

This preliminary information may be revised due to public comment received in response to this notice and is based on information contained in the EA and HCP.

The Service will evaluate the HCP and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application meets the issuance criteria requirements of section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act. By conducting an intra-Service section 7 consultation the Service will also evaluate whether issuance of the section 10(a)(1)(B) ITP would comply with section 7 of the Act. The results of this consultation, in combination with the above findings, will be used in the final analysis to determine whether or not to issue the ITP for the five species of sea turtle and the Anastasia Island beach mouse.

Dated: August 6, 2005.

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Acting Regional Director, Southeast Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice to the Public of Temporary Public Lands Closures and Prohibition of Certain Activities on Public Lands Administered by the Bureau of Land Management, Winnemucca Field Office, Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of temporary closure.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that certain lands located in northwestern Nevada partly within the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area will be temporarily closed or restricted and certain activities will be temporarily prohibited in and around the Burning Man event site administered by the BLM Winnemucca Field Office in Pershing and Washoe Counties, Nevada.

The specified closures, restrictions and prohibitions are made in the interest of public safety at and around the public lands location of an event known as the Burning Man Festival. This event is authorized on public lands under a special recreation permit and is expected to attract approximately 35,000 participants this year.

These lands will be closed or restricted as follows:

- August 15, 2005 through September 19, 2005 inclusive: Discharge of

firearms, possession of weapons, waste water disposal, and closed or restricted to camping.

- August 26, 2005 through September 5, 2005 inclusive: Aircraft landing, possession of fireworks, possession of alcohol by minors, and closed to all public uses.

- August 29, 2005 through September 5, 2005 inclusive: Closed or restricted to vehicle use.

Public camping and vehicle use that creates dust plumes higher than the top of the vehicle are prohibited from August 29, 2005 through September 5, 2005 inclusive in the following legally described locations outside the permit area (defined by a temporary event perimeter fence):

Mount Diablo Meridian

Unsurveyed T. 33 N., R. 24 E.,

Sec. 1, W¹/₂;

Secs. 2, 3 and 4;

Secs. 9, 10 and 11;

Sec. 12, W¹/₂;

Sec. 13, NW¹/₄;

Sec. 14, N¹/₂;

Sec. 15, N¹/₂;

Sec. 16, N¹/₂.

Unsurveyed T. 33¹/₂ N., R. 24 E.,

Secs. 33, 34 and 35;

Sec. 36, W¹/₂.

Burning Man event ticket holders who are camped in designated areas provided by Black Rock City LLC (limited liability company) and ticket holders who are camped in the authorized "pilot camp" and BLM-authorized event management-related camps are exempt from the camping closure.

Public camping is prohibited from August 15, 2005 through August 28, 2005 inclusive and from September 6, 2005 through September 19, 2005 inclusive in the following legally described locations inside the permit area (defined by a temporary event perimeter fence), within 50 yards outside the perimeter fence boundary, and within the airport/airstrip area located contiguous with and south of the perimeter fence boundary:

Mount Diablo Meridian

Unsurveyed T. 33 N., R. 24 E.,

Secs. 2, 3 and 4;

Secs. 9, 10 and 11.

Unsurveyed T. 33¹/₂ N., R. 24 E.,

Secs. 33, 34 and 35.

These areas described above are closed two weeks preceding and following the Burning Man event. Black Rock City LLC authorized staff, contractors, volunteers, and participants constructing or taking down art exhibits and theme camps are exempt from the camping closure.

Operation of motorized vehicles is prohibited from August 29, 2005 through September 5, 2005 inclusive in the following legally described locations inside the permit area (defined by a temporary event perimeter fence) and within 50 yards outside the perimeter fence boundary:

Mount Diablo Meridian

Unsurveyed T. 33 N., R. 24 E.,

Secs. 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, and 11;

Unsurveyed T. 33¹/₂ N., R. 24 E.,

Secs. 33, 34 and 35.

The following exceptions apply: The main playa road that provides access between the 3-Mile and Trego playa entrances; participant arrival and departure on designated routes; mutant vehicles registered with Burning Man; Black Rock City LLC staff and support; BLM, medical, law enforcement, and firefighting vehicles; and motorized skateboards or "Go Peds" with or without handlebars. Mutant vehicles must be registered with Burning Man/Black Rock City LLC and drivers must provide evidence of registration at all times.

For event safety near the entrance road and airstrip, the following legally described locations outside the permit area (defined by a temporary event perimeter fence) are closed to all public use from August 29, 2005 through September 5, 2005 inclusive:

Mount Diablo Meridian

Unsurveyed T. 33 N., R. 24 E.,

Sec. 4, NE¹/₄, S¹/₂;

Sec. 5, SE¹/₄;

Sec. 8, NE¹/₄, S¹/₂;

Sec. 9;

Sec. 10;

Sec. 15, N¹/₂;

Sec. 16, N¹/₂.

Unsurveyed T. 33¹/₂ N., R. 24 E.,

Sec. 33, SE¹/₄;

Sec. 34, SW¹/₄.

The following exceptions apply: The main playa road that provides access between the 3-Mile and Trego playa entrances; participant arrival and departure on designated routes; aircraft operations conducted through the authorized event landing strip and such ultralight and helicopter take-off and landing areas for Burning Man staff and participants, law enforcement, and emergency medical services as may be included in the annual operation plan submitted by Black Rock City, LLC and approved by the authorized officer; and uses performed by BLM personnel as designated by the authorized BLM officer.

The use, sale or possession of personal fireworks within the Burning

Man event perimeter fence is prohibited in the following legally described locations from August 29, 2005 through September 5, 2005 inclusive.

Mount Diablo Meridian

Unsurveyed T. 33 N., R. 24 E.,
Secs. 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, and 11.
Unsurveyed T. 33½ N., R. 24 E.,
Secs. 33, 34 and 35.

The following exceptions apply: Uses of fireworks approved by Black Rock City LLC and used as part of an official Burning Man art burn event.

Possession of weapons is prohibited in the following legally described locations inside the temporary event perimeter fence from August 15, 2005 through September 19, 2005 inclusive:

Mount Diablo Meridian

Unsurveyed T. 33 N., R. 24 E.,
Secs. 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, and 11.
Unsurveyed T. 33½ N., R. 24 E.,
Secs. 33, 34 and 35.

The following exceptions apply: County, state, and federal certified law enforcement personnel under the color of law.

Note: "Weapon" means a firearm, compressed gas or spring powered pistol or rifle, bow and arrow, cross bow, blowgun, speargun, hand thrown spear, sling shot, irritant gas device, explosive device or any other implement designed to discharge missiles, and includes any weapon the possession of which is prohibited by state law.

Discharge of firearms is prohibited in the following legally described locations from August 15, 2005, through September 19, 2005:

Mount Diablo Meridian

Unsurveyed T. 33 N., R. 24 E.,
Secs. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5;
Sec. 6, E½;
Secs. 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12;
Sec. 13, N½, SW¼;
Sec. 14, 15, and 16;
Sec. 17, E½, NW¼;
Sec. 21, NE¼;
Sec. 22, N½;
Sec. 23, NW¼.

Unsurveyed T. 33 N., R. 25 E.,
Sec. 4;
Sec. 9, W½, NW¼NE¼.
Unsurveyed T. 33½ N., R. 24 E.,
Secs. 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, 34, 35,
and 36;
Unsurveyed T. 34 N., R. 24 E.,
Sec. 33, NE¼, S½;
Secs. 34 and 35;
Sec. 36, S½.

Unsurveyed T. 34 N., R. 25 E.,
Sec. 33.

The following exceptions apply: Law enforcement officers under color of law.

Aircraft are prohibited from landing, taking off, or taxiing in the following legally described locations from August 26, 2005 through September 5, 2005 inclusive:

Mount Diablo Meridian

Unsurveyed T. 33 N., R. 24 E.,
Secs. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5;
Sec. 6, E½;
Secs. 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12;
Sec. 13, N½, SW¼;
Sec. 14, 15, and 16;
Sec. 17, E½, NW¼;
Sec. 21, NE¼;
Sec. 22, N½;
Sec. 23, NW¼.

Unsurveyed T. 33 N., R. 25 E.,
Sec. 4;
Sec. 9, W½, NW¼NE¼.
Unsurveyed T. 33½ N., R. 24 E.,
Secs. 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, 34, 35,
and 36;

Unsurveyed T. 34 N., R. 24 E.,
Sec. 33, NE¼, S½;
Secs. 34 and 35;
Sec. 36, S½.

Unsurveyed T. 34 N., R. 25 E.,
Sec. 33.

The following exceptions apply: Aircraft operations conducted through the authorized event landing strip and such ultralight and helicopter take-off and landing areas for Burning Man staff and participants, law enforcement, and emergency medical services as may be included in the annual operation plan submitted by Black Rock City, LLC and approved by the authorized officer; and Emergency aircraft such as Care Flight, Sheriff's Office, or Medical Ambulance Transport System helicopters engaged in official business may land in other locations when circumstances require it.

Note: The authorized event airstrip is the only location where Burning Man staff and participant aircraft may land or take off.

Possession of alcohol by minors is prohibited in the following legally described locations within and surrounding the event perimeter fence from August 29, 2005 through September 5, 2005 inclusive:

Mount Diablo Meridian

Unsurveyed T. 33 N., R. 24 E.,
Secs. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5;
Sec. 6, E½;
Secs. 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12;
Sec. 13, N½, SW¼;
Sec. 14, 15 and 16;
Sec. 17, E½, NW¼;
Sec. 21, NE¼;
Sec. 22, N½;
Sec. 23, NW¼.

Unsurveyed T. 33 N., R. 25 E.,
Sec. 4;

Sec. 9, W½, NW¼NE¼.
Unsurveyed T. 33½ N., R. 24 E.,
Sec. 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, 34, 35,
and 36;
Unsurveyed T. 34 N., R. 24 E.,
Sec. 33, NE¼, S½;
Secs. 34 and 35;
Sec. 36, S½.

Unsurveyed T. 34 N., R. 25 E.,
Sec. 33.

a. The following are prohibited:
i. Consumption or possession of any alcoholic beverage by a person under 21 years of age on public lands.
ii. Selling, offering to sell, or otherwise furnishing or supplying any alcoholic beverage to a person under 21 years of age on public lands.

b. This section does not apply to the selling, handling, serving or transporting of alcoholic beverages by a person in the course of his lawful employment by a licensed manufacturer, wholesaler or retailer of alcoholic beverages.

Dumping wastewater (grey or black) is prohibited on public lands from August 15, 2005 through September 19, 2005 inclusive. This includes but is not limited to dumping wastewater on public lands directly from a vehicle, trailer, wash basin, shower stall, bath tub, barrel, pool, or large water containment receptacle. "Wastewater" is defined as any liquid that is contaminated with soap, food waste, human waste, gas or oils, or other chemical that could cause harm to the human or natural environment. Event participants must transport wastewater off-site to an approved disposal site.

Black Rock City LLC/Burning Man will abide by fire restriction orders, except for the following when officially approved by BLM upon the request of Black Rock City LLC: Official art burns, authorized event fireworks, and other authorized fires using Black Rock City LLC/Burning Man-supplied fire barrels or approved platforms. Fire Restriction Orders may be in effect pursuant to 43 CFR 9212.2 for all lands managed by the BLM Winnemucca Field Office.

DATES: August 15, 2005, to September 19, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dave Cooper, National Conservation Area Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Winnemucca Field Office, 5100 E. Winnemucca Blvd., Winnemucca, NV 89445-2921, telephone: (775) 623-1500.

Authority: 43 CFR 8364.1.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-130-1020-PH; HAG-145]

Notice of Intent To Prepare Resource Management Plan Revisions and an Associated Environmental Impact Statement for Six Western Oregon Districts of the Bureau of Land Management

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: This document provides notice that the BLM intends to revise six Resource Management Plans (RMP) with a single associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Coos Bay District, Eugene District, Medford District, Roseburg District, Salem District, and the Klamath Falls Resource Area of the Lakeview District (planning area).

DATES: This notice initiates the public scoping process. Comments on the scope of the plan revisions, including issues or concerns that should be considered, must be submitted in writing to the address listed below by October 21, 2005. Dates and locations for public meetings or other events will be announced through mailings, the local news media, newsletters, and the BLM internet site at least 15 days prior to any event. These plan revisions are scheduled to be complete in 2008.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to: BLM, Attn: Western Oregon Planning Revision (OR-930.1), P.O. Box 2965, Portland, OR 97208. In addition, the BLM intends to provide a Web site for the public to use to submit electronic comments. When the Web site is available, more information will be posted at <http://www.or.blm.gov>.

All public comments, including names and mailing addresses of respondents, may be published as part of the EIS. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, please state this prominently at the beginning of your written correspondence. The BLM will honor such requests to the extent allowed by

law. All submissions from organizations and businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available to the public in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Individuals, organizations, and government agencies wishing more information or to have their name placed on an electronic or postal mailing list are urged to register on the Web site (when it is available; see above), or by sending a request to the Portland address above, or by contacting Alan Hoffmeister, Western Oregon Planning Revision Public Outreach Coordinator, at (503) 808-6629 or at alan_hoffmeister@or.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The planning area for the RMPs includes approximately 2,550,000 acres of public land and 69,000 acres of split-estate, where the lands only involve the Federal mineral estate.

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 requires the development, maintenance, and revision of land use plans. The vast majority of the public lands in the planning area are Revested Oregon and California Railroad (O&C) lands, or Coos Bay Wagon Road (CBWR) lands, and are managed under the statutory authority of the Oregon and California Revested Railroad Lands Act of 1937 (O&C Act, Pub. L. 75-405). Preparation of the RMPs and EIS will conform to the above land management laws and will also comply with other Federal laws such as the Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act. Additionally, plan revisions will follow Federal regulations and BLM management policies.

Congress, in 1866, established a land grant to promote the completion of the Oregon and California Railroad from Portland, Oregon, to San Francisco, California. In 1916, Congress revested, or brought back into Federal ownership, the title to approximately 2.2 million acres of land deeded to the Oregon and California Railroad after the company violated the terms of the land grant. Congress also revested about 93,000 acres of CBWR lands due to similar circumstances in 1919. The O&C Act of 1937 placed management jurisdiction of these lands under the United States Department of the Interior and directed that timber thereon be managed for permanent forest production using the principle of sustained yield. The benefits of sustained yield forest management, as described in the O&C Act, are a permanent source of timber,

protection of watersheds, regulation of streamflow, and a contribution to the stability of local communities and timber industries and recreation facilities. The O&C Act also required that 50 percent of the revenue generated for management of the lands be returned to the 18 counties that contained revested lands.

The Northwest Forest Plan was completed in 1994 and provided direction to achieve the following five goals: (1) Never forget human and economic dimensions of the issues; (2) Protect the long-term health of forests, wildlife, and waterways; (3) Focus on scientifically sound, ecologically credible, and legally responsible strategies and implementation; (4) Produce a predictable and sustainable level of timber sales and nontimber resources; and (5) Ensure that Federal agencies work together.

All of the BLM districts have current RMPs that were completed in 1995. These 1995 RMPs incorporated the land use allocations and Standards and Guidelines from the Northwest Forest Plan. They also included decisions on other issues or programs such as land tenure, off-highway vehicles, etc. The RMPs provide guidance for all activities that occur on BLM-administered lands. The BLM will continue to manage these lands in accordance with the existing RMPs until the revised RMPs are completed and a Record of Decision is signed.

After the 1995 RMPs were completed, the American Forest Resource Council (AFRC) and others filed a lawsuit against the Secretaries of Agriculture and the Interior alleging that the Record of Decision for the Northwest Forest Plan violated the O&C Act and numerous other laws. The Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, the AFRC, and the Association of O&C Counties agreed to settle this lawsuit in August of 2003. The settlement agreement requires the BLM, contingent on funding, to revise the current RMPs and consider at least one alternative that will not create any reserves on O&C lands except as required to avoid jeopardy to species listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act or adverse modification to critical habitat for such species.

The revisions to the existing RMPs will answer the question regarding how the BLM should manage the O&C lands to achieve the O&C Act requirement of permanent forest production [as interpreted by the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit] while complying with applicable laws such as