

(*Psittaculirostris salvadori*). Mr. Royster wishes to be an active participant in this program with five other private individuals. The Avicultural Society of America (ASA) has assumed the responsibility for the oversight of the program.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, VA 22203 and must be received by the Director within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, *subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act*, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of these documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, VA 22203. Phone: (703/358-2095); FAX: (703/358-2298).

Dated: December 22, 1999.

Bruce Weissgold,

Acting Chief, Branch of Operations, Office of Management Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Nevada Temporary Closure of Certain Public Lands Managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas District

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Temporary closure of selected public lands in Clark County, Nevada, during the operation of the 2000 SCORE Laughlin Desert Challenge Race.

SUMMARY: The Field Office Manager of the Las Vegas District announces the temporary closure of selected public lands under its administration.

This action is being taken to help ensure public safety, prevent unnecessary environmental degradation during the official permitted running of the 2000 SCORE Laughlin Desert Challenge Race and to comply with provisions of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Biological Opinion for Speed Based Off-Highway Vehicle Events (I-5-98-F-053).

DATES: From 6 a.m. January 21, 2000 through 8 p.m. January 23, 2000 Pacific Standard Time.

Closure Area: As described below, an area within T.32 S. to T.33 S.R. 64 E. to R. 66 E.

1. The closure is a bound by STATE ROUTE #163 on the NORTH, CALIFORNIA STATE LINE on the SOUTH, US 95 on the WEST, BIG BEND DRIVE ON THE EAST.

Exceptions to the closure are: State Route 163.

2. The entire area encompassed by the designated course and all areas outside the designated course as listed in the legal description above are closed to all vehicles except Law Enforcement, Emergency Vehicles, and Official Race Vehicles. Access routes leading to the course are closed to vehicles.

3. No vehicle stopping or parking.

4. Spectators are required to remain within designated spectator area only.

5. The following regulations will be in effect for the duration of the closure:

Unless otherwise authorized no person shall:

- a. Camp in any area outside of the designated spectator areas.
- b. Enter any portion of the race course or any wash located within the race course.
- c. Spectate or otherwise be located outside of the designated spectator area.
- d. Cut or collect firewood of any kind, including dead and down wood or other vegetative material.
- e. Possess and or consume any alcoholic beverage unless the person has reached the age of 21 years.
- f. Presence on a public land when under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance to a degree that may endanger oneself or another person, or damage property or public land resources, is prohibited.
- g. Discharge, or use firearms, other weapons or fireworks.
- h. Park, stop, or stand any vehicle outside of the designated spectator area.
- i. Operate any vehicle including an off-highway vehicle (OHV), which is not legally registered for street and highway operation, including operation of such a vehicle in spectator viewing areas, along the race course, and in designated pit area.
- j. Park any vehicle in violation of posted restrictions, or in such a manner as to obstruct or impede normal or emergency traffic movement or the parking of other vehicles, create a safety hazard, or endanger any person, property or feature. Vehicles so parked are subject to citation, removal and impoundment at owner's expense.
- k. Take a vehicle through, around or beyond a restrictive sign, recognizable barricade, fence or traffic control barrier or device.

l. Fail to keep their site free of trash and litter during the period of

occupancy, or fail to remove all personal equipment, trash, and litter upon departure.

m. Violate quiet hours by causing an unreasonable noise as determined by the authorized officer between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Pacific Standard Time.

n. Allow any pet or other animal in their care to be unrestrained at any time.

o. Fail to follow orders or directions of an authorized officer.

p. Obstruct, resist, or attempt to elude a Law Enforcement Officer or fail to follow their orders or direction.

Signs and maps directing the public to designated spectator areas will be provided by the Bureau of Land Management and the event sponsor.

The above restriction do not apply to emergency vehicles and vehicles owned by the United States, the State of Nevada or to Clark County. Vehicles under permit for operation by event participants must follow the race permit stipulations.

Operators of permitted vehicles shall maintain a maximum speed limit of 35 mph on all BLM roads and ways. Authority for closure of public lands is found in 43 CFR part 8340 subpart 8341; 43 CFR part 8360, subpart 8364.1 and 43 CFR part 8372. Persons who violate this closure order are subject to fines and or arrest as prescribed by law.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dave Wolf, Recreation Manager or Ron Crayton, BLM Law Enforcement Ranger, BLM Las Vegas District, 4765 West Vegas Dr., Las Vegas, Nevada 89108, (702) 647-5000.

Dated: December 17, 1999.

Mark T. Morse,

Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-030-1330-00]

Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed 3R Minerals Coal Bed Canyon mine/operation plan modification, Garfield County, UT

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS and Notice of Scoping on the proposed 3R Minerals' Coal Bed Canyon mine/operation plan modification, Garfield County, UT.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2) (C) of the National Environmental Policy

Act of 1969, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM) office, will be writing an EIS on the proposed Coal Bed Canyon Mine located within the GSENM. The proposed mine is located on 4.8 acres of BLM administered lands approximately 4 miles southwest of the town of Escalante along the Alvey Wash Road (T. 35 S., R. 2 E., Sec. 36, SE¹/₄, SLM, Garfield County, Utah). 3R Minerals proposes to mine and separate mineral sands (*i.e.* zirconium and titanium) from the active stream channel of Alvey Wash. Primary processing of the mineral sands would occur on-site in a fenced area of approximately 100 by 150 feet. The processing pad would accommodate gravity spiral mineral separation equipment, material stockpiles, loading and hauling equipment, a water well and storage pond, a generator, and personnel trailer. Reject material (non-mineral sands) would be placed back into the wash.

Major issues include potential impacts on wildlife habitat, recreation, visual resources, and wilderness values. Alternatives identified at this time include the proposed action and the no action alternative.

DATES: Public scoping comments will be accepted on or before January 28, 2000. A public scoping open house and information meeting will be held on January 13, 2000 from 4–7 p.m. at the Escalante Community Center, 65 North 100 West, Escalante, Utah. If you have any information, data or concerns related to potential impacts of the proposed action including the issues identified above, or have suggestions for additional alternatives, please submit them to the address listed below.

ADDRESSES: Written scoping comments should be sent to: GSENM Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, 180 West 300 North, Kanab, Utah 84741, ATTN: Coal Bed Canyon Mine Plan.

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents will be available for public review at the BLM Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Office and will be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). They may be published as part of the EIS and other related documents. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review and disclosure under the FOIA, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions

from organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Chapman (435) 644–4309 or e-mail: pchapman@ut.blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 1, 1997, the Utah State Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) issued a metalliferous lease on lands located in T. 35 S., R. 2 E., Section 36, SLM, Garfield County, Utah. A Notice of Intent (NOI) to commence mining was submitted by 3R Minerals to SITLA on June 1, 1998. SITLA granted approval on October 5, 1998. A Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations was submitted and received by the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (UDOGM), on June 1, 1998 and accepted on July 1, 1998. On October 31, 1998, the Utah Schools and Lands Exchange Act of 1998 (Public Law 105–335) was signed by the President of the United States, in order to exchange certain federal and state lands and interests (including this parcel). This exchange was subject to valid existing rights. On January 7, 1999, the surface and mineral estate, along with the interest in the state lease was conveyed to the United States, Bureau of Land Management. BLM now administers the 3R Minerals lease under the terms and conditions set forth in the lease, the NOI approval, and SITLA rules pertaining to the lease. 3R Minerals may currently conduct operations under the terms of the original approval by SITLA and the acceptance by DOGM.

On June 15, 1999, BLM received 3R Minerals' Notice of Intent to Revise Mining Operations. Under the lease and SITLA rules, BLM as the lessor, is required to approve any proposed changes to 3R Minerals' operations that are not covered by the original approval. Such a decision is a Federal action to which the National Environmental Policy Act applies. Based upon this review, an Environmental Impact Statement is being prepared to assess potential impacts to resources reflected in the Notice of Intent to Revise Mining Operations within the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument.

Linda S. Colville,

Acting State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR–957–00–1420–BJ: GP0–0065]

Filing of Plats of Survey: Oregon/ Washington

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The plats of survey of the following described lands are scheduled to be officially filed in the Oregon State Office, Portland, Oregon, thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this publication.

Willamette Meridian

Oregon

T. 35 S., R. 4 W., accepted November 15, 1999

T. 36 S., R. 4 W., accepted November 15, 1999

Tps. 25 and 26 S., R. 13 and 14 W., accepted November 18, 1999

T. 21 S., R. 2 W., accepted November 22, 1999

T. 15 S., R. 6 W., accepted November 22, 1999

T. 16 S., R. 41 E., accepted November 24, 1999

Washington

T. 34 N., R. 2 E., accepted December 10, 1999

If protests against a survey, as shown on any of the above plat(s), are received prior to the date of official filing, the filing will be stayed pending consideration of the protest(s). A plat will not be officially filed until the day after all protests have been dismissed and become final or appeals from the dismissal affirmed.

The plat(s) will be placed in the open files of the Oregon State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 1515 S.W. 5th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97201, and will be available to the public as a matter of information only. Copies of the plat(s) may be obtained from the above office upon required payment. A person or party who wishes to protest against a survey must file with the State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Portland, Oregon, a notice that they wish to protest prior to the proposed official filing date given above. A statement of reasons for a protest may be filed with the notice of protest to the State Director, or the statement of reasons must be filed with the State Director within thirty (30) days after the proposed official filing date.

The above-listed plats represent dependent resurveys, survey, and subdivision.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bureau of Land Management, (1515