthorne Area—Mineral County: T5–14N R31½–36E.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Manager, Non-Renewable Resources announces the temporary closure of selected public lands under his administration. Persons with authorization to utilize the area by BLM regulations, contracts, leases or permits, may use the area described in accordance with those authorizations. Nothing in this closure affects the exercise of valid existing rights created by a contract, right of way, lease, permit of mining claim that is carried out in accordance with the regulations under which the rights were established. This action is taken to provide for public and participant safety and to protect adjacent natural and cultural resources during the conduct of permitted special recreation events.

EFFECTIVE DATES: April through November, 2002. Events may be canceled or rescheduled at short notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fran Hull, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Carson City Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, Nevada 89701, Telephone: (775) 885-6161.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Bureau lands to be temporarily closed to public use include the width and length of those roads and trails identified as the race route by colorful flagging, chalk arrows in the dirt and directional arrows

attached to wooden stakes. The authorized applicants or their representatives are required to post warning signs, control access to, and clearly mark the event routes during closure periods.

Public uses generally affected by a Temporary Closure include: road and trail uses, camping, shooting of any kind of weapon including paint ball, and public land exploration.

Spectator and support vehicles may be driven on open roads only. Spectators may observe the races from specified locations as directed by event and agency officials.

A map and schedule of each closure area may be obtained at the contact address.

Exemptions: Closure restrictions do not apply to race officials, medical/rescue, law enforcement and agency personnel monitoring the event.

Authority: 43 CFR part 8364 and 43 CFR part 8372.

Penalty: Any person failing to comply with the closure orders may be subject to imprisonment for not more than 12 months, or a fine in accordance with the applicable provisions of 18 USC 3571, or both.

Dated: February 11, 2002.

Charles P. Pope,

Acting Assistant Manager, Non-renewable Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-160-1220-PG]

Meeting of the Central California Resource Advisory Council

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

ACTION: Meeting of the Central California Resource Advisory Council.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (sec. 309), the Bureau of Land Management Resource Advisory Council for Central California will meet in Bakersfield.

DATES: Friday and Saturday, April 12–13, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Red Lion Hotel, 2400 Camino Del Rio Court, Bakersfield, California.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 12 member Central California Resource

Advisory Council is appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to advise the Bureau of Land Management on public land issues. On Friday and Saturday beginning at 8 a.m., the Council will meet to discuss public land issues. The meetings are open to the public. Agenda items include a briefing on current issues and future planning by the four Field Managers of the central California region of the BLM, and an information session on healthy rangelands. There will be a Friday afternoon field trip to the Carrizo Plain National Monument. The public is welcome on the field trip, but must supply their own transportation. There will be public comment periods at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, April 12, and 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 13, at which time the Council will hear comments on any public land issue. Written comments will also be accepted, either at the meeting or at the address below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry Mercer, Public Affairs Officer, Bureau of Land Management, 3801 Pegasus Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93308, telephone 661-391-6010.

Dated: February 22, 2002.

Ron Fellows,

Bakersfield Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Northeastern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council Meeting Location and Time

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Resource Advisory Council's meeting location and time.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), 5 U.S.C., the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Council meetings will be held as indicated below. The agenda for this meeting includes: A field tour to Crescent Valley to view/discuss grazing and mining issues, approval of minutes of the previous meetings, Off-Highway Vehicle Draft Guidelines, Vegetation Draft Guidelines, 3809 Guidelines, Field Managers' and District Ranger's reports.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal