

Willamette Meridian

Siskiyou National Forest

All lands lying on the right (west) bank of the river corridor, including the river bed, and extending 1/4 mile from the centerline of the North Fork Smith River, from Horse Creek downstream 4.5 miles to the confluence of Baldface Creek, as described in the following:

- T. 40 S., R. 11 W., unsurveyed
 Sec. 15, SW1/4SW1/4;
 Sec. 16, E1/2;
 Sec. 21, E1/2E1/2 and NW1/4SE1/4;
 Sec. 22, W1/2W1/2 and SE1/4SW1/4;
 Sec. 27, W1/2E1/2, E1/2W1/2 and NW1/4NW1/4;
 Sec. 28, NE1/4NE1/4;
 Sec. 34, W1/2E1/2 and E1/2W1/2.
 T. 41 S., R. 11 W.,
 Sec. 2, W1/2;
 Sec. 3, NE1/4;
 Sec. 11, N1/2NW1/4.

AND all lands lying on the left (east) bank of the river corridor, including the river bed, and extending 1/4 mile from the centerline of the North Fork Smith River as described in the following:

- T. 41 S., R. 11 W.,
 Sec. 2, those portions of the E1/2SW1/4 and W1/2SE1/4, lying outside the boundaries of the Kalmiopsis Wilderness Area;
 Sec. 11, those portions of the NW1/4NE1/4 and NE1/4NW1/4, lying outside the boundaries of the Wild segment of the North Fork Smith Wild and Scenic River.

The areas described aggregate approximately 960 acres in Curry County.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to protect the outstanding recreation, fisheries, scenic, and water quality values for which the North Fork Smith River was designated Wild and Scenic.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to the State Director at the address indicated above.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested parties who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the State Director at the address indicated above within 90 days from the publication of this notice. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2300.

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the lands will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. The temporary land uses which may be permitted during this segregative period include licenses, permits, rights-of-way, and disposal of vegetative resources other than under the mining laws.

Dated: May 19, 1998.

Sherrie L. Reid,

Acting Chief, Branch of Realty and Records Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

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Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Opportunity for Public Meeting; Wyoming

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to withdraw 40 acres of public land in Big Horn County, to protect important paleontological resources associated with the Red Gulch dinosaur track site recently discovered near Shell, Wyoming. This notice closes the land for up to two years from surface entry and mining. The land will remain open to mineral leasing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: (Publication Date). Comments and requests for a public meeting must be received by August 27, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments and requests should be sent to the Wyoming State Director, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 1828, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Booth, BLM Wyoming State Office, 307-775-6124, or Chuck Wilkie, BLM Bighorn Basin Resource Area Manager, P.O. Box 119, 101 South 23rd Street, Worland, Wyoming 82401-0119, 307-347-5100.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 14, 1998, a petition was approved allowing the Bureau of Land Management to file an application to withdraw the following described public land from settlement, sale,

location, or entry under the general land laws, including the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights:

Sixth Principal Meridian, Wyoming

T. 52 N., R. 91 W.,

Sec. 20, NE1/4SW1/4.

The areas described contains approximately 40 acres in Big Horn County.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to protect important paleontological resources pending further study and development of appropriate, and possibly longer term, actions to protect and manage the resources.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to the undersigned officer of the Bureau of Land Management.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request to the Wyoming State Director within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice. Upon determination by the authorized officer that public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The application will be proceeded in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2300.

For a period of two years from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the land will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date. Licenses, permits, cooperative agreements, or discretionary land use authorizations of a temporary nature which would not impact or impair the existing values of the area may be allowed with the approval of an authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management during the segregative period.

Dated: May 21, 1998.

Alan R. Pierson,

State Director.

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