

minors and legal incompetents. Sections 290.12, 290.17, 290.24 and 290.26 of 25 CFR part 290, Tribal Revenue Allocation Plans, specifies the information collection requirement. An Indian tribe must ask the Secretary to approve a Tribal Revenue Allocation Plan. The information to be collected includes: name of Tribe, tribal documents, the allocation plan and other documents deemed necessary. Collection of this information is currently authorized under an approval by OMB (OMB Control Number 1076-0152). All information is collected when the tribe submits a Tribal Revenue Allocation Plan. Annual reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average between 75–100 hours for approximately 50 respondents, including the time for reviewing instructions, researching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Thus, the total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection is estimated to be 3,750–5,000 hours. We are using the higher estimate for purposes of estimating the public burden.

Frequency of Collection: Annually.

Description of Respondents: Federally recognized tribes.

Total Respondents: 50.

Total Annual Responses: 50.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 5,000 hours.

Request for Comments

The Bureau of Indian Affairs solicits comments in order to:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the bureau, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the bureau's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of the information on those who are to respond.

Any public comments received will be addressed in the Bureau of Indian Affairs' submission of the information collect request to the Office of Management and Budget.

All comments will be available for public review during regular business hours. There may be an instance when we decide to withhold information, but if you wish us to withhold your name

and address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will honor your request to the extent allowed by law. We will not consider anonymous comments, and we will make public all comments from businesses and from individuals who represent businesses.

Dated: December 3, 2002.

Neal A. McCaleb,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[**UT-080-1430-BG**]

Closure of Public Lands: Utah

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Temporary Emergency Closure of Public Land in Uintah County, Utah.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Vernal Field Office is re-issuing a temporary emergency closure of public land in Uintah County, Utah, effective January 1, 2003. This order temporarily closes 1,320 acres of public land to public land to public use and entry. This temporary closure area encompasses the following public land:

Salt Lake Meridian, Utah

T.10 S., R. 24 E.,
Sec. 22, E $\frac{1}{2}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 23, W $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 26, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 27, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$,
N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The authorized officer has determined that the underground methane generation occurring at the abandoned White River Oil Shale Mine is a safety hazard making the facility and surrounding area unsafe for human occupation of activity. The closure area affects the above described public land presently encumbered by the abandoned White River Oil Shale Mine, ancillary support facilities, and associated ventilation shafts. The closure prohibits all use, entry, or access onto the affected public lands; however, the access restriction may be waived under extraordinary circumstances where limited, short term, emergency access is warranted and appropriate clearances and authorization are obtained from the authorized officer.

If BLM authorizes emergency access, it will be conditioned on the following provisions:

All persons entering and leaving the closure area must be accompanied by personnel from the BLM's Vernal Field Office and only after BLM has determined that the area is safe for a site visit.

All persons allowed emergency access into the closure area must waive and release all direct and indirect claims that may occur

against the United States for liability for any loss, damage, personal injury, or death that may occur as a result of their access to the closure area and will indemnify and hold harmless the United States. All such incidents shall immediately be reported to the BLM Vernal Field Office.

The purpose of this closure is to protect human life, ensure public safety, and prevent human contact with a known hazardous situation. A map of the area affected by this closure is on file and may be viewed at the BLM Vernal Field Office.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The closure order is effective from January 1, 2003, through December 31, 2004, unless it is rescinded or modified by the authorized officer before that date.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This closure is done under the authority of 43 CFR 8364.1. Persons violating this closure shall be subject to the penalties provided in 43 CFR 8360.0–7, including a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 and/or imprisonment not to exceed one year.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The BLM Vernal Field office, 170 South 500 East, Vernal, Utah 84078, (435) 781–4400.

Dated: October 2, 2002.

David E. Howell,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[**CO-01-134-1610-241A**]

Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area (CCNCA) Advisory Council will hold its first monthly meeting of 2003 on January 9, 2003. The meeting will begin at 3 p.m. and will be held at the Mesa County Administration Building; 544 Rood Avenue, Grand Junction, CO; in the main floor Multipurpose Room.

Throughout the remainder of calendar year 2003, the CCNCA Advisory Council meetings will be held the first Thursday of each month in the same location and at the same time. The CCNCA was established on October 24, 2000, when the Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area and Black Ridge Wilderness Act of 2000 (the Act) was signed by the President. The Act required that the CCNCA Advisory

Council be established to provide advice in the preparation and implementation of the CCNCA resource management plan and environmental impact statement.

DATES: January 9, 2002.

ADDRESSES: For further information or to provide written comments, please contact Greg Gnesios, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, Colorado 81506; Telephone (970) 244-3049; e-mail *Gregory_Gnesios@co.blm.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CCNCA Advisory Council will meet on Thursday, January 9, 2003, at the Mesa County Administration Building; 544 Rood Avenue, Grand Junction, CO; in the main floor Multipurpose Room, Grand Junction, Colorado, beginning at 3 p.m. The agenda topics for this meeting are:

- (1) The re-election of council officials.
- (2) Recommendations from working groups.
- (3) Land health recommendations.
- (4) Public comment period.
- (5) Agenda for next meeting.

Beginning February 2003 the CCNCA Advisory Council meetings will be held monthly on the first Thursday of each month at the same time and location. The dates for these meetings are February 6, 2003; March 6, 2003; April 3, 2003; May 1, 2003; June 5, 2003; July 3, 2003; August 7, 2003; September 4, 2003; October 2, 2003; November 6, 2003; and December 4, 2003.

Topics of discussion for future meetings will include recommendations on management alternatives, including the preferred management alternative, potential environmental consequences of all identified alternatives, completion of the draft resource management plan, partnerships, interpretation, adaptive management, socioeconomics, and other issues as appropriate.

All meetings will be open to the public and will include a time set aside for public comment. Interested persons may make oral statements at the meetings or submit written statements at any meeting. Per-person time limits for oral statements may be set to allow all interested persons an opportunity to speak.

Summary minutes of all Council meetings will be maintained at the Bureau of Land Management Office in Grand Junction, Colorado. They are available for public inspection and reproduction during regular business hours within 30 days of the meeting. In addition, minutes and other information concerning the CCNCA Advisory Council can be obtained from the CCNCA website at: *http://*

www.co.blm.gov/cocanplan which will be updated following each Advisory Council meeting.

Dated: December 6, 2002.

Greg Gnesios,

Manager, Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-670-03-1220-DU-064B]

Notice of Proposed Amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan and Effective Date for Off-Road Vehicle Trail (Route of Travel) Designations in the Western Colorado Desert (WECO) Portion of Imperial County, CA

AGENCY: Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, California Desert District.

ACTION: Notice of amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan and effective date for off-road vehicle trail (route of travel) designations in the Western Colorado Desert (WECO) portion of Imperial County, California.

DATES: Written protests on the Proposed Plan Amendment will be accepted if received by January 13, 2003.

Instructions for filing protests are contained below under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

SUMMARY: The Proposed Plan Amendment establishes or revises off-road vehicle designations of areas and trails (routes of travel) in accordance with part 43 Code of Federal Regulations subpart 8342. Trails (routes of travel) for inclusion in the State of California's Discovery Trail System and a segment of the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail are identified and authorized. The proposed designations pertain to public lands addressed by the California Desert Conservation Area Plan in the Western Colorado Desert (WECO) portion of Imperial County that lie west of the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Management Area.

ADDRESSES: The proposed amendment and environmental assessment are available for review on line at *http://www.ca.blm.gov/elcentro* and at the following address and telephone number: Bureau of Land Management, El Centro Field Office, 1661 South 4th Street, El Centro, CA 92243, (760) 337-4400.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Arnold Schoeck, Bureau of Land Management, 1661 South 4th Street, El Centro, CA 92243; (760) 337-4441.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Bureau of Land Management published in the **Federal Register** on March 25, 2002, the Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Assessment and Plan Amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan by making off-road vehicle trail (route of travel) designations in the Western Colorado Desert portion of Imperial County. The public scoping period for the project began March 25, 2002 and the **Federal Register** on May 23, 2002 extended the comment period until May 31, 2002. On October 18, 2002, in the **Federal Register**, the Notice of Availability for the Environmental Assessment and the plan amendment was published in the **Federal Register** on October 18, 2002. The **Federal Register** Notice started a 30-day public comment period that ended on November 18, 2002.

Any person who has participated in the plan amendment process and has an interest that is or may be adversely affected by the proposed amendment may protest such approval or amendment. A protest may raise only those issues that were submitted for the record during the planning process. Protests must be filed in writing with the BLM Director in accordance with 43 CFR 1610.5-2:

- (i) The name, mailing address, telephone number and interest of the person filing the protest;
- (ii) A statement of the issue or issues being protested;
- (iii) A statement of the part or parts of the plan or amendment being protested;
- (iv) A copy of all documents addressing the issue or issues that were submitted during the planning process by the protesting party or an indication of the date the issue or issues were discussed for the record; and
- (v) A concise statement explaining why the State Director's decision is believed to be wrong. The decision of the Director on any protest shall be the final decision for the Department of the Interior.

Mailing address for filing a protest:

Regular mail: Director (210), Attn: Brenda Williams, P.O. Box 66538, Washington, DC 20035.

Overnight mail: U.S. Department of the Interior, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Protest Coordinator (WO-