

Bureau of Land Management, Interior

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water yield, wildlife habitat, natural plant communities, and similar natural and recreational values.

(a) Natural ecological succession shall be allowed to operate freely to the extent permitted by the Wilderness Act:

(b) Wilderness shall be made available for human use to the optimum extent consistent with the maintenance of wilderness character;

(c) In resolving conflicts in resource use, wilderness values shall be primary to the extent provided by the Wilderness Act or subsequent establishing legislation.

§ 8560.1 Uses and prohibited acts.

§ 8560.1-1 Permits for and restrictions on use.

(a) Unless otherwise designated by the authorized officer, all wilderness areas shall be open to uses consistent with the preservation of their wilderness character and their future use and enjoyment by the American people as wilderness, including, but not limited to, primitive recreation and scientific study. The authorized officer may require permits for any use of particular wilderness areas, including, but not limited to, camping, campfires, and grazing of recreation livestock, and may issue written orders to close or restrict the use of lands and water surface administered by the Bureau within the boundary of any component of the National Wilderness Preservation System when necessary to carry out the provisions of the Wilderness Act. Each order shall:

(1) Describe the lands, trail, or waterway to which the order applies;

(2) Specify the time during which the closure or restriction applies;

(3) State each prohibition that is applied;

(4) Specify the reason for the closure, restriction, or prohibition; and

(5) Specify any person exempted from any of the prohibitions contained in the order.

(b) An order to close or to restrict the use of lands and water surface shall be effective upon posting. Posting shall be by:

(1) Placing a copy of the order in each local office of the Bureau having

jurisdiction over lands affected by the order, and

(2) Displaying each order near and/or within the affected wilderness area in such reasonable locations and in such a manner as to bring the prohibitions contained in the order to the attention of the public.

(c) The authorized officer may publish in the FEDERAL REGISTER, and/or in a newspaper of general circulation in the area of the affected lands, a copy of the order to close or restrict the use of lands or water surface.

(d) Permits may be requested from the Bureau office exercising field-level jurisdiction over the wilderness areas for which use permits are required by the authorized officer.

(e) When a permit for use is required by the authorized officer, applications for recreation uses shall be completed in accordance with the provisions of 43 CFR part 8372.

§ 8560.1-2 Prohibited acts.

Except as provided in the Wilderness Act or subsequent legislation establishing a particular wilderness area, or as specifically provided for elsewhere in this subpart, and subject to valid existing rights, the following are prohibited in wilderness areas managed by the Bureau:

(a) Commercial enterprises;

(b) Temporary or permanent roads;

(c) Aircraft landing strips, heliports, or helispots;

(d) Use of motorized equipment, motor vehicles, motorboats, or other forms of mechanical transport;

(e) Landing of aircraft;

(f) Dropping of materials, supplies, or persons from aircraft;

(g) Structures or installations, including motels, summer homes, stores, resorts, organization camps, hunting and fishing lodges, electronic installations, and similar structures and uses;

(h) Cutting of trees;

(i) Violating any order or regulation established by the authorized officer;

(j) Entry into or use of wilderness areas without a permit, where such permits are required by the authorized officer.