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Michael F. Dwyer,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Shooting Closure on Certain Public Lands Managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Shooting closure on selected public lands in Clark County, Nevada.

SUMMARY: The Manager of the Las Vegas Field Office announces a Shooting Closure on selected Public Lands, under its administration within the Las Vegas Valley. The Closure is intended to compliment and supplement an existing Clark County shooting closure. The rapid increase in population and growth of the Las Vegas Valley has created conflicts between new urban areas and traditional public land users accustomed to target shooting on public lands around Las Vegas. There have been incidents of indiscriminate shooting toward residential areas and other public land users, destruction of property, injury, and one fatality. Trash accumulation from items being used as targets are impacting public lands. This action is being taken to help ensure public safety, prevent environmental degradation, and provide consistency with the Clark County shooting closure. This Closure does not apply to hunting under the laws and regulations of the State of Nevada.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The closure will be effective March 12, 1998.

Closure Area

Public Lands affected are within the following generally described area and townships: Lake Mead Blvd. (State Route 147), on the South; West to the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Boundary; on the North Lee Canyon (State Route 156) and the southern boundary of the Desert Game Range; and on the East the Lake Mead National Recreation Area Boundary.

Including lands within Townships 17 S to 22 S and Ranges 59 E to 63 E MDM. Also included but not described above are public lands contained within the portions of the existing Clark County Shooting Closure that are outside the above boundaries (Goodsprings Township).

Maps depicting the area affected by this closure order are available for public inspection at the Las Vegas, Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 4765 W. Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Exceptions to Closure

(1) Hunting with valid state hunting license and in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State of Nevada; and (2) Areas which may be designated by the Las Vegas Field Office Manager as target shooting areas. Such designation may be made by the publishing of notices in the local media and by the posting of appropriate signs marking the boundary of such area(s).

Closure Restrictions

Unless otherwise authorized, within the closure area no person shall:

- a. Discharge any firearm.
- b. Possess an unregistered firearm, when registration of firearms is required by the State of Nevada or Clark County.
- c. Possess an illegally obtained firearm.
- d. Possess any firearm in violation of Federal, State or County regulations.
- e. Unless specifically addressed by regulations set forth in 43 CFR, the laws and regulations of the State of Nevada and Clark County shall govern the use and possession of firearms. Such state and county laws and regulations which are now or may later be in effect are here by adopted and made part of this closure.

Definitions

Firearm: Any weapon capable of firing a projectile including but not limited to rifle, shotgun, handgun, BB-gun, pellet gun, etc.

This closure order is issued under the authority of 43 CFR 8364.1. Violations of any of the terms, conditions, or restrictions contained within this closure order, may subject the violator to citation or arrest, with penalty of fine or imprisonment or both as specified by law.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dave Wolf, Assistant District Manager, Recreation; Ron Crayton, Law Enforcement Ranger; and Ken Burger, Law Enforcement Ranger; Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, 4765 W. Vegas Drive, Las Vegas,

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Off-Highway Vehicle Closure of Certain Public Lands in the Las Vegas Valley Managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Closure of selected public lands in Clark County, Nevada to use by off highway vehicles.

SUMMARY: The Field Office Manager of the Las Vegas Field Office announces the Closure of certain public lands under its administration in the Las Vegas Valley to Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) use. The lands included are public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management which, due to urban expansion, are now included with or are immediately adjacent to urban areas developed for residential or business purposes. This action is being taken to reduce the amount of dust and particulate matter generated from the use of the public lands, ensure health and public safety and prevent environmental degradation. This action will assist local governmental efforts to meet Environmental Protection Agency air quality standards and to reduce dust production from unpaved roads within the Las Vegas Valley Non-attainment Area.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 12, 1998.

Closure Area

Public Lands affected are within the following generally described area and townships: Lake Mead Blvd. (State Route 147), on the South; West to the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area Boundary; on the North, Lee Canyon (State Route 156) and the southern boundary of the Desert Game Range; and on the East the Lake Mead National Recreation Area Boundary. Including lands within Townships 17 S to 22 S and Ranges 59 E to 63 E MDM. Maps depicting the area affected by this closure order are available for public inspection at the Las Vegas Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 4765 W. Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada.