

The meeting on July 16, 2002 is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. and will be a Tour of the Gold Belt Travel Management Area which will begin and end at the Holy Cross Abbey Community Center, 2951 E. Highway 50, Canon City, Colorado. The meeting will continue the following day, July 17, 2002 at 9:15 a.m. and will also be at the Holy Cross Abbey Community Center, 2951 E. Highway 50, Canon City, Colorado. Topics will include discussion and updates on fire management, travel management and other current public land issues.

The meeting on September 18, 2002 will begin at 9:15 a.m. at the Holy Cross Abbey Community Center, 2951 E. Highway 50, Canon City, Colorado. Topics will include discussion of several public land management topics including Gold Belt Travel Management and RAC reports.

All Resource Advisory Council meetings are open to the public although the public may need to provide their own transportation for the Tour on July 16. Interested persons may make oral statements to the Council at 9:30 a.m. on July 17, 2002 and September 18, 2002 or written statements may be submitted for the Council's consideration. The Center Manager or Council Chair may limit the length of oral presentations depending on the number of people wishing to speak.

DATES: The two meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, July 16, 2002 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will continue Wednesday, July 17, 2002 from 9:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. and September 18, 2002 from 9:15 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Front Range Center Office, 3170 East Main Street, Canon City, Colorado 81212.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information contact Ken Smith at (719) 269-8500.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Summary minutes for the Council meeting will be maintained in the Front Range Center Office and will be available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours within thirty (30) days following the meeting.

Dated: May 2, 2002.

Roy L. Masinton,

Front Range Center Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Upper Snake River District Resource Advisory council meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Upper Snake River District Resource Advisory Council Meeting: Location and Times.

SUMMARY: The next Upper Snake River District Resource Advisory Council (RAC) Meeting will be held on May 29, 2002, beginning at 1 p.m.; and May 30, 2002, beginning at 8 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Wood River Lodge, 391 2nd Avenue North, in Ketchum, Idaho.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Howell at the Upper Snake River District Office, 1405 Hollipark Dr., Idaho Falls, ID 83401, or telephone (208) 524-7559.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The RAC meets in accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), 5 U.S.C. All meetings are open to the public. Each formal council meeting has time allocated for hearing public comments, and the public may present written or oral comments. Individuals who plan to attend and need further information about the meetings, or need special assistance such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the address below.

Dated: April 4, 2002.

LeRoy Cook,

Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR110-5882-PB-MX01; HAG02-0189]

Notice of Meetings

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Medford District Resource Advisory Committee will meet in Medford to tour project sites and to discuss proposed 2003 projects. Agenda topics include on-site inspections of 2002 projects and proposed 2003 projects, review of last meeting minutes, presentations on proposed fiscal year

2003 Title II projects, and discussion regarding proposed projects.

DATES: July 11, 2002, August 8, 2002, August 22, 2002, and August 25, 2002. The field trips on July 11, 2002 and August 25, 2002 will begin at 7 a.m. The meetings on August 8, 2002 and August 22, 2002 will begin at 10 a.m. A public comment period will be held from 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The field trips and meetings are expected to adjourn at 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The field trips will start from, and the meetings will be held at, the Medford District Office, located at 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, Oregon.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Gillespie, Medford District Office (541-618-2424).

Dated: April 15, 2002.

Ron Wenker,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-080-6333-PF; GP2-0192]

Salem Oregon Bureau of Land Management Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Meeting notice for the Salem, Oregon, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Resource Advisory Committee under Section 205 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-393).

SUMMARY: This notice is published in accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Meeting notice is hereby given for the Salem Oregon BLM Resource Advisory Committee pursuant to Section 205 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000, Public Law 106-393 (the Act). Topics to be discussed by the Salem BLM Resource Advisory Committee include: review 2003 project applications and develop criteria for and select 2003 projects, identification of opportunities for future field trips.

DATES: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., on July 11, July 12 and August 15, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The Salem Resource Advisory Committee will meet at the BLM Salem District Office, 1717 Fabry Road, Salem, Oregon 97306.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Additional information concerning the

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

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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.