

hazardous and potentially carcinogenic metal, which results in high disposal and recycling costs and potentially hazardous exposure to analysts. The new method is potentially advantageous because hazardous or carcinogenic reagents are not used, making this procedure a more environmentally sound practice. This new analytical method, as with all other methods, is only approved after validation. This CRADA deals with an approach to validate new analytical methodology.

ADDRESSES: Inquiries may be addressed to the National Water Quality Laboratory, U.S. Geological Survey, P.O. Box 25046, Denver Federal Center, Building 95, MS 407, Denver, CO 80225-0046; Telephone (303) 236-3501, facsimile (303) 236-3499; Internet mshockey@usgs.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Merle W. Shockey, address above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is to meet the USGS requirement stipulated in Survey Manual

Dated: December 18, 2000.

Robert M. Hirsch,

Associate Director for Water.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID-075-2822 JL F604]

Notice of Emergency Closure

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of emergency closure.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that effective immediately, certain public lands in Oneida County, Idaho shall be closed to all vehicle traffic to prevent erosion and allow vegetation to recover from the Taylor Mountain wildfire. The restriction will remain in effect until March 1, 2003.

The fire burned approximately 8,197 acres of public land within portions of each of the following sections: From Boise Meridian; T. 16S., R 33E., sections: 2,3,4,5,6,8,9,10,11,12,14,15 and T. 15S., R 33E., sections: 15,22,25,26,27,28,32,33,34,35.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The closure is in conformance with principles established by the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and in accordance with 43 CFR 8341.2. The vehicle closure is required to prevent environmental damage by motorized vehicles to soils, vegetation,

wildlife values, and associated resources. This closure does not apply to Bureau of Land Management personnel, or an authorized representative of the Bureau of Land Management, or Idaho Department of Fish & Game personnel.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Steele, Field Office Manager, Pocatello Field Office, Bureau of Land Management—1111 N 8th Ave, Pocatello, ID (208)-478-6340. Maps of the closed areas are available in the Pocatello Field office and the Malad Field Station—138 So. Main St., Malad City, ID (208)-766-4866.

Dated: November 13, 2000.

Jeff S. Steele,

Pocatello Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID-075-2822 JL F604]

Notice of Closure to Livestock Grazing Use and Notice of Intent To Impound

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of closure to livestock grazing use and notice of intent to impound.

SUMMARY: Effective immediately, the entire East Holbrook allotment, #06361, is closed to livestock grazing, as well as the burned portions of the following areas: Hansel Mountain allotment, #06365, referred to as the Hansel Mountain pasture; Ridgedale allotment, #06360; and Grandine pasture of the Curlew allotment, #16001. This closure will remain in effect until March 1, 2003; or until such time as the authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Pocatello Field Office determines the closure may be lifted.

This closure is a direct result of a wildland fire which burned this area in September of 2000 and of the subsequent rehabilitation efforts of the BLM. The closure will promote the reestablishment of vegetation on this site and improve the potential for recovery of wildlife and livestock forage.

This notice is also to inform the public/permittees that any unauthorized livestock grazing upon public land or other lands under the BLM's control is in violation of 4140.1(b)(1) and may be impounded. The unauthorized livestock may be impounded after 5 days from

delivery of this notice or any time after 5 days from publishing and posting this notice. Unauthorized livestock within the entire East Holbrook allotment, #06361 as well as those portions of the other allotments listed above may be impounded without further notice any time in the 12 month period beginning 5 days from receipt of this notice as authorized by 43 CFR 4150.4-2. This notice is issued in accordance with 43 CFR 4150.4-1(a) and (b); any impoundment of unauthorized livestock in connection with this notice will be done in accordance with 43 CFR 4150.4-2. Pursuant to 43 CFR 4150.4-4, any owner or his agent, or both, or lienholder of record of the impounded livestock may redeem them under these regulations or, if a suitable agreement is in effect, in accordance with State law, prior to the time of sale upon settlement with the United States under Sec. 4150.3 or adequate showing that there has been no violation.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The area of closure and impoundment affected by this notice is specifically the following allotments within the Upper Snake River Districts: East Holbrook, Hansel Mountain, Ridgedale, and Curlew, and is more specifically described wholly or partially: From Boise Meridian, T. 15 S., R. 33 E., secs. 1, 2, 10, 11, 15, 22, 23, 27, 28, 32, 33, 34; and T. 16 S., R. 33 E. secs. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 14, and 15. Detailed maps of the area closed to livestock grazing are available at the Malad Field Station, Malad, Idaho.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The BLM Malad Field Station, 138 S. Main, Malad, ID 83252 or the BLM Pocatello Field Office, 1111 N. 8th Avenue, Pocatello, ID 83201.

Dated: November 13, 2000.

Jeff S. Steele,

Pocatello Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-058-01-1610-DG]

Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area, Las Vegas, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management; Interior

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 103-621 (11/2/94) which expanded the boundaries of RRCNCA as designated in the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Establishment Act (Public

Law 101-621 11/16/90) and amends portions of the Act, the Las Vegas Field Office, BLM, has completed the Proposed General Management Plan/ Final Environmental Impact Statement (GMP/FEIS) for Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area.

The Proposed Plan and FEIS is available to the public for a 30-day protest period. The Proposed Plan may be protested by any person who participated in the planning process and who has an interest which is or may be adversely affected by the approval of the Proposed Plan. A protest may raise only those issues which were submitted for the record during the planning process (see 43 CFR 1610.5-2).

All protests must be written and must be postmarked on or before February 28, 2001 and shall contain the following information:

The name, mailing address, telephone number and interest of the person filing the protest.

A statement of the issue or issues being protested.

A statement of the part or parts of the part or parts of the document being protested.

A copy of all documents addressing the issue or issues previously submitted during the planning process by the protesting party, or an indication of the date the issue or issues were discussed for the record.

A concise statement explaining precisely why the Bureau of Land Management, Nevada State Director's decision is wrong.

Upon resolution of any protests, an Approved Plan and record of Decision will be issued. The approval Plan/ Record of Decision will be mailed to all individuals who participated in this planning process and all other interested publics upon their request.

ADDRESSES: Protests must be filed with: Director, Bureau of Land Management, Attn. Ms. Brenda Williams, Protest Coordinator, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240.

Copies of the Proposed Plan may be obtained from the Las Vegas Field Office, W. Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89108. Public reading copies are available for review at the Clark County public libraries, all government repository libraries and the following BLM locations: Office of External Affairs, Main Interior Building, Room 5000, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC; Public Room, Nevada State Office, 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno, NV; and the Las Vegas Field Office at the above address.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Gene Arnesen, GMP Team Leader, at BLM's Las Vegas Field Office listed above or telephone (702) 647-5068.

Dated: December 14, 2000.

Mark T. Morse,

Las Vegas Field Office Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[OR-020-1020-PG; G 01-0060]

Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Burns District, Interior.

ACTION: Meeting notice for the Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council.

SUMMARY: The Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council (SEORAC) will meet at the Shilo Inn, Klamath Falls Suites Hotel and Conference Center, 2500 Almond Street, Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Pacific Standard Time (PST), on Monday, January 22, and conduct a field tour to view bald eagles, Tuesday, January 23, 2001. The tour will begin early Tuesday morning and should last approximately 2 hours. Contact the BLM office listed below for exact time as the tour date approaches.

The meeting will resume after the tour and should adjourn by 2 p.m., PST, Tuesday, January 23, 2001. Topics to be discussed by the Council include the Forest Service (FS) Roads Restoration Program, the FS Roadless Final Environmental Impact Statement, BLM off-highway vehicle strategy update, a report from the Lakeview Resource Management Plan subcommittee, update on the Malheur Landscape Area Management Plan, a presentation on minerals in the southeast Oregon area, Klamath Falls water issues update, Pelican Butte ski area update, Federal officials' update, reports on FS/BLM fire program expansion, County payment program, and such other matters as may reasonably come before the Council. The entire meeting is open to the public. Information to be distributed to the Council members is requested in written format 10 days prior to the start of the Council meeting. Public comments is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., PST, on January 22, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Additional information concerning the SEORAC may be obtained from Holly LaChappelle, Resource Assistant, Burns District Office, HC 74-12533 Hwy 20 West, Hines, Oregon 97738, (541) 573-4501, or *HollyLaChappelle@or.blm.gov*

or from the following web site <<http://www.or.blm.gov/SEOR-RAC>>

Dated: December 18, 2000.

Sandra C. Berain,

ADM, Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-930-1430-ET; COC-28257]

Public Land Order No. 7476; Revocation of Bureau of Land Management Order dated December 22, 1949; Colorado

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public land order.

SUMMARY: This order revokes, in its entirety, a Bureau of Land Management order as to the remaining 328.13 acres of public lands withdrawn for the Bureau of Reclamation's Missouri Basin Project, Bijou No. 2 Reservoir. The lands are no longer needed for reclamation purposes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 29, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doris Chelius, BLM Colorado State Office, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80215-7093, 303-239-3706.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1994), it is ordered as follows:

1. The Bureau of Land Management Order dated December 22, 1949, which withdrew the following described lands for the Bureau of Reclamation's Missouri Basin Project, Bijou No. 2 Reservoir, is hereby revoked in its entirety:

Sixth Principal Meridian

T. 4 N., R. 59 W.,

Sec. 6, lot 4;

Sec. 21, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 22, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;

Sec. 27, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

The areas described aggregate 328.13 acres in Morgan County.

2. At 9 a.m. on January 29, 2001, the lands will be opened to the operation of the public land laws generally, subject to valid existing rights, the provisions of existing withdrawals, other segregations of record, and the requirements of applicable law. All valid applications received at or prior to 9 a.m. on January 29, 2001, shall be considered as