

**ACTION:** Notice of Emergency Motorized Vehicle Closure and Restrictions.

**SUMMARY:** This notice restricts motorized use on 10 popular public land vehicle routes used by the Moab Jeep Safari during the 2008 Moab Jeep Safari organized group event. The action is in effect for the 2008 Jeep Safari event which takes place during the nine day period from March 15 to March 23, 2008. The following two components of the action apply only to users of motorized vehicles. *Exclusive Use:* On seven of the routes (Behind the Rocks, Cliff Hanger, Gold Bar Rim, Golden Spike, Moab Rim, Poison Spider Mesa, and Pritchett Canyon), motorized users holding a Special Recreation Permit for such use from the Bureau of Land Management, including participants in the Moab Jeep Safari, are granted exclusive use of the route while a Jeep Safari trip is occurring. This action temporarily excludes non-permit holding motorized users from these routes. *One Way Travel:* On three of the routes (Hell's Revenge, Kane Creek Canyon and Steel Bender), the routes are open to general motorized travel by non-permitted users in one direction only for the entire nine day duration of the Moab Jeep Safari. The dates for the Moab Jeep Safari and the dates when the Jeep Safari plans use of a route are posted at the Moab Field Office and on the Moab Field Office's Internet site at the addresses provided below. They are also available upon request.

**DATES:** This notice is effective upon publication and shall remain in effect from March 15 through March 23, 2008, during the 2008 Moab Jeep Safari.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Russell von Koch, Recreation Branch Chief, BLM Moab Field Office, 82 East Dogwood Avenue, Moab, Utah 84532 or telephone 435-259-2100. Also see the Moab Field Office Internet site at: <http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/moab.html>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On January 23, 2008, the Decision Record authorizing permitted motorized use on a set of 30 routes (called "Jeep Safari Routes") was signed. This permit authorizes the Redrock 4Wheelers to utilize the Jeep Safari Routes for an organized group event during an annual nine day period each spring (that traditionally includes Easter Sunday and the previous eight days) from 2008 through 2012. The Environmental Assessment analyzing these routes (EA # 060-2005-080) concluded that allowing permitted motorized users exclusive use of seven of the more popular routes listed in the above

summary, and managing for one-way travel on the three additional routes listed in the above summary for the nine day period of the Moab Jeep Safari would mitigate environmental damage by lessening the amount of traffic concentrated on these narrow dirt routes. The annual nine day Jeep Safari period sees the most intense and concentrated motorized use of these routes; the resultant overcrowding of these routes leads to degradation of resources as routes widen with the congregation of vehicles along them.

Specifically, exclusive motorized use of seven of the more popular routes listed above, by permittees only, would prevent damage to wilderness, water quality, soils, visual resources and vegetation by reducing the amount of travel. In addition, restricting motorized use of these routes would lessen user conflict and provide for a more enjoyable experience during the annual Jeep Safari for those motorized users holding a Special Recreation Permit.

One way use of three routes listed above would reduce impacts to water quality, soils, visual resources, and vegetation by eliminating passing, which results in road widening along these narrow routes. In addition, one way travel mitigates crowding along these three routes; this lessens user conflict and provides for a more enjoyable experience for those motorized users holding a Special Recreation Permit.

*Exclusive Use:* To enact these restrictions, the following routes will be for the exclusive use of permitted motorized users on days that they are utilized by the Moab Jeep Safari while Safari participants are making use of the routes: Behind the Rocks, Cliff Hanger, Gold Bar Rim, Golden Spike, Moab Rim, Poison Spider Mesa, and Pritchett Canyon. This means that for the routes listed above, motorized users without a Special Recreation Permit authorizing use of these routes are excluded from using them as described above. Non-motorized users are not restricted.

*One Way Travel:* The following routes are restricted to one way travel for the entire nine days of the Moab Jeep Safari: Hell's Revenge, Kane Creek Canyon and Steelbender. For the Hell's Revenge route, motorized use must occur one-way from east to west, i.e., from the Sand Flats Recreation Area entrance booth west to the end of the route west of the Lion's Back Rock. This action is consistent with Grand County's travel management which allows the Lion's Back access to be used only as an exit for general recreational travel. For the Kane Creek Canyon route, motorized use must occur one-way from north to

south, i.e., from the Hurrah Pass/Kane Creek junction south to the end of the route at U.S. Highway 191. For the Steelbender route, motorized use must occur one-way from north to south, i.e., from the Moab Golf Club area entry south to the southern end of the route near Flat Pass and Kens Lake. This restriction applies to all motorized users.

This action will be posted at the Moab BLM Field Office as well as on the Moab Field Office Web site at: <http://www.blm.gov/ut/st/en/fo/moab.html>. The restrictions will also be posted at each of the trailheads affected during the 2008 Jeep Safari. Enforcement actions will be taken as necessary in accordance with 43 CFR 8360.0-7 and 18 U.S.C 3571.

#### Exceptions

The use of motorized vehicles for emergency, official United States military, and law enforcement purposes, or for official duties, or as otherwise authorized by the Bureau of Land Management are exempt from these restrictions. Use of motorized wheelchairs is also exempt.

**Authority:** The authority to implement these restrictions on motorized vehicular use is found in 43 CFR 8364.1.

Dated: March 12, 2008.

**Selma Sierra,**

*BLM Utah State Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Extension of Approved Information Collection, OMB Control Number 1004-0189

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is requesting the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to extend an existing approval to collect information from entities desiring a right-of-way across public lands under 43 CFR parts 2800 and 2880. The BLM and several other agencies use Form 299, Application for Transportation and Utility System and Facility, to determine whether applicants qualify to hold right-of-way grants across public lands, and for several other purposes.

**DATES:** You must submit your comments to the BLM at the address below on or before May 20, 2008. The BLM will not necessarily consider any comments received after this date.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments to the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Mail Stop 401LS, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20045, "ATTN: 1004-0189."

You may deliver comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Administrative Record, Room 401LS, 1620 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

All comments will be available for public review at the L Street address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.) Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** You may contact Alzata L. Ransom, Division of Lands, Realty and Cadastral Survey, on (202) 452-7772 (Commercial or FTS). Persons who use a telecommunication device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) on 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to leave a message for Ms. Ransom.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 5 CFR 1320.12(a) requires that we provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning a collection of information to solicit comments on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper functioning of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of our estimates of the information collection burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions we use;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and

(d) Ways to minimize the information collection burden on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Title XI of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of December 2, 1980, requires that the Departments of Agriculture, Interior, and Transportation use a consolidated form in connection with rights-of-way for transportation and utility. The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, the Mineral Leasing Act, and the regulations at 43 CFR parts 2800 and 2880 authorize the BLM to use Form 299. The BLM will use Form 299 to collect information to:

(1) Determine whether the applicant qualifies for a right-of-way grant;

(2) Identify and communicate with the applicant on its right-of-way application;

(3) Identify the project location;

(4) Determine and compare existing and proposed land uses; and

(5) Determine if alternate routes and modes are available to the applicant on the right-of-way application.

If you do not provide this information, the BLM would not be able to properly administer its right-of-way program.

Based upon the BLM's experience and recent tabulations of activity, we process approximately 8,340 applications each year. The public reporting information collection burden takes 25 hours to complete. The estimated number of responses per year is 8,340 and the annual information burden is 208,500 hours.

Any member of the public may request and obtain, without charge, a copy of Form 299 by contacting the person identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

The BLM will summarize all responses to this notice and include them in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 17, 2008.

**Alexandra Ritchie,**

*Acting Bureau Information Collection Clearance Officer, Regulatory Affairs Division, Bureau of Land Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

[F-14908-A2; F-14908-B2; AK-965-1410-HY-P]

#### Alaska Native Claims Selection

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**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 Sitnasuak Native Corporation. The lands are in the vicinity of Nome, Alaska, and are located in:

#### Kateel River Meridian, Alaska

T. 10 S., R. 34 W.,  
Secs. 20 and 29.

Containing 1,120.03 acres.

The subsurface estate in these lands will be conveyed to Bering Straits

Native Corporation when the surface estate is conveyed to Sitnasuak Native Corporation. Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the Nome Nugget.

**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 April 21, 2008 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.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222 West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Bureau of Land Management by phone at 907-271-5960, or by e-mail at [ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov](mailto:ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunication device (TTD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact the Bureau of Land Management.

**Eileen Ford,**

*Land Transfer Resolution Specialist, Land Transfer Adjudication II.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Alaska Native Claims Selection

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**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 Chugach Alaska Corporation for lands located in the Prince William Sound, Alaska. Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the Anchorage Daily News.

**DATES:** The time limits for filing an appeal are: