

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

## Bureau of Land Management

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**Prineville District; Shooting Restriction on Public Lands; Oregon**

January 6, 1998.

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice is hereby given that the area legally described below is seasonally closed to shooting.**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** This closure order applies to all areas within Township 15 South, Range 11 East, Section 16, SE of the SW and SW of the SE; and Section 21, NE of the NW and NW of the NE.

Effective immediately, all areas as described above are closed to shooting between January 1 and August 31, annually. Shooting is defined as "the discharge of firearms". A firearm is defined as "a weapon, by whatever name known, which is designed to expel a projectile by the action of powder and which is readily capable of use as a weapon". The purpose of this closure is to protect wildlife resources. More specifically, this closure is ordered to protect a nesting pair of golden eagles. Currently, the occurrence of shooting at this site jeopardizes the persistence and nesting success of the golden eagles at this location. Exemptions to this closure order may be made on a case-by-case basis by the authorized officer. This emergency order will be evaluated in the Urban Interface Amendment to the Brothers/La Pine Resource Management Plan of 1989. The authority for this closure is 43 CFR 8364.1: Closure and restriction orders.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sarah Nichols, Wildlife Biologist, BLM Prineville District Office, P.O. Box 550, Prineville, Oregon 97754, telephone (541) 416-6725**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Violation of this closure order is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months as provided in 43 CFR 8360.0-7.

Dated: January 6, 1998.

**James G. Kenna,***Deschutes Resource Area Manager, Prineville District Office.*

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**Salem, Eugene, Roseburg, Medford and Coos Bay Districts and Klamath Falls Resource Area, Oregon; Intent to Initiate Third Year Evaluations of Approved Resource Management Plans****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of intent to collect and analyze data as part of third year evaluations for the Salem, Eugene, Roseburg, Medford, Coos Bay, Klamath Falls and Upper Klamath Basin Resource Management Plans and invitation for the public to participate.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Salem, Eugene, Roseburg, Medford, and Coos Bay Districts and Klamath Falls Resource Area (in the Lakeview District) are initiating the collection of the supplemental information and analyses required for simultaneous Resource Management Plan (RMP) evaluations. All of the comprehensive land use plans were completed and approved in 1995 and included a commitment to evaluations based on three full years of implementation. The seven plans guide and control management actions on over 2,560,000 acres of BLM surface ownership throughout western Oregon. The public is invited to review the available annual District program summary reports and quarterly project update reports, as well as the approved plans and their plan monitoring and evaluation appendices. The public may contribute by identifying new sources of information or analyses which may have a bearing on the continued validity of the individual or collective plans. The evaluations will be based on the implementation actions and plan and project monitoring from the dates of approval through September 30, 1998. BLM staff have already taken actions to determine if there has been any significant change in the related plans of other federal agencies, state or local governments, or Indian tribes, or whether there is other new data of significance to the plan.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** There is no specific legal or regulatory requirement for public notification or participation in BLM plan evaluations. This notice, together with similar notices to electronic and print media in the local areas, initiates a 60-day comment period ending March 17, 1998. During this time period, local BLM staff will be

scheduling open houses or other forums where members of the public may visit field offices and talk directly with key staff about the annual reports, quarterly updates, and RMP monitoring and evaluation schedule. The actual evaluations will be conducted during fiscal year 1999 (October 1998 through September 1999) by BLM staff from the Oregon State Office. Any supplemental analyses on regional, provincial, watershed or other level issues will be made available for public review as they are completed and approved. For example, analyses are expected on cumulative economic and employment effects and changes in regional conditions which may be attributed to Bureau natural resource product sales and ecosystem recovery actions, such as stream restoration and road closure projects. All of the supplemental analyses and RMP evaluations are expected to be completed by the summer of 1999, when they will be available for public review, prior to State Director approval. The State Director's findings will indicate whether or not the plans are individually or collectively still valid for continued management direction or require plan amendments or revisions, together with the appropriate environmental analyses and public participation.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO SUBMIT COMMENTS, CONTACT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:***Salem District:* Mark Lawrence, Assoc. District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 1717 Fabry Road, SE, Salem, OR 97306, (503) 375-5646*Eugene District:* Denis Williamson, District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 2890 Chad Drive, P.O. Box 10226, Eugene, OR 97440, (541) 683-6600*Roseburg District:* Cary Osterhaus, District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 777 NW Garden Valley Blvd., Roseburg, OR 97470, (541) 440-4930*Medford District:* Van Manning, Acting District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 3040 Biddle Road, Medford, OR 97504, (541) 770-2200*Coos Bay District:* Neil Middlebrook, Acting Assoc. District Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 1300 Airport Lane, North Bend, OR 97459, (541) 756-0100*Klamath Falls Resource Area:* Barron Bail, Area Manager, 2795 Anderson Avenue, Bldg. 25, Klamath Falls, OR 97603, (541) 883-6916*Oregon State Office:* William Bradley, Deputy State Director for Resource Planning, Use, and Protection, Bureau of Land Management, 1515 SW 5th