

Salem BLM Resource Advisory Committee may be obtained from Trish Hogervorst, Salem BLM Public Affairs, 1717 Fabry Rd. SE, Salem, Oregon 97306. (503-375-5657).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Act, five Resource Advisory Committees have been formed for western Oregon BLM districts that contain Oregon & California (O&C) Grant Lands and Coos Bay Wagon Road lands. The Act establishes a six-year payment schedule to local counties in lieu of funds derived from the harvest of timber on federal lands, which have dropped dramatically over the past 10 years.

The Act creates a new mechanism for local community collaboration with federal land management activities in the selection of projects to be conducted on federal lands or that will benefit resources on federal lands using funds under Title II of the Act. The BLM Resource Advisory Committees consist of 15 local citizens (plus 6 alternates) representing a wide array of interests.

Dated: April 19, 2002.

Denis Williamson,
District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-650-02-1220-JG-064B]

The Interim Closure to Motorized Vehicle Use of Selected Routes Within the Western Rand Mountains Area of Critical Environmental Concern

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

ACTION: Temporary closure to motorized vehicle use of BLM routes R5, R50, R40, R15, R25, R35, R37, R12 and R48, and all other unauthorized routes and trails, within the Western Rand Mountains ACEC in Kern County, California.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This closure is effective March 29, 2002 and will remain in effect until a Record of Decision is signed on the West Mojave Plan, which is expected to be signed by June 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Field Office Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Ridgecrest Field Office, 300 South Richmond Road, Ridgecrest CA 93555, (760) 384-5405. The closure is posted in the Ridgecrest Field Office and at places near and/or within the area to which the closure applies. Maps identifying the affected areas are

available at the Ridgecrest Field Office as well as on the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) California website at www.ca.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This temporary closure is implemented pursuant to 43 CFR 8341.2 (Special rules governing the use of off highway vehicles on public lands). The closure was approved on March 29, 2002 and will remain in effect until a Record of Decision is signed on the West Mojave Plan, which is expected to be signed by June 2003. The ACEC will remain open for all other non-motorized uses currently allowed under 43 CFR. Maps showing the affected area are available by contacting the Ridgecrest Field Office. All designated routes entering the ACEC will be posted with public notices and standard motorized vehicle closure signs. Management fences and/or barriers will be installed at key access points to block entry by motorized vehicles.

This closure order is issued to provide for the protection of the desert tortoise and desert tortoise critical habitat within the Western Rand Mountains ACEC. This interim closure was made necessary by the high incidence of noncompliance exhibited by public land visitors willfully operating off highway vehicles on closed routes and traveling cross country within the ACEC. Recent surveys show that over 90% of the closed routes in the ACEC are being ridden regularly by visitors operating off highway vehicles. Visitor compliance with the designated route system is essential to protect the desert tortoise, a species listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

Exemptions to this closure include vehicles conducting official government business which shall be allowed on closed routes and areas as authorized. Official government business may include public service emergencies, resource monitoring/research, and management activities, and other actions authorized by BLM's Ridgecrest Field Office Manager.

Authority: 43 CFR subparts 8341.2 (Special rules) and 8364.1 (Closure and restriction orders). Any person who violates this closure order may be subject to a fine, not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

Dated: March 21, 2002.

Hector A. Villalobos,
Field Office Manager.

Closure Order

Notice is hereby given that effective March 29, 2002, BLM Routes R5, R50, R40, R15, R25, R35, R37, R12, and R48, and all other unauthorized routes and trails, in the Western Rand Mountain Area of Critical

Environmental Concern (ACEC) are closed to all motorized vehicle use. No person may use, drive, transport, park, let stand, or have charge or control over any motorized vehicle in the area located within the closure signs.

This closure order is issued to provide for the protection of the desert tortoise and desert tortoise critical habitat within the Western Rand Mountains ACEC. This interim closure was made necessary by the high incidence of noncompliance exhibited by visitors willfully operating off highway vehicles on closed routes and traveling cross country within the ACEC. Recent surveys show that over 90% of the closed routes in the ACEC are being ridden regularly. Visitor compliance with the designated route system is essential to protect the desert tortoise, a species listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. The ACEC will remain open for all other non-motorized uses currently allowed under 43 CFR.

The authority for this closure is found in 43 CFR Subparts 8341.2 (Special rules) and 8364.1 (Closure and restriction orders). Any person who violates this closure order may be subject to a fine, not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

Exemptions to this closure include vehicles conducting official government business which shall be allowed on closed routes and areas as authorized. Official government business may include public service emergencies, resource monitoring/research, and management activities, and other actions authorized by BLM's Ridgecrest Field Office Manager.

The closure will remain in effect until rescinded by the Ridgecrest Field Office Manager.

Dated: March 29, 2002.

Hector A. Villalobos,
Ridgecrest Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR128-6332 02-0121]

Road Closure to Motorized Public Access

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of Interior.

ACTION: Notice of road closure.

SUMMARY: Closure of 0.46 miles of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Road No. 29-11-24.0 to motorized public access, which is within Township 29 South, Range 11 West, Sections 23 and 24, Willamette Meridian, in the Coos Bay District, Coos County, Oregon. This action is intended to prevent unauthorized entry of motorized vehicles onto meadow areas which can be accessed using BLM Road No. 29-11-24.0, while continuing to allow for pedestrian, equestrian and bicycle use of the road.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Road closure is effective immediately and extends indefinitely.

ADDRESSES: Bureau of Land Management, Coos Bay District Office, 1300 Airport Lane, North Bend, Oregon, 97459.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephan R. Samuels, Team Lead, (541) 751-4244.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action is being taken at the request of the Coquille Indian Tribe, to prevent further degradation of culturally-sensitive meadow areas on the Coquille Forest which can be accessed by motorized vehicle from BLM Road No. 29-11-24.0. Exceptions to this closure include motorized vehicle use for administrative and emergency purposes and for permittees. The authorized officer may issue a permit allowing motorized vehicle access into the area for specific purposes. This closure order is in accordance with provisions of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701) and 43 CFR 8364.1.

Dated: March 26, 2002.

Mark E. Johnson,

Acting Coos Bay District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-930-1430-ET; COC-66122]

Proposed Withdrawal: Opportunity for Public Meeting; Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management, proposes to withdraw approximately 40.84 acres of public land for 20 years to protect an Administrative Facility. This notice closes this land to operation of the public land laws and to location and entry under the mining laws for up to two years. The land remains open to mineral leasing.

DATES: Comments on this proposed withdrawal or requests for public meeting must be received on or before August 19, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments and requests for a meeting should be sent to the Colorado State Director, BLM, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215-7076.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doris E. Chelius, 303-239-3706.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On, April 18, 2002, a petition was approved allowing the Bureau of Land Management to file an application to withdraw the following described land from settlement, sale, location, or entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights.

Sixth Principal Meridian

T. 7 N., R91 W.,
Sec. 8, lot 15.

The area described contains 40.84 acres of public land in Moffat County.

The purpose of this withdrawal is to protect facilities which will be constructed to house the Hotshot Fire Crew recently assigned to the Little Snake Field Office.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all parties who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with this proposed action, may present their views in writing to the Colorado State Director. If it is determined that a public meeting should be held, the public meeting will be scheduled and conducted in accordance with 43 CFR 2310.3-1(c)(2). Notice of the meeting would be published in the **Federal Register**.

This application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR part 2310.

For a period of two years from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**, this land will be segregated from the mining laws as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. During this period the Bureau of Land Management will continue to manage these lands.

Jenny L. Saunders,

Realty Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

General Management Plan/ Environmental Assessment, Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site, Essex County, MA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of General Management Plan/Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Council on Environmental Quality regulations and National Park Service Policy, this notice announces the publication of the General Management Plan/Environmental Assessment for Saugus Iron Works

National Historic Site, Essex County, Massachusetts. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act 102(2)(C) of 1969, the environmental assessment was prepared to assess the impacts of implementing the general management plan, and as a result of that analysis, a Finding Of No Significant Impact has been issued.

The General Management Plan/Environmental Assessment identifies the Preferred Alternative and assesses the potential environmental, cultural and socioeconomic effects of the actions presented on site resources, visitor experience, and the surrounding area. The Preferred Alternative involves (a) rehabilitating the interior of the museum building to allow for compliance with NPS museum exhibit standards and consolidating the museum collections and archival materials in existing residences that would be adaptively reused to house these resources under appropriate climate controlled and protective systems, (b) removing existing maintenance facilities, restoring their current locations and consolidating them into a single facility, (c) adaptively reusing the Iron Works House Annex and Lean-to into a visitor contact facility, and d) improving access through the iron works structures and between those structures and the Iron Works House and Museum for persons with disabilities and special needs.

DATES: The General Management Plan/Environmental Assessment and FONSI are now available.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Copies of the document are available at the following locations: Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site-Visitor Kiosk, 244 Central Street, Saugus, MA 01906. The visitor kiosk is open everyday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Saugus Public Library, 295 Central Street Saugus, MA. The library is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Friday hours are 8:30 am until noon. The library is closed on weekends.

To request a copy of the document, please call (781) 233-0050, fax (781-231-7345), or write Superintendent, Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site 244 Central Street, Saugus, MA 01906.

Bob McIntosh,

Associate Regional Director, Planning, Resources Stewardship and Science, Northeast Region.

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