

ADDRESSES: A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7599.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chris Sitbon, (907) 271-3226.

Chris Sitbon,

Land Law Examiner, Branch of ANCSA Adjudication.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK-962-1410-HY-P; AA-6689-A; ALA-2]

Alaska Native Claims Selection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

ACTION: Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.

SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act will be issued to Sanak Corporation for lands within T. 60 S., R. 90 W., Seward Meridian, located in the vicinity of Pauloff Harbor, Alaska, containing approximately 3,200 acres. Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the *Anchorage Daily News*.

DATES: The time limits for filing an appeal are:

1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until May 19, 2003 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4, subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron Royer by phone at (907) 271-5677 or by e-mail at Ron_Royer@ak.blm.gov.

Ronald E. Royer,

Land Law Examiner, Branch of ANCSA Adjudication.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-030-1210-NJ]

Vehicular Road Closure to Motorized Public Access on Selected Public Lands in Mohave County, AZ

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of closure.

SUMMARY: Closure of approximately 0.50 miles of access road, south of the main road, that historically accessed the now closed Mohave County refuse transfer station South of Truxton in T 24N R 12W sec 11, Gila and Salt River Baseline and Meridian within the Kingman Field Office Mohave County, Arizona. This action is intended to prevent motorized access to an area known for the frequent dumping of household and industrial waste, and to prevent further erosion and environmental damage to the adjacent wash.

DATES: Road Closure is effective immediately and extends until June 21, 2004.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In June, 2002, the Bureau of Land Management spent in excess of \$30,000 removing hazardous materials and related debris from a trash dump at the end of this access road. Furthermore, this action is taken to prevent further degradation of environmental resources due to the illegal dumping of household waste, industrial waste, and hazardous materials. Exceptions to this closure include motorized vehicle use for administrative and emergency purposes and for authorized permittees. The authorized officer may issue a written authorization allowing motorized access for specific purposes. This closure 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. The authority for this restriction is provided in 43 CFR 8364.1(a). Persons who violate this restriction are subject to arrest and, upon conviction, may be fined up to \$100,000.00 and/or imprisoned for not more than 12 months as amended by 18 U.S.C. 3571 and 18 U.S.C. 3581.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Hall, Public Affairs Specialist, (928) 692-4454 Bureau of Land Management, Kingman Field Office, 2475 Beverly Ave., Kingman AZ, 86401.

Dated: June 24, 2002.

John Christensen,

Kingman Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID-094-2810-HT;GPO DBG030001]

Notice of Shooting Closure Near Black Canyon Exit 13, Payette County, ID

SUMMARY: The following described public lands, as provided by title 43 CFR 8364, located in Payette County, Idaho, are closed to the discharge of all firearms, subject to the exemption below. The following public lands south of the Interstate Highway I-84 are involved with this closure order:

T. 6 N., R. 4 W., Boise Meridian, Payette County, Idaho
 Section 10: SE¹/₄,
 Section 11: SW¹/₄,
 Section 14: NW¹/₄,
 Section 15: NE¹/₄,
 Containing 533.20 acres.

DATES: This order shall become effective immediately upon publication in the **Federal Register** and shall be in effect continuously for the next 10 years. At that time, this closure order shall be reviewed and a determination shall be made whether to reinstate, amend, modify or change the order by similar notification. This closure order may be rescinded at anytime if in the judgment of the authorized officer it is not effective or not needed.

ADDRESSES: Copies of maps that outline the closed area are available at the Bureau of Land Management, Lower Snake River District, 3948 Development Avenue, Boise, ID 83705.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Fire Management Officer at (208) 384-3410.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject lands are being closed to protect Bureau of Land Management employees stationed at Wild West Guard Station and to safeguard personal and government owned property which amounts to considerable investment of public funds. Public safety is dependent on these facilities being operational at all times. Malicious vandalism by random and deliberate shooting has made this government facility extremely hazardous in recent years.

Exempt from this order are law enforcement officers of Federal, State and county governments while on official business of that agency. Any person who fails to comply with this closure order shall be subject to prosecution under penalty of law as provided by title 43 § 8360.0-7 and State or county statutes, as applicable. Noncompliance is considered a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not

to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

Dated: January 28, 2003.

Daryl L. Albiston,

Four Rivers Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-070-03-1230-EA]

Temporary Closure of Public Lands—Recreation Special Events: New Mexico, Farmington Field Office

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Temporary closure of affected public lands in San Juan County.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management, Farmington Field Office (BLM), announces the temporary closure of selected public lands under its administration in San Juan County. 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.

SUMMARY: The State Director, New Mexico State Office, announces the temporary closure of selected public lands under BLM administration. 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: March through December 2003. Events may be canceled or rescheduled at short notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Simmons, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Farmington Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 1235 La Plata Hwy, Suite A, Farmington, New Mexico 87410, telephone: (505) 599-6345.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice applies to closures on and adjacent to permitted special events including but not limited to: Motorized Off Highway Vehicle events, Mountain Bike races, and Horse Endurance competitive event sites and routes. Competitive events are conducted along dirt roads, trails, washes, and areas approved for such use through the Special Recreation Permit application process. Events occur from March through December 2003. Closure period is from 6 a.m. event day until event finish or until the event has cleared

between affected Check Point locations; approximately 2 to 48 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 Farmington Field Office.

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

1. Glade Recreation Area—San Juan Co., T30-31N R12-13W.
2. Alien Run Mountain Bike Trail—San Juan Co.: T31N R10W.
3. The Rock Garden—San Juan Co.: T30-31N R9W.
4. Pinyon Mesa—San Juan Co.: T30N R13-14W.
5. Navajo Lake Horse Trails—San Juan Co.: T30N R7-8W.
6. The Dunes OHV Area—San Juan Co.: T29N R13W.
7. Head Canyon Motocross Track—San Juan Co.: T30N R13W.
8. Simon Canyon—San Juan Co.: T30-31N R8W.
9. Angel Peak Recreation Area—San Juan Co.: T26-27N R10W.

Marking and effect of closure. BLM lands to be temporarily closed to public use include the width and length of those roads, trails and routes identified as the route for the permitted event, identified by colored flagging, chalk arrows in the dirt, traffic cones, temporary barricades and/or directional arrows attached to wooden stakes; vehicle closures for the public in vendor areas and spectator viewing areas, identified with colored ribbon and signs; camping closures, except in such areas designated for camping by the BLM, identified with signs and colored ribbon and/or barricades, gates, cones, and fences. The authorized applicants or their representatives are required to post warning signs, control access to, and clearly mark the event routes and area during closure periods. Public uses generally affected by a Temporary Closure include: road and trail uses, camping, picnicking, parking, cross-country travel, and public land exploration.

Spectator and support vehicles may be driven in designated areas and routes only. Spectators may observe the races from specified locations as directed by event and agency officials.

Interested parties may obtain a map and schedule of each closure area at the contact address.

Exceptions. Closure restrictions do not apply to permittee, their employees, competitors, medical/rescue, law enforcement, Oil and Gas Industry employees doing day-to-day necessary

service, and BLM personnel monitoring the event.

Authority: 43 CFR 8364.1 and 43 CFR part 2930.

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 U.S.C. 3571, or both.

Dated: March 7, 2003.

Linda Rundell,

New Mexico State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-040-1320-DO]

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Resource Management Plan Amendment and Environmental Assessment and Call for Coal or Other Resource Information

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

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a Resource Management Plan Amendment (RMPA) and associated Environmental Assessment (EA) for Federal coal resources in Haskell, Latimer, and LeFlore Counties, Oklahoma, and notice of scoping meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976 and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Oklahoma Field Office will prepare an amendment to the Oklahoma Resource Management Plan (RMP) (1994, as amended 1996) and complete an EA on the amendment for three potential competitive Federal coal lease sales covering lands in Haskell, Latimer, and LeFlore Counties, Oklahoma. The RMPA would evaluate three Lease Application Areas (LAAs) to determine whether they are suitable for further consideration for leasing. The LAAs total approximately 6,883 acres of previously unleased coal and are part of the Federal mineral estate. The RMPA will be prepared under guidance provided through BLM Planning Regulations. This notice is also to solicit coal and other resource information pursuant to 43 CFR 3420.1-2.

This notice formally initiates the public scoping phase to identify issues and review preliminary planning criteria that will help guide the preparation of the RMPA/EA. The BLM will encourage public participation and will begin by conducting two public