

issued an order closing an unauthorized road to all types of motorized vehicle travel. This action affects approximately 4.5 acres of public lands located north of Yuma, Arizona, and approximately one mile east of Highway 95 at milepost 38. The trespass road has numerous blind curves and hills with no shoulders or turn-out areas. Use by large commercial trucks and earth moving equipment and by smaller off-road vehicles and all-terrain cycles has created a clear danger to public safety. This action is necessary in order to eliminate the risk of collision between these dissimilar vehicles.

Authority for this action is contained in 43 Code of Federal Regulations 8364.1. This closure to motor vehicles shall apply to all persons and shall remain in effect until further notice.

Exemptions to this order are granted to Federal, State and local law enforcement, emergency vehicles, and agency personnel in the course of official duties.

Violation of this regulation is punishable as a Class A misdemeanor by a fine not to exceed \$100,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months as amended by 18 U.S.C. 3571 and 18 U.S.C. 3581.

EFFECTIVE DATES: This closure will be effective immediately.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Zale, Assistant Field Manager for Resources, Lands, and Minerals, Bureau of Land Management, 2555 E. Gila Ridge Road, Yuma, AZ 85365; (928) 317-3200.

Dated: March 27, 2003.

Gail Acheson,
Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM-070-1430-AC]

Notice of Public Closure

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Closure of public lands.

SUMMARY: Due to an ongoing criminal investigation and the necessity to protect the public resources the following lands in San Juan County, New Mexico are being closed to public access as per 43 CFR 8364.1 Closure and restriction orders. The public lands identified as: T29N, R12W, Sect. 17, NENE, NWNE, SENE, SWNE, NENW, SENW, NESE, SESE are closed to all

persons except BP Amoco until further notice. BP Amoco's access is restricted to only that access for the maintenance and operation of well # GCU 581. All other activities and uses of the public lands are prohibited except by express permission of the Farmington Field Manager.

DATES: January 29, 2003, until further notice pending completion of the criminal investigation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Henke, Field Office Manager, 1235 La Plata Highway, Farmington, NM 87401, Telephone 505-599-8998.

Dated: January 29, 2003.

Timothy R. Spisak,

Acting State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ES-912-1610-DQ]

Notice of Amendment to Closure Order to Provide for Limited Opening of Public Lands, Meadowood Farm, Fairfax, VA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of amendment to closure order.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management announces its intent to amend a closure order in order to open a trail for pedestrian use by the public lands that were temporarily closed by the notice published in the **Federal Register** on October 22, 2001 (Notice of Temporary Closure of Access to Public Lands Administered by the Bureau of Land Management). Maps depicting the trail being opened are available for public inspection at the Lower Potomac Field Station, Meadowood Farm Office, Bureau of Land Management, at the address listed below. The trail being opened is for pedestrian use only. All other provisions of the October 22, 2001 closure order remain in effect.

This order is effective on April 29, 2003, and shall remain in effect until revised, revoked, or amended by the authorized officer pursuant to 43 CFR part 8360. Any person who violates this order may be subject to a maximum fine of \$1,000 or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months or both under authority of 43 CFR 8360.0-7.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles Bush, Interim Manager, Lower Potomac Field Station-Meadowood

Farm, 10406 Gunston Road, Lorton, Virginia 22079.

Dated: March 13, 2003.

Michael D. Nedd,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-930; COC-012768]

Public Land Order No. 7564; Partial Revocation of Public Land Order No. 1659; Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.

SUMMARY: This order partially revokes Public Land Order No. 1659 insofar as it affects 60 acres of National Forest System land withdrawn for a Forest Service recreation area. The land is no longer needed for this purpose, and the revocation is needed to consummate a pending land exchange. This action will open the land to such forms of disposition as may by law be made of National Forest System land and to mining. The land has been and remains open to mineral leasing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 29, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doris E. Chelius, BLM Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215-7093, 303-239-3706.

Order

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1994), it is ordered as follows:

1. Public Land Order No. 1659, which withdrew National Forest System lands for a recreation area and administrative sites, is hereby revoked insofar as it affects the following described land:

Pike National Forest

Sixth Principal Meridian

Eleven-Mile Canyon Recreation Area
T. 13 S., R. 72 W.,
sec. 20, lots 8, 16, and west 10 chains of lot 18.

The area described contains 60 acres in Park County.

2. At 9 a.m. on May 29, 2003 the land will be opened to such forms of disposition as may by law be made of National Forest System land, including location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid

existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. Appropriation of any of the land described in this order under the general mining laws prior to the date and time of restoration is unauthorized. Any such attempted appropriation, including attempted adverse possession under 30 U.S.C. 38 (1994), shall vest no rights against the United States. Acts required to establish a location and to initiate a right of possession are governed by State law where not in conflict with Federal law. The Bureau of Land Management will not intervene in disputes between rival locators over possessory rights since Congress has provided for such determinations in local courts.

Dated: April 17, 2003.

Rebecca W. Watson,

Assistant Secretary—Lands and Minerals Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-920-1220-ET; WYW 74730]

Public Land Order No. 7565; Extension of Public Land Order No. 6368; Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.

SUMMARY: This order extends Public Land Order No. 6368 for an additional 20-year period. This extension is necessary to continue the protection of Horsethief and Natural Trap Caves in Big Horn County.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 20, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Janet Booth, BLM Wyoming State Office, 5353 N. Yellowstone Road, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003, 307-775-6124.

Order

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1994), it is ordered as follows:

1. Public Land Order No. 6368 (48 FR 16888, April 20, 1983), which withdrew 528.23 acres of public lands from surface entry and mining to protect Horsethief and Natural Trap Caves, is hereby extended for an additional 20-year period.

2. Public Land Order No. 6368 will expire on April 19, 2023, unless, as a

result of a review conducted prior to the expiration date pursuant to Section 204(f) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714(f) (1994), the Secretary determines that the withdrawal shall be extended.

Dated: April 17, 2003.

Rebecca W. Watson,

Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-930-1430-ES; N-55296]

Realty Action: Recreation and Public Purposes Act Classification; Washoe County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action.

SUMMARY: The following federal land in Washoe County, Nevada, has been examined and found suitable for classification for lease/conveyance to the City of Sparks under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes (R&PP) Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*) and under section 7 of the Taylor Grazing Act, 43 U.S.C. 315f. and E.O. 6910:

Mt. Diablo Meridian

T. 20 N. R. 21 E.,

Section 18, lots 1-4, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

Containing 449.28 acres, more or less.

The City of Sparks proposes to use the land for a recreation complex which would include a sports complex, a community park, an 18-hole golf course, a natural area with an interpretive center (in partnership with Washoe County), and an equestrian center. The land is located in the eastern portion of Spanish Springs Valley, adjacent to the City of Sparks, Nevada. The land is not needed for federal purposes. Lease/conveyance is consistent with current BLM land use planning and would be in the public interest. Issuance of a 5-year lease with a purchase option is proposed. The lease/patent when issued, will be subject to provisions of the R&PP Act and to applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, and will contain the following reservations to the United States:

1. A right-of-way thereon for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States, Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).

2. All mineral deposits in the land so patented, and to it, or persons authorized by it, the right to prospect, mine and remove such deposits from the same under applicable law and regulations to established by the Secretary of the Interior.

And will be subject to any of the following authorizations effective at the time of lease/patent issuance:

1. Those rights for electric line purposes granted to Sierra Pacific Power Company, and its assigns, by Right-of-Way N-12773 under the Act of March 4, 1911 (36 Stat. 1253; 43 U.S.C. 961).

2. Those rights for road access purposes granted to Jack and Sherrill Berry, and their assigns, by Right-of-Way N-37493 under the Act of October 21, 1976 (90 Stat. 2776; 43 U.S.C. 1761).

3. Those rights for telephone/communication line purposes granted to Nevada Bell, and its assigns, by Right-of-Way N-37641 pursuant to under the Act of October 21, 1976 (90 Stat. 2776; 43 U.S.C. 1761).

4. Those rights for gas pipeline purposes granted to Sierra Pacific Power Company, and its assigns, by Right-of-Way N-59580 under the Act of February 25, 1920 (41 Stat. 0437; 30 U.S.C. 185, sec. 28).

5. BLM Range Improvement Project No. 540199-Steidlmeyer Well #1 pursuant to the Act of June 28, 1934 (48 Stat. 1269) as amended.

6. A reversionary clause that will allow the United States to revest title in the event that the subject lands are not used for the purposes for which they were conveyed, or if the City transfers title or control of the subject lands to another unqualified party.

7. Any other reservations or conditions that the authorized officer determines appropriate to ensure public access and proper management of the subject lands and interests therein.

The lease/patent will not result in a decrease or reduction to BLM's grazing authorizations for the Spanish Springs/Mustang allotment. Detailed information concerning this action is available at the Carson City Field Office. These public lands were previously withdrawn from surface entry and mining, but not from sales, exchanges, or recreation and public purposes, by Public Land Order 7491. For a period of 45 days after publication of this notice, interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed lease/conveyance or classification to the Assistant Manager, Non-Renewable Resources, Bureau of Land Management, Carson City Field Office, 5665 Morgan Mill Road, Carson City, NV 89701.

Classification Comments: Interested parties may submit comments involving